For 'invert sugar', the correct statement(s) is(are)

(Given: specific rotations of (+)-sucrose, (+)-maltose, L-(-)-glucose and L-(+)-fructose in aqueous solution are +66°, +140°, -52° and +92°, respectively)

- (A) 'invert sugar' is prepared by acid catalyzed hydrolysis of maltose
- (B) 'invert sugar' is an equimolar mixture of D-(+)-glucose and D-(-)-fructose
- (C) specific rotation of 'invert sugar' is -20°
- (D) on reaction with Br₂ water, 'invert sugar' forms saccharic acid as one of the products

Soln. Invert sugar is the equimolar mixture of D-(+)-glucose and D-(-)-fructose prepared by the hydrolysis of sucrose in acidic medium. So, (A) is incorrect and (B) is correct.

$$\begin{array}{c} C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}+H_2O \xrightarrow{\quad H^+ \quad} C_6H_{12}O_6 + C_6H_{12}O_6 \\ \xrightarrow[+52^0]{\quad D-(+)-glu\cos e \quad D-(-)-fructose \\ -92^0} \end{array}$$

$$\alpha_{\text{invert sugar}} = \frac{+52^{\circ} - 92^{\circ}}{2} = -20^{\circ} \text{ (average is taken as both monomers are one mole each)}$$

Reaction with Br₂ water forms gluconic acid not glucaric (saccharic) acid. Thus (D) is incorrect.

So the correct options are B and C.