# UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY 

FACULTY OF SCIENCE
MIDTERM EXAMINATION
CHEMISTRY 353
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Time: 2 Hours

## PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME AND FULL STUDENT I.D. NUMBER ON BOTH YOUR COMPUTER ANSWER SHEET and on the ANSWER BOOKLET provided.

## READ ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

The exam consists of Parts 1-7, each of which should be attempted. Note that some Parts provide you with a choice of questions, e.g. answer any 5 out of 6 . These will be graded in numerical order until the required number have been completed, regardless of whether they are right or wrong. Parts $1-4$ will be computer graded, and Parts 5, 6 and 7 are to be answered IN THE BOOKLET PROVIDED. A periodic table with atomic numbers and atomic weights and spectroscopic data tables are included with this examination paper.

Parts 1-4 consist of a series of multiple choice questions numbered 1-34 which are to be answered on the computer answer sheet. Indicate your answer by blackening out the appropriate space, A, B, C, D or E on the answer sheet. Use a soft pencil only and not ink. In some cases it is required that you indicate multiple items for a complete and/or correct answer by blackening out more than one space. In some other cases more than five options are available and some of these also require more than one space to be blackened out. For an example, an option specified as $A B$ requires that you blacken out both space A and space B. Part marks may be awarded in some of the questions. Incorrect answers must be erased cleanly.

Molecular models are permitted during the exam; calculators are also permitted, but NOT programmable calculators. Absolutely no other electronic devices are allowed.

## PART 1: RELATIVE PROPERTIES

## 16\% ANSWER ANY EIGHT (8) OF QUESTIONS 1-10.

Arrange the items in each of the questions in this section in DECREASING ORDER (i.e. greatest first) with respect to the indicated property.

Use the following code to indicate your answers.
A. $\quad \mathbf{i}>\mathrm{ii}>\mathrm{iii}$
D. $\quad \mathbf{i i}>\mathrm{iii}>\mathbf{i}$
B. $\quad \mathbf{i}>\mathrm{iii}>\mathrm{ii}$
E. $\quad \mathrm{iii}>\mathrm{i}>\mathrm{ii}$
C. $\quad$ ii $>\mathbf{i}>$ iii
AB. $\quad$ iii $>\mathbf{i i}>\mathbf{i}$

1. The relative stability of each of the following:


ii

iii
2. The relative strengths of the CH bonds at the positions indicated in each of the following:

i

ii

iii
3. The relative reactivity of each of the following towards HCl :

i

ii

iii

Use the following code to indicate your answers.
A. $\quad \mathbf{i}>\mathrm{ii}>\mathrm{iii}$
D. $\quad$ ii $>\mathrm{iii}>$ i
B. $\quad \mathrm{i}>\mathrm{iii}>\mathrm{ii}$
C. $\quad$ ii $>\mathrm{i}>\mathrm{iii}$
E. $\quad \mathrm{iii}>\mathrm{i}>\mathrm{ii}$
AB. $\quad \mathbf{i i i}>\mathbf{i i}>\mathbf{i}$
4. The relative rate of reaction of each of the following towards $\mathrm{HBr} /$ dark $/ \mathrm{N}_{2}$ :

i

ii

iii
5. The relative stability of the following:

i

ii

iii
6. The optical purity of the following samples of tartaric acid given that (R,R)-tartaric acid $[\alpha]_{D}=+12.7$ :
i a mixture composed of :

0.75 g

ii a sample whose observed rotation $=+2.54^{\circ}$ when 2.00 g of a mixture was dissolved in 10 mL and measured in a standard 10 cm polarimeter cell iii a racemic mixture

## Use the following code to indicate your answers.

A. $\quad \mathbf{i}>\mathrm{ii}>\mathrm{iii}$
D. $\quad$ ii $>$ iii $>$ i
B. $\quad \mathrm{i}>\mathrm{iii}>\mathrm{ii}$
C. $\quad$ ii $>\mathrm{i}>\mathrm{ii}$
E. $\quad$ iii $>\mathrm{i}>\mathrm{ii}$
AB. $\quad \mathrm{iii}>\mathrm{ii}>\mathbf{i}$
7. The relative yields of the following products from the reaction of 2-methylpent-2-ene with HBr / peroxides :

