<u>INTRODUCTION</u>

If the synthetic organic chemists are asked about which family of the organic compounds they want in a bottomless vessel free of cost, the undisputed answer would be (Aldehydes and Ketones "The Carbonyl Compounds"). The carbonyl compounds form the important nation in the world of organic compounds. Carbonyl group can be converted into any of the functional groups that you know. This makes the carbonyl compounds more fascinating and interesting. In this chapter we shall see how the carbonyl compounds have brought glamour into synthetic organic chemistry. We shall also see the importance of it in day to day life. Now, let us move further into this chapter, with this small prelude.

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