Question 64. Assertion (A): Deoxyribose, $C_5H_{10}O_4$ is not a carbohydrate. Reason (R): Carbohydrates are hydrates of carbon so compounds which follow $C_x(H_2O)_y$ formula are carbohydrates.

Solution: (b) Deoxyribose is a carbohydrate and is the sugar moiety of DNA. Carbohydrates are optically active polyhydroxy aldehyde or polyhydroxy ketone or substances which give these on hydrolysis