i

ii

iii
8. The \% yield of the product alcohol from each of the following reactions of propene with $\mathrm{BH}_{3}$ followed by work up with excess alkali $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}$ :
i. $\quad 4.2 \mathrm{~g}$ propene with $0.10 \mathrm{~mol}_{\mathrm{BH}}^{3}$ giving 3.0 g 1-propanol
ii. $\quad 4.2 \mathrm{~g}$ propene with $0.02 \mathrm{~mol}_{\mathrm{BH}}^{3}$ giving 3.0 g 1-propanol
iii. $\quad 0.3 \mathrm{~mol}$ propene with $0.1 \mathrm{~mol} \mathrm{BH}_{3}$ giving 6.0 g 1 -propanol
9. The relative reactivity of each of the following towards cyclopentadiene:

i

ii

iii
10. The relative oxidation states of the $C$ atoms indicated in each of the following:

i

ii

iii

## PART 2: STARTING MATERIALS, REAGENTS AND PRODUCTS

## 14\% ANSWER ANY SEVEN (7) OF QUESTIONS 11-18.

For each of questions 11-18 select the MISSING component (the starting material, the product or the reagents) required in order to BEST complete each of the reaction schemes.
11.



A


B


C


D


E
12.

A 1. $\mathrm{H}_{2} / \mathrm{Pd}$
2. $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Br}_{2} / \mathrm{ZnCu}$
B 1. $\mathrm{Na} / \mathrm{NH}_{3}$
2. $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Br}_{2} / \mathrm{ZnCu}$
C 1. $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ / Lindlar's catalyst
2. $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Br}_{2} / \mathrm{ZnCu}$
D 1. $\mathrm{Na} / \mathrm{NH}_{3}$
2. $\mathrm{CHBr}_{3} / \mathrm{KOC}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}$
E 1. $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ / Lindlar's catalyst
2. $\mathrm{CHBr}_{3} / \mathrm{KOC}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{3}$
13.

14.


A

B

C

D

E
15.

3. $\mathrm{Zn} / \mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}+$

16.

17.






18.







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PART 3: REGIOCHEMISTRY and STEREOCHEMISTRY OF REACTIONS 18\% ANSWER ANY SIX (6) OF QUESTIONS 19-25.

For each of the questions 19-25, select the structure required to BEST complete the reaction shown.
19.


3. $\mathrm{NaBH}_{4}, \mathrm{KOH}$


A


B
20.



A


B


C

3. $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}, \mathrm{MeOH}$


C


D


E
21.



A


B


C


D


E
22.

23.


1. $\mathrm{H}_{2}$, Lindlar's cat.
$\xrightarrow[\text { 2. } \mathrm{Br}_{2}]{ } \quad$ ?

A

B

C

D

E
2. 




A


B


C


D


E
25.


1. $\mathrm{NBS}, \mathrm{CCl}_{4}$
2. $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CO}_{3} \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CO}_{2} \mathrm{H}$
3. excess KCN , DMSO
4. water workup

A

B

C

D

E

## PART 4: PI SYSTEMS

16\% ANSWER ANY EIGHT (8) of the questions 26-34.
For each of the questions 26-34 select the appropriate answer from the answers provided. In some cases more than one selection may be required for full credit.
26. Which of the following molecules are NOT conjugated systems? (select all that apply)


A


B


C


D


E
27. Which of the following systems are resonance contributors of the carbocation shown below ? (select all that apply)



A

B

C

D

E
28. Which of the following isomers is the most stable as drawn?

A

B

C

D

E
29. Which of the following isomers is the most stable ?


B

C

D

E
30. Which of the following systems has the most vinylic carbons ?

A

B


C

D

E
31. Which of the following molecules contain sp-hybridised atoms ? (select all that apply)?

A


$\mathrm{CO}_{2}$

B
C
D
E
32. Which of the following systems would be the most reactive towards aq. $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ ?

A


C

D

E
33. Which of the bonds indicated below is the shortest?

34. Which of the following compounds used in the Chem 353 laboratory experiments will show ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{NMR}$ resonances between 190-220 ppm ? (select all that apply)
A. glycerol (also known as 1,2,3-propane-triol)
B. biodiesel
C. terephthalic acid (the monomer recovered from PETE depolymerisation)
D. benzophenone
E. benzaldehyde

## PART 5: MECHANISMS

## ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTIONS, ONE FROM PART A and ONE FROM PART B WRITE YOUR ANSWER IN THE BOOKLET PROVIDED

Draw curly arrow mechanisms to explain the following reactions / observations. No other reagents are required.
A. Show the mechanism for one of the following reactions:


