ORGANIC CHEMISTRY

STRUCTURAL ISOMERISM

1. The correct combination of names for isomeric alcohols with molecular formula C₄H₁₀O is/are-

[JEE(Advanced) 2014]

- (A) tert-butanol and 2-methylpropan-2-ol
- (B) tert-butanol and 1, 1-dimethylethan-1-ol
- (C) *n*-butanol and butan-1-ol
- (D) isobutyl alcohol and 2-methylpropan-1-ol
- 2. Isomers of hexane, based on their branching, can be divided into three distinct classes as shown in the figure.

$$I \left[\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \right] \quad II \left[\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \right] \quad III \left[\begin{array}{c} \\ \\ \end{array} \right]$$

The correct order of their boiling point is

[JEE(Advanced) 2014]

- (A) I > II > III
- (B) III > II > I
- (C) II > III > I
- (D) III > I > II

SOLUTIONS

1. Ans. (A, B, C, D)

Sol. The combination of names for isomeric alcohols with molecular formula $C_4H_{10}O$ is/are

Formula	Names
CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ OH	n-butyl alcohol / n-butanol / butan-1-ol
$\begin{array}{c c} CH_3 - CH - CH_2 - OH \\ CH_3 \end{array}$	isobutyl alcohol / 2-methyl propan-1-ol
$\begin{array}{c c} \operatorname{CH}_3 - \operatorname{CH}_2 - \operatorname{CH} - \operatorname{OH} \\ & \operatorname{CH}_3 \end{array}$	Secondary butyl alcohol/butan-2-ol
CH ₃ CH ₃ - C - OH CH ₃	Tertiary butyl alcohol / tertbutanol/ 2-methyl propan-2-ol / 1,1-dimethyl ethan-1-ol

Reference: National Institute of standards and technology (NIST)

2. Ans. (B)

Sol. In the given compounds (isomeric hexane) as the branching increases, the surface area of the molecules decreases, so the Vanderwall force decreases, hence boiling point decreases. Hence correct answer is (B)