Ch. 4 The Study of Chemical Reactions; Ch. 5 Stereochemistry

Ch. 6 Alkyl Halides: Nucleophilic Substitution and Elimination

1. Predict the <u>major</u> organic product for each of the following. (3 points each)

2. Show an alkyl bromide and some nucleophile that you could use to make the following by  $S_N 2$ . (3 points)

3. For the structure shown,

(3 points each)

a. Draw the major <u>elimination</u> product formed upon treatment with H<sub>2</sub>O/heat.

b. Draw the major <u>elimination</u> product formed upon treatment with CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>ONa.

c. Draw the major <u>substitution</u> product formed upon treatment with CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>ONa.

(3 points for each multiple choice question)

- 4. Which of the following is true regarding an S<sub>N</sub>1 reaction?
  - a. It would be faster at 25° than 50°
  - b. It would be faster in ethanol than in pentane
  - c. Keeping the moles of reactants constant but doubling the quantity of solvent would decrease the rate by a factor of 4.
  - d. Stereochemical inversion occurs exclusively
- 6. Which of the following statements is <u>true</u>?
  - a. The rate determining step is always the last step in a reaction mechanism.
  - b. The stability/reactivity principle says that the <u>more stable</u> of two chemicals will <u>be more</u> reactive
  - c. The reactivity/selectivity principle says that the <u>more reactive</u> of two chemicals will <u>be less</u> selective.
  - d. The <u>activation barrier</u> for a reaction is the difference in energy between reactants and final products.
- 7. Which of the following statements is <u>true</u> about the chlorination of methane?
  - a. In each propagation step a radical is produced
  - b.  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$  initiation events are needed to make one mole of chloromethane
  - c. Most chloromethane is made by combination of a methyl radical with a chlorine radical
  - d. The overall chlorination of methane is strongly endothermic.
- 8. Which of the following statements is <u>FALSE</u>?
  - a. Optically active solutions solutions always contain chiral molecules.
  - b. Two diastereomers always have identical melting points
  - c. Optically inactive solutions are either racemic or else contain no chiral chemicals at all
  - d. A solution with 60% optical purity would have an 80/20 mix of enantiomers
- 9. When the reactants shown undergo substitution, which of the products A-D will form? (3 points)

- a. A only
- b. B only
- c. A and B
- d. A, B, and C
- e. A, B, C, and D

10. Rank the reactivity of the structures shown toward the reactant(s) indicated on the left (1 being most, etc.) (3 points each)

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$$H_2O, heat,$$
 catalytic  $H^+$   $Br$   $Br$   $Br$ 

11. Draw the product(s) of the following reaction. Show substitution product(s) only. (There might be some some alkene products formed as well, but don't bother drawing those.). If two enantiomers form, draw them both. (3 points)

12. Draw the mechanism for the following reaction, propagation steps only. (4 points)

- 14. Name the following: (3 points)
- (optically active)
- 15. Classify each of the chiral carbons in the following structures as R or S (there may be more than one in a molecule). (10 points)

- 16. a. Classify each pair as diastereomers, enantiomers, or same. (12 points)
- b. For the first structure of each pair, circle it if it is **not** chiral
- c. For the first structure of each pair, write "meso" by it if it is meso

17a. a) Draw all the unique stereoisomers of 2,3-dichlorobutane. Cross out any duplicates. b) Identify which is meso. c) Identify a pair that are related as diastereomers. (5 points)

18. Draw the mechanisms for the following reactions, <u>using formal arrow pushing</u>. Note: in some case hydrogens that are not illustrated will be involved in bond changes. You would do well to write them in at the beginning. (12 points total, 3/3/6 distribution)