CHEM1611 Worksheet 8 – Answers to Critical Thinking Questions

The worksheets are available in the tutorials and form an integral part of the learning outcomes and experience for this unit.

Model 1: Addition to a Carbonyl

1. See below.



2. LiAlH₄ will reduce a carboxylic acid to the carbonyl level. The carbonyl will *also* be reduced. The overall reaction therefore results in reduction all the way to the alcohol:



3. See below.



Extension: Acid would react directly with the Grignard, leading to the formation of the alkane.

Model 2: Alcohol Addition – Water Elimination

- 1. By protonating the carbonyl, it makes it much more susceptible to attack by nucleophiles. Even a poor nucleophile like water can then attack.
- 2. In the second step of the reaction, water is acting as a nucleophile. In the third step of the reaction, water is acting as a base.
- 3. See below.



4. See below.





5. See below.







6.

(a)



(b)



ROH





7.

(a)



β-D-glucopyranose

(b)

