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1. (5 pts) What is the most important question in organic chemistry?

Where are the electrons?

2. (10 pts) Amides are best represented as the hybrid of three contributing structures. Draw the second and third important contributing structures in the spaces provided, including all lone pairs and formal charges. For the two structures on the left in each problem, use arrows to indicate the movement of electrons to give the structures you drew. There is no need to draw any circles around any of these contributing structures. You might want to read these directions again to make sure you know what we want.

3. (10 pts) Put a 7 under the species that will be present at pH 7.0, put a 2 under the species that will be present at 2.0, and put a 12 under the species that will be present at pH 12.0. Put an "X" under the two species that cannot predominate at any pH.

The pKa of a carboxylic acid (RCO₂H) is generally in the 4-5 range. The pKa of ammonium ions (RNH₃⁺) is in the 9-10 range.
4. (13 pts) Consider the following statements that refer to $S_{N1}$, $S_{N2}$, E1, E2 or a radical chain reaction mechanism. To which mechanism(s), if any, does each statement apply?

**Mechanisms**

A. Involves a carbocation intermediate

E1, $S_{N1}$

B. When reaction occurs at a chiral center on a pure sample of a single enantiomer, a single enantiomer product with inversion of configuration is created.

$S_{N2}$

C. When reaction occurs at a chiral center on a pure sample of a single enantiomer, a mixture of product enantiomers will be created

$S_{N1}$, radical chain reaction

D. Involves an antiperiplanar transition state geometry

E2

E. The order of reactivity is methyl halides > 1° haloalkanes > 2° haloalkanes and not 3° haloalkanes

$S_{N2}$

F. For alkane starting materials, the order of reactivity is 3° hydrogens > 2° hydrogens > 1° hydrogens

radical chain reaction

G. The reaction mechanism(s) that will occur when KOTBu reacts with a 1° haloalkane

E2

H. The reaction mechanism(s) that will occur when Br$_2$ and light are used

radical chain reaction

I. The reaction mechanism(s) that will occur when HBr and peroxides with light are used

radical chain reaction

J. The reaction mechanism(s) that will occur when NBS and light are used

radical chain reaction

K. The reaction mechanism that occurs when the anion of a terminal alkyne reacts with a 1° haloalkane.

$S_{N2}$
5. (4 pts) For the following series of cations, **circle the most stable cation**.

![Cations](image)

6. (4 pts) For the following series of radicals, **circle the most stable radical**.

![Radicals](image)

7. (3 pts) Circle the molecule that will react the fastest with strong base through an E2 mechanism.

![Molecules](image)

8. (3 pts) For the following constitutional isomers, rank them from 1-3 according to overall alkene stability, with a 1 under the LEAST STABLE ALKENE and a 3 under the MOST STABLE ALKENE.

![Isomers](image)
9. (13 pts total) For each set of reagents below, draw the **key transition state** that occurs during the indicated reaction. We do not want the entire mechanism or products, just the first key transition state. Use dotted lines to indicate bonds that are in the process of being broken or made. Write any formal charges that you think are important. On the starting structures, draw all appropriate arrows to indicate the flow of electrons.

A.

\[ \text{H} - \text{S}^\cdot - + \text{H}_3C - \text{C}^\cdot + \text{Br}^\cdot \rightarrow \text{H} - \text{S} - \text{C} - \text{Br}^\cdot \]

**Transition State**

B.

\[ \text{H}_3\text{C} - \text{O}^\cdot + \text{H}_3\text{C} - \text{C}^\cdot - \text{H} + \text{Br}^\cdot \rightarrow \text{H}_3\text{C} - \text{O} - \text{C} - \text{H} + \text{Br}^\cdot \]

**anti-periplanar geometry**

**Transition State**

10. (5 pts total) For the set of reagents below, draw the **first key intermediate** that occurs during the indicated reaction. We do not want the entire mechanism or products, just the first key intermediate. Write any formal charges that you think are important. On the starting structures, draw all appropriate arrows to indicate the flow of electrons.

\[ \text{H} - \text{O}^\cdot + \text{H}_3\text{C} - \text{C}^\cdot + \text{Br}^\cdot \rightarrow \text{H} - \text{O} - \text{C} - \text{Br}^\cdot \]

**Intermediate**
11. (20 pts total) Complete the following mechanism for reaction of the alkyne with sodium metal in ammonia. Use appropriate arrows to show movement of electron density, and show all non-bonding electrons as dots and show any formal charges. **If any of the species are really a racemic mixtures of enantiomers, you only need to draw one stereoisomer and write "racemic"**
12. (5 or 6 pts each) The following reactions all involve chemistry of alkyl halides. **Fill in the box above the arrow with the mechanism that will be followed (S_N2, E2, etc.). Then draw only the predominant product or products** and please remember that you must draw the correct stereoisomers. For S_N1/E1 reactions you must draw all significant products (including all stereoisomers).

