Functional Group Inter-conversions: Introduction to various functional group transformations – concepts and strategies. Protection and deprotection of hydroxyl, carbonyl, amines, carboxylic acids and alkynes.

Retrosynthesis: Introduction to retrosynthetic analysis and designing of the synthesis. Disconnection approach, synthons, synthetic equivalents. Selective organic transformations – chemoselectivity, regioselectivity, stereoselectivity, enantioselectivity. Illustrative examples to explain disconnection approach.

Photochemistry: Introduction to basic law of photochemistry, electronic excitation, unimolecular and bimolecular processes. Thermal vs. photochemical reactions. Norrish type I and II reactions, Stern-Volmer equation, Paterno-Büchi reactions, photochemistry of arenes.

Pericyclic reactions: Introduction, conservation of orbital symmetry, selection rules, electrocyclic reactions, cycloadditions, cheletropic reactions. Sigmatropic rearrangements – Sommelet, Haüser Cope and Claisen rearrangement. Examples of various [4+2] cycloadditon reactions.

Naming reactions and rearrangements: Reactions and illustrative examples of Arndt-Eistert Synthesis, Baeyer-Villegar oxidation, Barnford-Stevens reaction, Dess-Martin oxidation, Heck reaction, Jacobsen epoxidation, Lossen rearrangement, Mannish reaction, McMurry reaction, Ullmann reaction, Wittig reaction.

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