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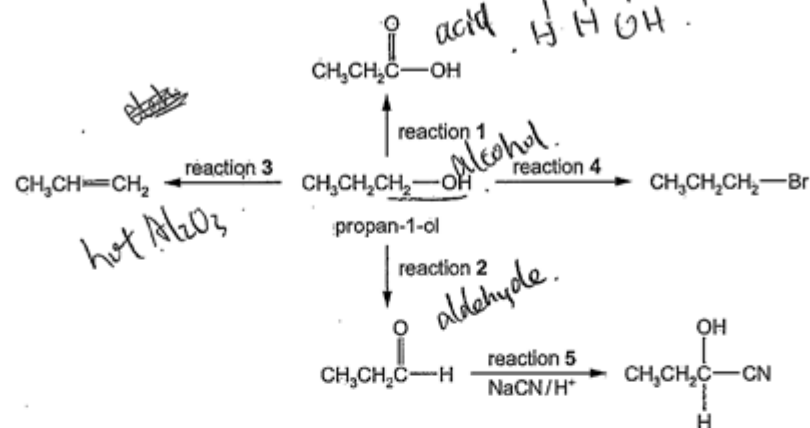
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5 A reaction sequence based on propan-1-ol is shown.



(a) Reactions 1 and 2 can both be carried out using the same reagents.

(i) Identify suitable reagents for reactions 1 and 2.

acidified potassium dichromate solution [1]

(ii) State and explain how the reaction should be carried out to ensure that reaction 2 rather than reaction 1 occurs.

The mixture of reaction reactants are heated gently. And aldehyde is distilled off as it forms. Because further oxidation of aldehyde to carboxylic acid will occur if it is not distilled off immediately. [2]

(b) Identify the necessary reagents and conditions for each of reactions 3 and 4.

reaction 3 reagents = vapour propan-1-ol
 conditions = hot Al_2O_3 powder, heated under reflux
 reaction 4 reagents = NaBr and conc. H_2SO_4
 conditions = heated under reflux [2]

Your
Mark

5(a)(i)

5(a)(ii)

5(b)

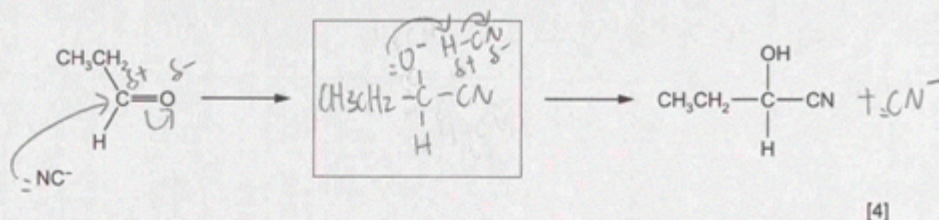
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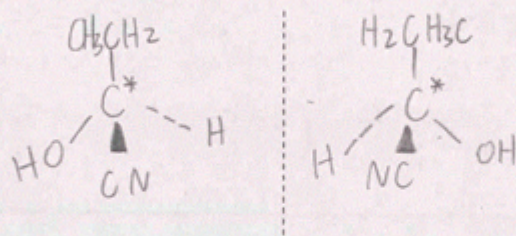
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- (c) (i) Complete the reaction mechanism for reaction 5. Include all relevant lone pairs, curly arrows, charges and partial charges.



The product of reaction 5 exhibits stereoisomerism.

- (ii) Draw the two stereoisomers in the conventional way.



- (iii) Suggest why a mixture of the two stereoisomers is formed by reaction 5.

Because planar ~~to~~ carbonyl equal chance for
nucleophile attacking for either side.
CN-

[2]

[Total: 13]

Your
Mark

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5(b)

5(c)(i)

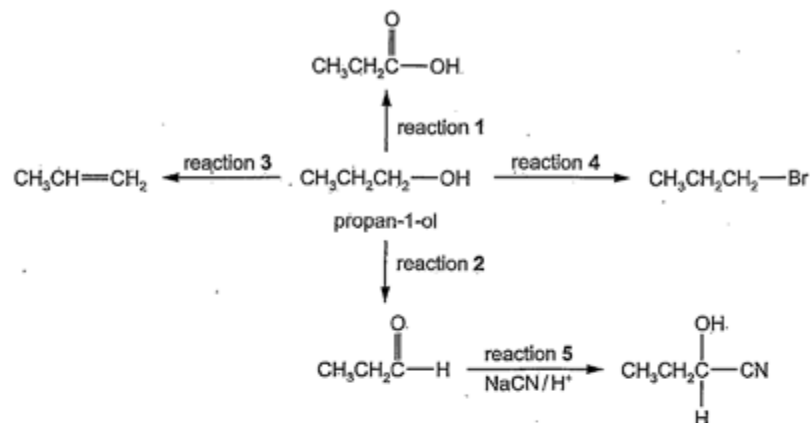
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Q5 Mark scheme

(c)(i)	<p>M1 = lone pair on C of CN⁻ AND curly arrow from lone pair to carbonyl carbon [1] M2 = dipole on C=O AND curly arrow to O from = [1] M3 = intermediate with negative charge [1] M4 = lone pair and curly arrow to H⁺ [1] [4]</p>
(c)(ii)	<p style="text-align: right;">[1+1]</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[2]</p>
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The reactants should be placed in a round bottom flask.
The reactants are heated and distilled so as to prevent complete oxidation of propan-1-ol.
[2]

