Which of the following reagents can be used to oxidise primary alcohols to aldehydes? (a) CrO₃ in anhydrous medium (b) KMnO₄ in acidic medium

(c) Pyridinium chlorochromate (d) Heat in the presence of Cu at 573K a, c, d) CrO₃ in anhydrous medium is used to oxidise primary alcohols to aldehydes.

 $RCH_2OH \xrightarrow{CrO_3 (anhydrous)} RCHO$ Acidic KMnO_₄ is a very strong oxidising agent. It oxidises primary alcohols into carboxylic acid.

$$RCH_2OH \xrightarrow{KMnO_4} RCOOH$$

Pyridinium chlorochromate (C₆H₅NHClCrO₃) is a very good reagent for the oxidation of primary alcohols to aldehydes. RCH₂OH —PCC → RCHO

When the vapours of primary alcohols are passed over heated copper at 573 K, dehydrogenation takes place and an aldehyde is formed. RCH₂OH Cu→ RCHO