A.  
\[
\begin{align*}
&\text{Br} & \quad \text{S}_N2 \\
&H_3C-C=CH_3 & \quad \text{HCH}_3 \\
&H_3C-C=C^- & \quad \text{Na^+} \\
\end{align*}
\]

B.  
\[
\begin{align*}
&\text{Br} & \quad \text{S}_N2 \\
&H_3C-C=CH_2CH_3 & \quad \text{HCH}_3 \\
&H_3C-C=C^- & \quad \text{Na^+} \\
\end{align*}
\]

C.  
\[
\begin{align*}
&\text{Br} & \quad \text{S}_N1/E1 \\
&H_3C-C=CH_3 & \quad \text{HCH}_3 \\
&H_3C-C=C^- & \quad \text{Na^+} \\
\end{align*}
\]

D.  
\[
\begin{align*}
&\text{Br} & \quad \text{E2} \\
&H_3C-C=CH_2CH_3 & \quad \text{HCH}_3 \\
&H_3C-C=C^- & \quad \text{Na^+} \\
\end{align*}
\]

E.  
\[
\begin{align*}
&\text{CH}_3 & \quad \text{E2} \\
&\text{Cyclohexene} & \quad \text{ZH}_3 \\
&\text{CH}_3 & \quad \text{CH}_3 \\
&\text{CH}_3 & \quad \text{CH}_3 \\
\end{align*}
\]
12. (5, 7 or 9 pts each) The following reactions all involve chemistry of alkyl halides. **Fill in the box above the arrow with the mechanism that will be followed** (S_N2, E2, etc.). Then draw only the predominant product or products and please remember that **you must draw the correct stereoisomers**. For S_N1/E1 reactions you must draw all significant products (including all stereoisomers).

**F.**

\[
\text{Br} 
\begin{array}{c}
+ \\
\text{CH}_3\text{OH}
\end{array} 
\]

\[
\text{SN1/E1} 
\]

\[
\text{Zaitsev product} 
\]

**G.**

\[
\text{H}_3\text{C} 
\begin{array}{c}
\text{Br} \\
\text{H} \\
\text{H} \\
\text{CH}_3 
\end{array} 
\]

\[
\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}^-\text{Na}^+ 
\]

**H.**

\[
\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{Br} 
\begin{array}{c}
+ \\
\text{(CH}_3\text{)_3CO}^-\text{K}^+ 
\end{array} 
\]

**I.**

\[
\text{H}_3\text{C} 
\begin{array}{c}
\text{CH}_3 \\
\text{H} \\
\text{Br} \\
\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3 
\end{array} 
\]

\[
\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}^-\text{Na}^+ 
\]
13. (3 or 4 pts each) For the following, complete the reactions with the predominant product or products. You must indicate stereochemistry with wedges and dashes. You must draw all stereoisomers produced as predominant products and write "racemic" under the structures when appropriate. Assume no rearrangements take place.

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{HgSO}_4 \\
\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \\
\text{H}_2\text{O} \\
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{HgSO}_4 \\
\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \\
\text{H}_2\text{O} \\
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{1) (sia)}\text{}_2\text{BH} \\
\text{2) H}_2\text{O}_2 / \text{HO}^- \\
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{2 Na}^+ \\
\text{NH}_3 \\
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Lindlar's catalyt} \\
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{H}_2 \\
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{HgSO}_4 \\
\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \\
\text{H}_2\text{O} \\
\end{align*}
\]
14. (3 or 5 pts each) For the following reactions, all of which involve reagents containing bromine atoms, complete the reactions with the predominant product or products. You must indicate stereochemistry with wedges and dashes. You must draw all stereoisomers produced as predominant products and write "racemic" under the structures when appropriate. Assume no rearrangements take place.