OR





(you only need to show the reaction of one of the chains)
B. Use your knowledge of the reaction of alkenes with HBr and peroxides (or uv light) and of alkynes with HBr (dark / $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ atmosphere) to predict based on a mechasism the outcome of the following reaction:


OR
Use your knowledge of the reactions of alkenes and dienes with halogens at high temperature to predict the outcome of the following reaction:


PART 6: SYNTHESIS
15\% ANSWER ANY THREE (3) OF QUESTIONS
WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN THE BOOKLET PROVIDED.
Design an efficient synthesis for any THREE (3) of the following target molecules
SHOW YOUR ANSWER AS A STEPWISE REACTION SCHEME SHOWING THE PRODUCT OF EACH STEP

DO NOT SHOW MECHANISMS (i.e. curly arrows are NOT required)
Allowed starting materials and reagents: any compounds with 3 or less $\mathbf{C}$ atoms

In addition, you may use any solvents or reagents that do not contribute carbon atoms to the final structure.



1,2-dimethylbenzene



## PART 7: STRUCTURE DETERMINATION

## 11\% WRITE YOUR ANSWER IN THE BOOKLET PROVIDED

## Use the information in the following paragraph to answer the questions below.

Compound $\mathbf{A}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{12} \mathrm{O}\right)$, an alkene, was reacted with $\mathrm{PBr}_{3} / \mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}$ in THF to give $\mathbf{B}$ $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{11} \mathrm{Br}\right)$. A was also reacted with $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and heat to give $\mathbf{C}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{10}\right)$. Hydrocarbon $\mathbf{C}$ quickly reacted with $\mathrm{Br}_{2}$ at high temperatures to give $\mathbf{D}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{10} \mathrm{Br}_{2}\right)$ as a racemic mixture. The enantiomers of $\mathbf{D}$ were separated and one enantiomer of $\mathbf{D}$ was treated with potassium permanganate, in the presence of KOH at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to give ( $2 \mathrm{~S}, 3 \mathrm{~S}, 4 \mathrm{R}$ ) $-1,4-$ dibromo-3-methylpentane-2,3-diol and (2R,3R,4R)-1,4-dibromo-3-methylpentane-2,3diol in equal amounts.
Molecules $\mathbf{B}$ and $\mathbf{C}$ were heated in a sealed tube to give $\mathbf{E}\left(\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{Br}\right)$, which was further reacted with aqueous acid to give $\mathbf{F}\left(\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{23} \mathrm{BrO}\right)$. $\mathbf{F}$ was dissolved in THF and sodium metal was added, which resulted in the formation of the molecule shown below.


Draw the structures of A to $F$.

Which isomer of $D$ was used in the reaction?
How many configurational isomers of $D$ are theoretically possible?

## SPECTROSCOPIC TABLES


${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR CHARACTERISTIC CHEMICAL SHIFTS / ppm

|  | methyl $\mathrm{CH}_{3}-$ | methylene $-\mathrm{CH}_{2}-$ | methyne CH | other |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0.9 | 1.4 | 1.5 | -OH | 1-5 |
|  |  |  |  | -NH | 1-3 |
| ${ }_{C}^{R_{C}^{\prime}}=c^{\prime}$ | 1.6 | 2.3 | 2.6 | $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CH}$ | 2.5 |
|  | 2.1 | 2.4 | 2.5 |  | 5.5 7.3 |
| $R-N^{\prime}$ | 2.2 | 2.5 | 2.9 |  | 10 |
| R-Ar | 2.3 | 2.7 | 3.0 | O |  |
| $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{Br}$ | 2.7 | 3.3 | 4.1 | $\mathrm{R}^{-\stackrel{\ddot{C}}{\mathrm{C}}} \mathrm{OH}^{\prime}$ | 9-12 |
| R-CI | 3.1 | 3.4 | 4.1 |  |  |
| R-O- | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.7 |  |  |

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR

${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR CHARACTERISTIC CHEMICAL SHIFTS / ppm

| $-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ | $\text { , } \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{O} \\ & -\mathrm{Cl} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0-30 | 10-50 | 25-60 | 155-180 |
| $\begin{gathered} -\mathbf{C} \equiv \mathbf{C -}- \\ 65-90 \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| 110-170 |  | 45-75 | 190-220 |