(b) Identify the necessary reagents and conditions for each of reactions 3 and 4.

reaction 3 conc. H_2SO_4 200°C
reaction 4 aqueous HBr heat
[2]

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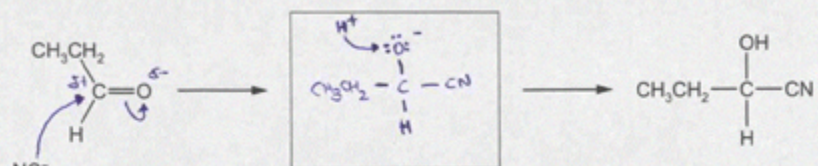
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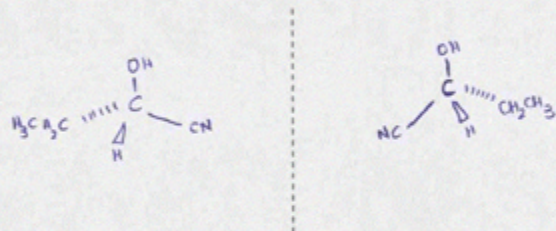
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The CN^- can do both backside or forward attack.
This forming a product with retention configuration and
another one with inversion configuration ($\text{S}_{\text{N}}2$ mechanism).

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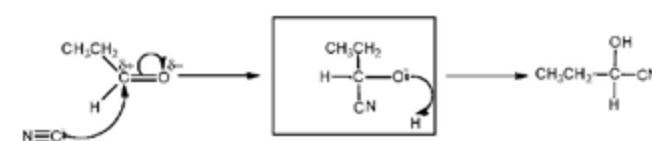
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Q5 Mark scheme

(c)(i)



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[1]

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[1]

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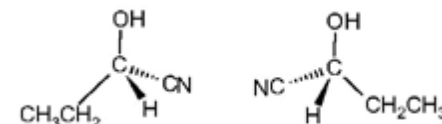
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M4 = lone pair and curly arrow to H^+

[1]

[4]

(c)(ii)



[1+1]

(c)(iii)

attack / attach from either side / above or below / from two directions because the carbonyl / molecule is

[1]

planar / trigonal / flat / because of the shape of the molecule OR

[1]

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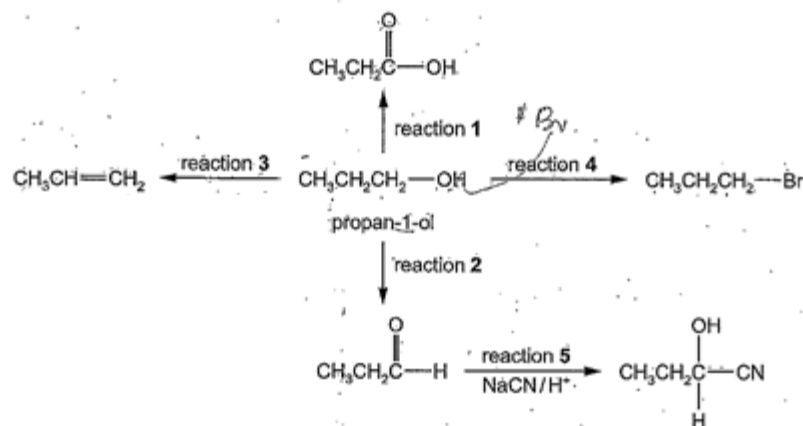
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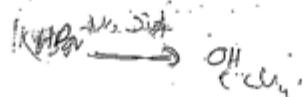
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It can be carried out by using $\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$ at r.t.p. with H_2SO_4 but with reaction 1 the reaction should be carried out with heat with reflux in reaction 2 [2]

(b) Identify the necessary reagents and conditions for each of reactions 3 and 4.

reaction 3 H_2SO_4 170°C temp [2]

reaction 4 HBr at room temperature in solvent NaOH / ethanol [2]



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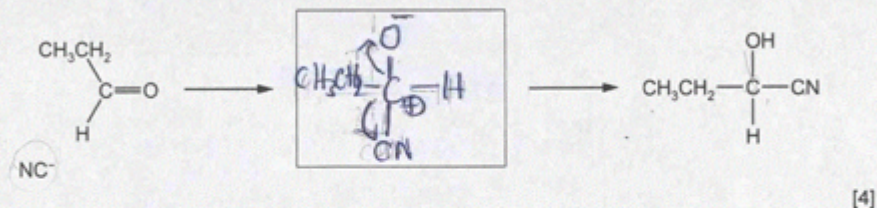
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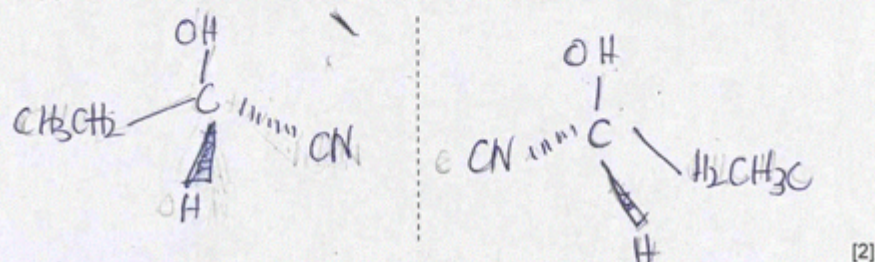
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It is because of the ~~carbocation~~ carbonyl formation
and the double bond has enough electron so nucleophilic
addition takes place

[2]

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