- **Br<sub>2</sub>**
  - **hv**
  - (reacts at more substituted C atom)

- **Br<sub>2** (anti addition)

- **HBr**
  - (Markovnikov)

- **HBr**
  - **ROOR**
  - **hv**
  - (non-Markovnikov)

- **NBS**
  - **hv**
  - (allylic halogenation)
15. (3 or 5 pts each) For the following reactions, fill in the box with the predominant products or reagents necessary to complete the following syntheses. You must indicate stereochemistry with wedges and dashes. You must draw all stereoisomers produced as predominant products and write "racemic" under the structures when appropriate. Assume no rearrangements take place.
16. (3 or 5 pts each) For the following reactions, fill in the box with the predominant products or reagents necessary to complete the following syntheses. You must indicate stereochemistry with wedges and dashes. You must draw all stereoisomers produced as predominant products and write "racemic" under the structures when appropriate. Assume no rearrangements take place.
17. (3 or 5 pts each) For the following reactions, fill in the box with the predominant products or reagents necessary to complete the following syntheses. You must indicate stereochemistry with wedges and dashes. You must draw all stereoisomers produced as predominant products and write "racemic" under the structures when appropriate. Assume no rearrangements take place.
18. Here is an "apply what you know" problem in the format of an MCAT style passage. Circle the correct answers.

Antioxidants

Many plants contain polyunsaturated fatty acid esters in their leaves or seeds, as do the foods derived from these plants. Such structures are prone to autoxidation that gives hydroperoxides leading to lower molecular weight oxidized products, such as volatile aldehydes, ketones, and hydrocarbons. These products are indicative of the rotting of the food, and result in the unpleasant "rancid" odors familiar to anyone who has smelled old cooking oil.

1. Linoleic acid is shown below. This common fatty acid is particularly susceptible to autoxidation because the hydrogens at certain position(s) on the chain are very reactive in a radical process. Which ones?

   ![Linoleic acid diagram]

   A. A hydrogen on the carbon labeled as “A” will be the most likely to be abstracted to create a radical.
   B. A hydrogen on the carbon labeled as “B” will be the most likely to be abstracted to create a radical.
   C. A hydrogen on the carbon labeled as “C” will be the most likely to be abstracted to create a radical.
   D. Hydrogens on both carbons labeled as “A” and “C” will be tied for the most likely to be abstracted to create a radical.

2. Your answer to part 1 above is due to the fact that:

   A. The radical created on the carbon labeled as “A” will be doubly allylic, and therefore highly stabilized by resonance delocalization (a pi-way).
   B. The radical created on the carbon labeled as “B” will be doubly allylic, and therefore highly stabilized by resonance delocalization (a pi-way).
   C. The radical created on the carbon labeled as “C” will be doubly allylic, and therefore highly stabilized by resonance delocalization (a pi-way).
   D. The radicals created on the two carbons labeled as “A” and “C” will be equally doubly allylic, and therefore equally highly stabilized by resonance delocalization (a pi-way).
18. (cont.).

Nature protects against autoxidation by a variety of agents, one of the most important of which is α-tocopherol (vitamin E). This compound is a phenol, which is defined as an OH group on a benzene ring as shown in the diagram. The characteristic of phenols that makes them protective agents against autoxidation is their O-H bond, which is even better at forming radicals than the C-H bond from which hydrogen is abstracted by O₂ in the polyunsaturated fatty acid. This means that Vitamin E reacts quickly with the peroxy radical formed during fatty acid autoxidation to give a highly stabilized radical, resulting in termination of the radical chain process.

![Diagram of vitamin E and fatty acid peroxy radical](diagram)

3. The radical formed from vitamin E is highly stable because of resonance delocalization of the radical. Which of the following statements best describes why this radical is so stable.

A. The structure labeled as “A” is a significant resonance contributor of the radical.
B. The structure labeled as “B” is a significant resonance contributor of the radical.
C. The structure labeled as “C” is a significant resonance contributor of the radical.
D. All three structures, “A”, “B”, and “C”, are significant resonance contributors of the radical.

Vitamin E is often referred to as a natural preservative because it prevents autoxidation and therefore food spoilage. Processing of foods can remove the natural vitamin E, so artificial preservatives are added to these foods in order to retard their spoilage.

4. Based on your answer to 3 above, consider the following structures. Select the statement that best describes which of the structures could serve as a preservative in place of vitamin E?

![Structures A, B, and C](structures)

A. The structure labeled as “A” could be a preservative.
B. The structure labeled as “B” could be a preservative.
C. The structure labeled as “C” could be a preservative.
D. Both structures “A” and “B” could be preservatives.