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DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACY**

**FOURTH BPHARM PART I EXAMINATION – MARCH/APRIL 2021**

**PH 4112 ADVANCED MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY I - SEQ**

**TIME: TWO HOURS**

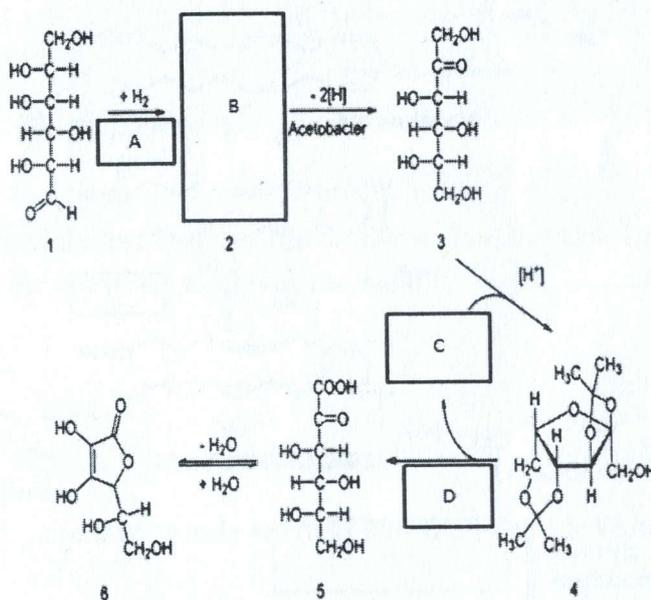
**INSTRUCTIONS**

- There are **four** questions in this paper.
- No paper should be removed from the examination hall.
- Do not use any correction fluid.
- Use illustrations where necessary.

01.

1.1 The Reichstein process for the commercial production of ascorbic acid (6) from D-glucose (1) is given below:

1.1.1. Complete the missing reagents and intermediates (A-D). (20 marks)



1.1.2 What is the role of *Acetobacter* in the above process? (05 marks)

1.1.3 Briefly explain two-novel modifications introduced to shorten the above process. (10 marks)

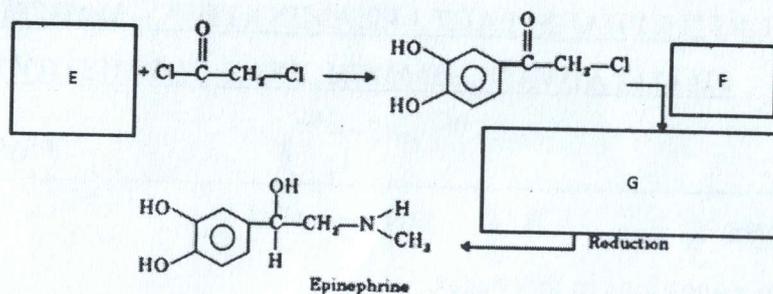
1.2 The sympathomimetic agents can be divided into catechol and non-catechol amines.

1.2.1 Name one example drug for each category. (05 marks)

1.2.2 Draw the chemical structures of the drugs mentioned in 1.2.1. (10 marks)

1.2.3 Briefly explain the important structural features required for the greatest activity of the sympathomimetic drugs in general. (20 marks)

1.2.4 Identify the starting compound, missing reagents and intermediates (E-G) in the following synthesis of Epinephrine. (15 marks)



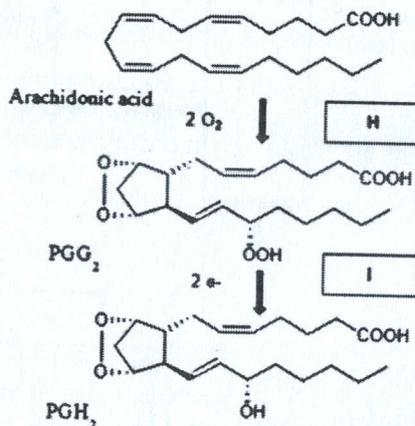
1.3 Briefly explain the need of performing bioassay in drug discovery and development process. (15 marks)

02.

2.1

2.1.1 List five-chemical mediators of inflammation and immune reactions. (15 marks)

2.1.2 Name the classes of enzymes H-I involve in the following synthesis of Prostaglandin H<sub>2</sub>. (10 marks)

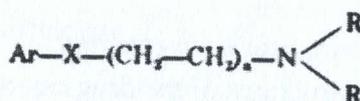


2.1.3 Explain the role of enzyme H in the above synthesis. (10 marks)

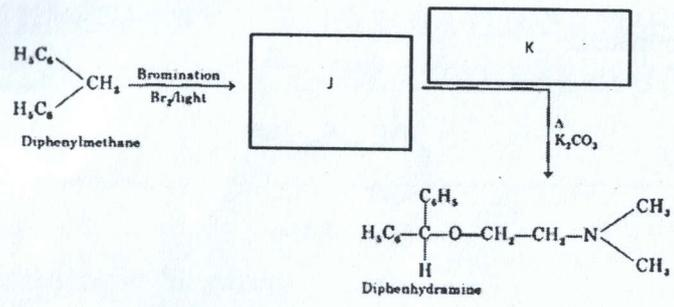
2.1.4 Eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) is an omega-3 fatty acid. Draw its structure. (10 marks)

