## CHEMISTRY STUDY MATERIALS FOR CLASS 12

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## Alcohols, Phenols and Ethers

## **Reactions of Phenols**

(i) Electrophilic substitution reactions The -OH group attached to the benzene ring activates it towards electrophilic substitution at ortho and para positions.

## (a) Halogenation

With calculated amount of Br<sub>2</sub> in CS<sub>2</sub> or CHCl<sub>3</sub> it gives ortho and para product.

## (b) Sulphonation

## (c) Nitration

The ortho and para isomers can be separated by steam distillation. This is because o- nitrophenol is steam volatile due to intramolecular hydrogen bonding while p nitrophenol is less volatile due to intermolecular hydrogen bonding which causes the association of molecules.

#### (d) Reimer-Tiemann reaction

This reaction is an electrophilic substitution reaction and electrophile is dichlorocarbene. Similarly with carbon tetrachloride and alkali, o - and p-hydroxybenzoic acid are obtained

## (ii) Kolbe's reaction

## (iii) Reaction with zinc dust

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