

# Complete Named Reactions Checklist for JEE Main & Advanced

## Nucleophilic Substitution Reactions

- Finkelstein Reaction**  $R-Cl + NaI \rightarrow R-I + NaCl$  Mechanism: *SN2 displacement*
- Swarts Reaction**  $R-Cl + AgF \rightarrow R-F + AgCl$  Mechanism: *SN2 nucleophilic substitution*

## Elimination & Addition

- Saytzeff's Rule**  $R-X + KOH \rightarrow$  More substituted alkene Mechanism: *E2 elimination*
- Hofmann Rule**  $R_4N^+OH^- \rightarrow$  Less substituted alkene Mechanism: *E2 elimination*
- Markovnikov's Rule**  $R-CH=CH_2 + HBr \rightarrow R-CHBr-CH_3$  Mechanism: *Electrophilic addition*
- Anti-Markovnikov's Rule**  $R-CH=CH_2 + HBr/ROOR \rightarrow R-CH_2-CH_2Br$  Mechanism: *Free radical addition*

## Coupling Reactions

- Wurtz Reaction**  $2R-X + 2Na \rightarrow R-R + 2NaX$  Mechanism: *Free radical coupling*
- Wurtz-Fittig Reaction**  $R-X + Ar-X + 2Na \rightarrow R-Ar + 2NaX$  Mechanism: *Free radical coupling*
- Fittig Reaction**  $2Ar-X + 2Na \rightarrow Ar-Ar + 2NaX$  Mechanism: *Free radical coupling*

## Alcohols & Ethers

- Williamson Synthesis**  $R-X + R'O^-Na^+ \rightarrow R-O-R' + NaX$  Mechanism: *SN2 substitution*
- Lucas Test**  $R-OH + ZnCl_2/HCl \rightarrow R-Cl + H_2O$  Mechanism: *SN1/SN2 depending on alcohol*

## Aldehydes & Ketones

- Aldol Condensation**  $2RCHO \rightarrow RCH(OH)CH_2CHO \rightarrow RCH=CHCHO$  Mechanism: *Nucleophilic addition-elimination*
- Cross Aldol Condensation**  $RCHO + R'CHO \rightarrow RCH=CHCOR'$  Mechanism: *Nucleophilic addition-elimination*
- Cannizzaro Reaction**  $2RCHO + OH^- \rightarrow RCH_2OH + RCOO^-$  Mechanism: *Hydride transfer*

- Crossed Cannizzaro**  $RCHO + R'CHO + OH^- \rightarrow RCH_2OH + R'COO^-$  Mechanism: Hydride transfer
- Clemmensen Reduction**  $RCOR' + Zn(Hg)/HCl \rightarrow RCH_2R'$  Mechanism: Reduction via organometallic intermediate
- Wolff-Kishner Reduction**  $RCOR' + NH_2NH_2/KOH \rightarrow RCH_2R'$  Mechanism: Hydrazone formation followed by decomposition
- MPV Reduction**  $RCOR' + Al(OiPr)_3 \rightarrow RCH(OH)R'$  Mechanism: Hydride transfer

## Carboxylic Acids

- Hell-Volhard-Zelinsky**  $RCOOH + X_2/P \rightarrow RCHXCOOH$  Mechanism:  $\alpha$ -halogenation via acid halide
- Kolbe Electrolysis**  $2RCOO^- \rightarrow R-R + 2CO_2 + 2e^-$  Mechanism: Decarboxylation followed by radical coupling

## Aromatic Substitution

- Friedel-Crafts Alkylation**  $ArH + RX + AlCl_3 \rightarrow ArR + HX$  Mechanism: Electrophilic aromatic substitution
- Friedel-Crafts Acylation**  $ArH + RCOCl + AlCl_3 \rightarrow ArCOR + HCl$  Mechanism: Electrophilic aromatic substitution
- Reimer-Tiemann**  $ArOH + CHCl_3 + NaOH \rightarrow Ar-CHO$  Mechanism: Carbene addition
- Kolbe-Schmidt**  $ArONa + CO_2 \rightarrow ArOH-COOH$  Mechanism: Electrophilic substitution

## Diazonium Reactions

- Sandmeyer Reaction**  $ArN_2^+X^- + CuX \rightarrow ArX + N_2$  Mechanism: Single electron transfer
- Gattermann Reaction**  $ArN_2^+Cl^- + Cu/HCl \rightarrow ArCl + N_2$  Mechanism: Single electron transfer

## Amine Reactions

- Hoffmann Bromamide**  $RCONH_2 + Br_2/NaOH \rightarrow RNH_2 + CO_2$  Mechanism: Rearrangement
- Gabriel Phthalimide**  $C_8H_4O_2NK + RX \rightarrow RNH_2$  Mechanism:  $S_N2$  followed by hydrazinolysis

