

8 (a) In the electrophilic substitution of arenes, different substituents can direct to different ring positions.

(i) Describe the directing effect of the $-\text{NO}_2$ group. Explain your answer.

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(ii) The nitration of arenes uses a mixture of concentrated HNO_3 and concentrated H_2SO_4 to generate the NO_2^+ electrophile.

Write an equation for the formation of the NO_2^+ electrophile.

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(b) Carbon-carbon bond formation is an important reaction in organic synthesis.

Fig. 8.1 shows the synthesis of compound **Q** from benzene in two reaction steps.

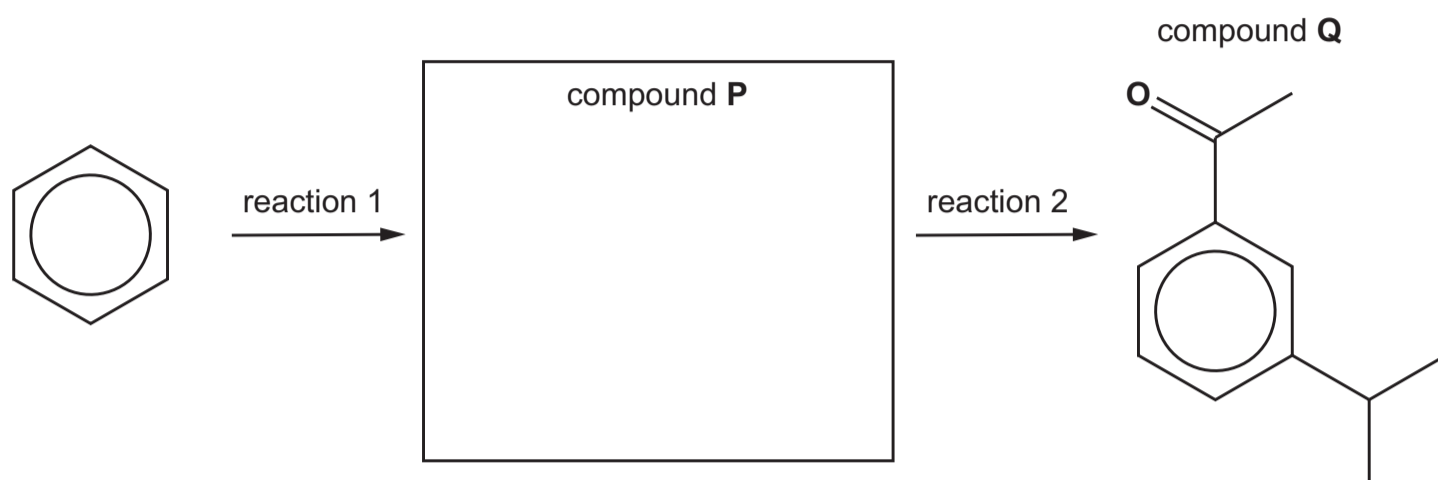


Fig. 8.1

(i) Draw the structure of compound **P** in the box in Fig. 8.1.

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(ii) Suggest reagents and conditions for reactions 1 and 2 in Fig. 8.1.

reaction 1

reaction 2

[2]

(c) Separate samples of $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Br}$ and $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$ are added to warm $\text{AgNO}_3(\text{aq})$.

State the expected observations, if any. Explain your answer.

$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{Br}$ with $\text{AgNO}_3(\text{aq})$

$\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2\text{Br}$ with $\text{AgNO}_3(\text{aq})$

explanation

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(d) Acyl bromides, RCOBr , react readily with H_2O .

The mechanism of this reaction is similar to that of the reaction of H_2O with acyl chlorides, RCOCl .

(i) Name the mechanism of this reaction.

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(ii) Complete the mechanism in Fig. 8.2 for the reaction of RCOBr with H_2O .

Include all relevant lone pairs of electrons, curly arrows, charges and dipoles.

Draw the structure of the intermediate.

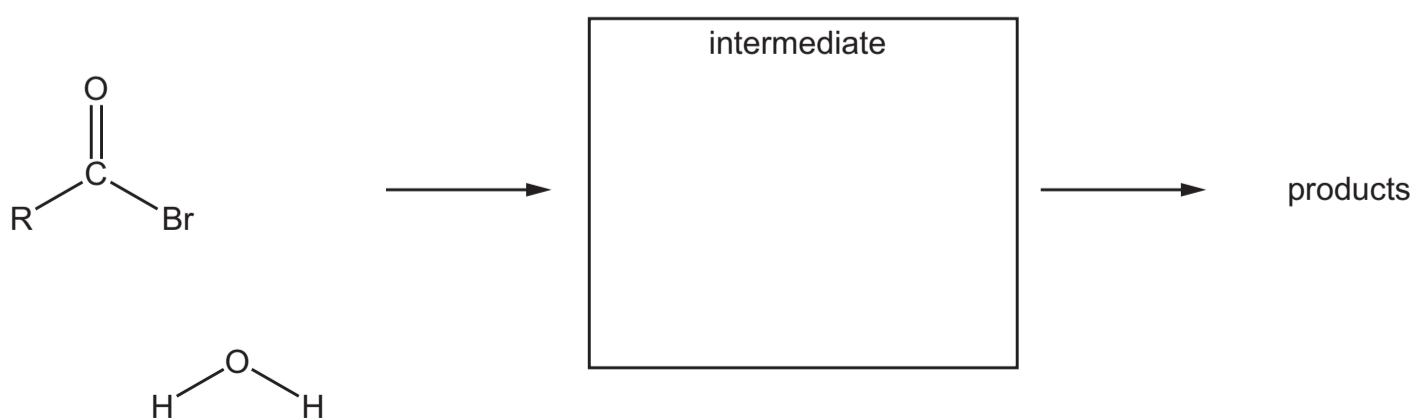


Fig. 8.2

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