## INFRA-RED GROUP ABSORPTION FREQUENCIES

|  | TYPE OF VIBRATION | FREQUENCY $\left(\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ | WAVELENGTH ( $\mu$ ) | INTENSITY (1) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C-H | Alkanes (stretch) | 3000-2850 | 3.33-3.51 | s |
|  | $-\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ (bend) | 1450 and 1375 | 6.90 and 7.27 | m |
|  | $-\mathrm{CH}_{2}{ }^{-}$(bend) | 1465 | 6.83 | m |
|  | Alkenes (stretch) | 3100-3000 | 3.23-3.33 | m |
|  | (bend) | 1700-1000 | 5.88-10.0 | s |
|  | Aromatics (stretch) | 3150-3050 | 3.17-3.28 | s |
|  | (out-of-plane bend) | 1000-700 | 10.0-14.3 | s |
|  | Alkyne (stretch) | ca. 3300 | ca.3.03 | s |
|  | Aldehyde | 2900-2800 | 3.45-3.57 | w |
|  |  | 2800-2700 | 3.57-3.70 | w |
| C-C | Alkane not usually useful |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$ | Alkene | 1680-1600 | 5.95-6.25 | m-w |
|  | Aromatic | 1600-1400 | 6.25-7.14 | m-w |
| $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$ | Alkyne | 2250-2100 | 4.44-4.76 | m-w |
| $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ | Aldehyde | 1740-1720 | 5.75-5.81 | s |
|  | Ketone | 1725-1705 | 5.80-5.87 | s |
|  | Carboxylic acid | 1725-1700 | 5.80-5.88 | s |
|  | Ester | 1750-1730 | 5.71-5.78 | s |
|  | Amide | 1700-1640 | 5.88-6.10 | s |
|  | Anhydride | ca. 1810 | ca. 5.52 | s |
|  |  | ca. 1760 | ca. 5.68 | s |
|  | Acyl chloride | 1800 | 5.55 | s |
| C-O | Alcohols, Ethers, Esters, |  |  |  |
|  | Carboxylic acids | 1300-1000 | 7.69-10.0 | s |
| O-H | Alcohols, Phenols |  |  |  |
|  | Free | 3650-3600 | 2.74-2.78 | m |
|  | H-Bonded | 3400-3200 | 2.94-3.12 | m |
|  | Carboxylic acids (2) | 3300-2500 | 3.03-4.00 | m |
| N-H | Primary and secondary amines | ca. 3500 | ca. 2.86 | m |
| $\mathrm{C} \equiv \mathrm{N}$ | Nitriles | 2260-2240 | 4.42-4.46 | m |
| $\mathrm{N}=\mathrm{O}$ | Nitro ( $\mathrm{R}-\mathrm{NO}_{2}$ ) | 1600-1500 | 6.25-6.67 | s |
|  |  | 1400-1300 | 7.14-7.69 | $s$ |
| C-X | Fluoride | 1400-1000 | 7.14-10.0 | s |
|  | Chloride | 800-600 | 12.5-16.7 | s |
|  | Bromide, lodide | <600 | >16.7 | s |

(1) $s=$ strong, $m=$ medium and $w=$ weak
(2) note that the -OH absorption of solid carboxylic acids which run as a nujol mull can be difficult to see as they maybe very broad.

## PERIODIC TABLE



| Lanthanides * | $\begin{gathered} 58 \\ \mathrm{Ce} \\ 140.1 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 59 \\ \mathbf{P r} \\ 140.9 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 60 \\ \text { Nd } \\ 144.2 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 61 \\ \mathbf{P m} \\ (145) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 62 \\ \text { Sm } \\ 150.4 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 63 \\ \mathbf{E u} \\ 152.0 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 64 \\ \text { Gd } \\ 157.3 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 65 \\ \mathbf{T b} \\ 158.9 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 66 \\ \text { Dy } \\ 162.5 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 67 \\ \mathbf{H o} \\ 164.9 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 68 \\ \mathbf{E r} \\ 167.3 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 69 \\ \mathbf{T m} \\ 168.9 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 70 \\ \mathbf{Y b} \\ 173.0 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 71 \\ \mathbf{L u} \\ 175.0 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Actinides ** | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 | 101 | 102 | 103 |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{T h} \\ 232.0 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\mathbf{P a}$ $231.0$ | $\underset{238.0}{\mathbf{U}}$ | Np <br> 237.0 | $\mathbf{P u}$ (244) | Am <br> (243) | $\mathrm{Cm}$ (247) | Bk <br> (247) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Cf } \\ (251) \end{gathered}$ | Es (252) | Fm <br> (257) | Md <br> (258) | No <br> (259) | $\begin{gathered} \mathbf{L r} \\ (260) \end{gathered}$ |