## Rearrangements

- Carbylamine Reaction**  $RNH_2 + CHCl_3 + KOH \rightarrow RNC$  Mechanism:  $\alpha$ -elimination
- Pinacol-Pinacolone**  $R_2C(OH)-C(OH)R_2 + H^+ \rightarrow R_3CCOR$  Mechanism: 1,2-rearrangement

- Beckmann Rearrangement**  $R_2C=NOH + H^+ \rightarrow RCONHR$  *Mechanism: Migration with N departure*
- Hofmann Rearrangement**  $RCONH_2 + Br_2/NaOH \rightarrow RNH_2$  *Mechanism: Migration to electron-deficient nitrogen*

## Important Tests

- Hinsberg Test**  $RNH_2 + C_6H_5SO_2Cl \rightarrow$  Different products for 1°, 2°, 3° amines  
*Mechanism: Nucleophilic substitution*
- Iodoform Test**  $CH_3COR + I_2/NaOH \rightarrow CHI_3 + RCOONa$  *Mechanism: Base-catalyzed halogenation*

## Polymer Formation

- Free Radical Polymerization**  $nCH_2=CHX \rightarrow -(CH_2-CHX)_n-$  *Mechanism: Initiation, propagation, termination*
- Condensation Polymerization**  $nA-A + nB-B \rightarrow -(A-B)_n-$  *Mechanism: Step-growth*

## Rearrangement Reactions

- Benzidine Rearrangement**  $C_6H_5-N=N-C_6H_5 \rightarrow H_2N-C_6H_4-C_6H_4-NH_2$  *Mechanism: [1,2]-sigmatropic rearrangement*
- Wagner-Meerwein Rearrangement**  $R_3C^+ \rightarrow$  Migration of H or R *Mechanism: Carbocation rearrangement*
- Claisen Rearrangement** Allyl phenyl ether  $\rightarrow$  o-allylphenol *Mechanism: [3,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement*

## Addition Reactions

- Birch Reduction**  $ArH + Na/NH_3 \rightarrow 1,4-dihydroArH$  *Mechanism: Radical anion formation*
- Diels-Alder Reaction** Diene + dienophile  $\rightarrow$  cyclohexene derivative *Mechanism: [4+2] cycloaddition*

## Oxidation Reactions

- Etard Reaction**  $ArCH_3 + CrO_2Cl_2 \rightarrow ArCHO$  *Mechanism: Oxidation of toluene derivatives*
- Oppenauer Oxidation** Secondary alcohol +  $Al(OiPr)_3 \rightarrow$  Ketone *Mechanism: Hydride transfer (reverse of MPV)*

## Substitution Reactions

- Von Richter Reaction**  $\text{ArNO}_2 + \text{CN}^- \rightarrow \text{m-carboxylic acid}$  *Mechanism: Nucleophilic aromatic substitution*
- Bucherer Reaction**  $\text{ArOH} \rightleftharpoons \text{ArNH}_2$  (interconversion) *Mechanism: Nucleophilic aromatic substitution*

## Condensation Reactions

- Perkin Reaction**  $\text{ArCHO} + (\text{RCO})_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{ArCH}=\text{CHCOOH}$  *Mechanism: Aldol type condensation*
- Knoevenagel Condensation**  $\text{RCHO} + \text{CH}_2(\text{COOR}')_2 \rightarrow \text{RCH}=\text{C}(\text{COOR}')_2$   
*Mechanism: Base-catalyzed condensation*

## Elimination Reactions

- Cope Elimination**  $\text{R}_3\text{N}^+\text{O}^- \rightarrow \text{Alkene} + \text{R}_2\text{NOH}$  *Mechanism: syn-elimination*

## Important Name Reactions with Reagents

- Reformatsky Reaction**  $\text{RCHO} + \text{BrCH}_2\text{COOR}' + \text{Zn} \rightarrow \beta\text{-hydroxy ester}$  *Mechanism: Organozinc addition*
- Stephen Reaction**  $\text{RCN} + \text{SnCl}_2/\text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{RCHO}$  *Mechanism: Reduction of nitrile*

## Additional Test Reactions

- Beilstein Test** For halogens (green flame) *Mechanism:  $\text{CuX}$  formation*
- Tollens' Test**  $\text{RCHO} + [\text{Ag}(\text{NH}_3)_2]^+ \rightarrow \text{RCOO}^- + \text{Ag}\downarrow$  *Mechanism: Oxidation of aldehyde*

## Special Mention

- Fischer Esterification**  $\text{RCOOH} + \text{R}'\text{OH} \rightleftharpoons \text{RCOOR}' + \text{H}_2\text{O}$  *Mechanism: Nucleophilic acyl substitution*
- Grignard Reaction**  $\text{RMgX} + \text{various substrates}$  *Mechanism: Nucleophilic addition*