2.2

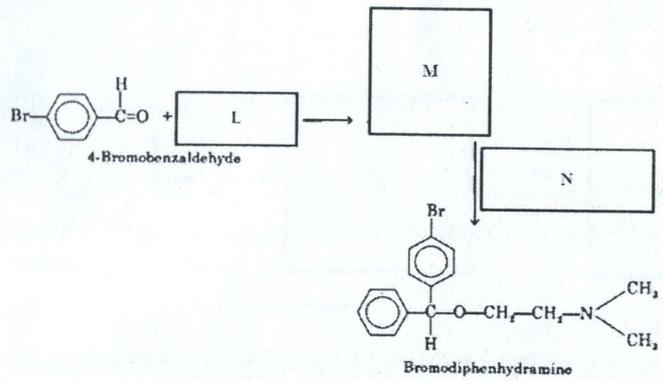
2.2.1 The essential pharmacophore for histamine H<sub>1</sub> antagonistic activity is given below. Briefly explain four-important structural features required for the optimum antihistaminic activity. (20 marks)



2.2.2 Complete the missing reagents and intermediates (J-K) in the following synthetic scheme of diphenhydramine. (15 marks)

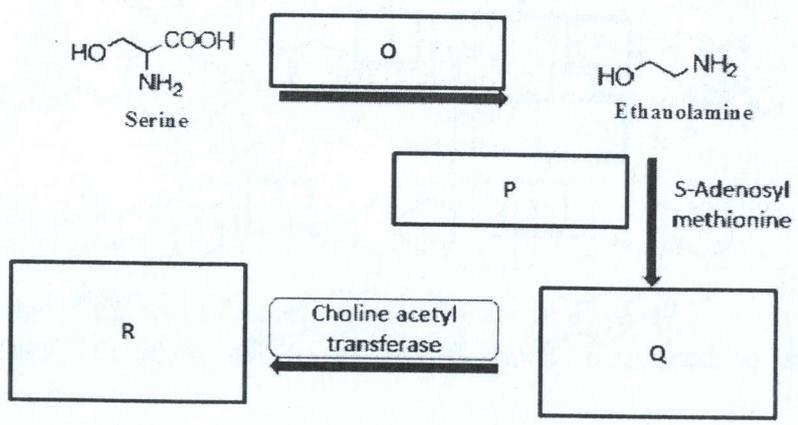


2.2.3 Complete the missing reagents and intermediates (L-N) in the following synthetic scheme of bromodiphenhydramine. (20 marks)



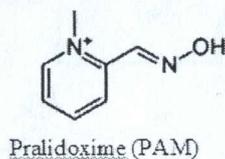
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3.1 Biosynthesis of acetylcholine is given below. Complete the biosynthetic scheme with relevant names of the enzymes and products (O-R). (20 marks)



- 3.2 Cholinoceptor agonists act on muscarinic receptors and nicotinic receptors.
  - 3.2.1 State the Ing's rule of five? (10 marks)
  - 3.2.2 Explain briefly the important structure activity relationships of cholinoceptor agonists in bringing out the pharmacological activities. (20 marks)
- 3.3 What effect is referred to as "cholinergic crisis"? (10 marks)

- 3.4 The structure of Pralidoxime (PAM) is shown below. Provide the stepwise mechanism to show how PAM reverses poisoning of acetylcholine esterase (AChE) by organophosphates. (40 marks)



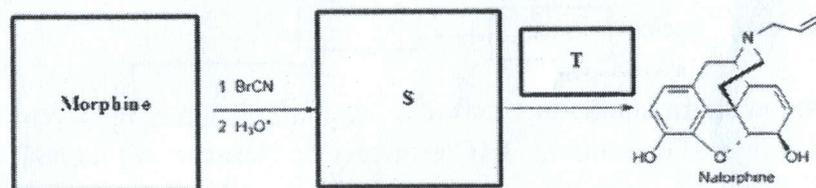
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4.1

4.1.1 Explain the role of endorphins associated with the relief of pain. (10 marks)

4.1.2 Draw the structure of Morphine. (05 marks)

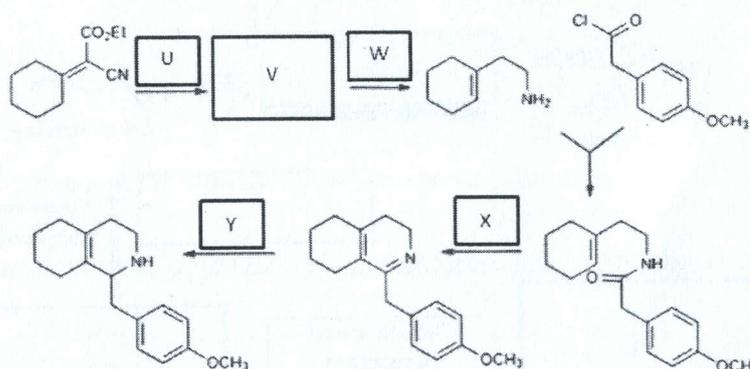
4.1.3 Complete the following synthetic transformation of Morphine to Nalorphine. (15 marks)



4.1.4 Give the name the first reaction of the above transformation. (05 marks)

4.1.5 State why the reaction named in 4.1.4 is important for the process. (10 marks)

4.1.6 The Bischler-Napieralski reaction is used in the synthesis of morphinan precursors. Identify the missing reagents and intermediates (U-Y) in the following synthetic scheme. (25 marks)



4.2 Write short notes on

4.2.1 Structure based drug design

(15 marks)

4.2.2 Nomenclature of drug substances

(15 marks)

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