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Midterm 1

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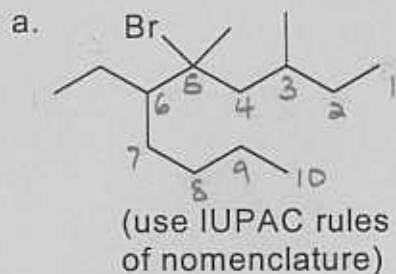
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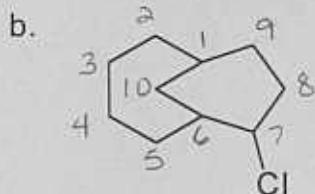
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1. (10 points) Name or draw, as appropriate, the following molecules.



5-bromo-6-ethyl-  
3,5-dimethyldecane

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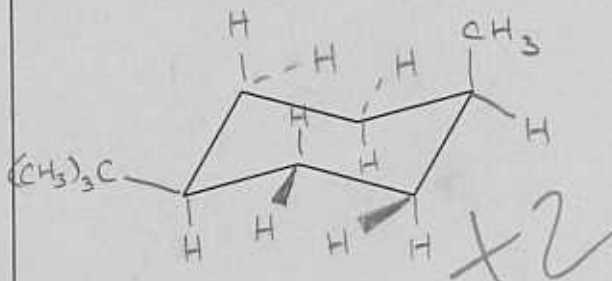
(use IUPAC rules of nomenclature)

7-chlorobicyclo[4.3.1]decane

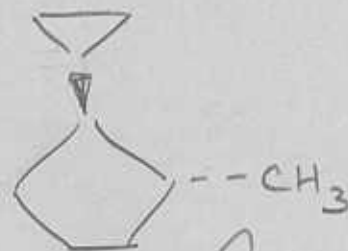
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c. *Cis*-*t*-butyl-4-methylcyclohexane

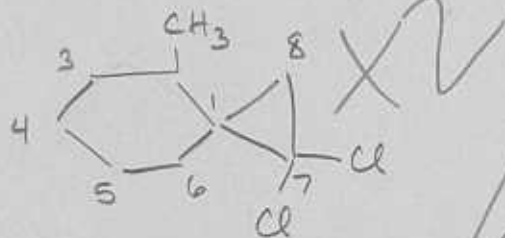
(Most stable conformation use the template provided)



d. *Trans*-1-cyclopropyl-2-methylcyclopentane

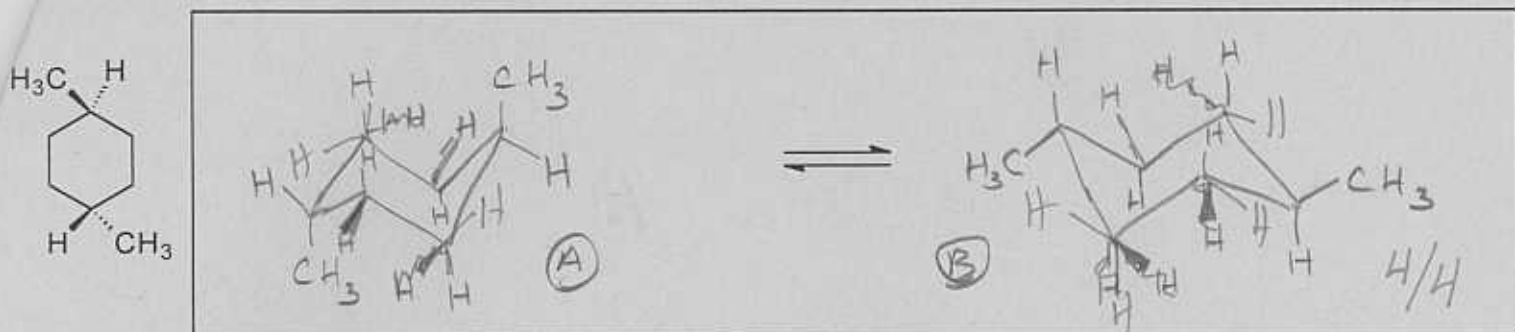


e. 7,7-dichloro-2-methylspiro[5.2]octane



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2. (16 points) (a) Draw the two chair conformations of trans-1,4-dimethylcyclohexane.



Calculate  $\Delta G^\circ$ , explaining the origin of the energy difference.

In **A**, there are 4  $\text{CH}_3 \cdots \text{H}$  1,3-diaxial interactions.  $4 \times 0.9 \text{ kcal/mol} = 3.6 \text{ kcal/mol}$ .  
 $\Delta G^\circ = -3.6 \text{ kcal/mol}$  from **A** to **B**

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Calculate the ratio of the two conformers at  $100^\circ\text{C}$ , show all work.

$$K_{eq} = \frac{[B]}{[A]} = e^{-\Delta G^\circ/RT}$$

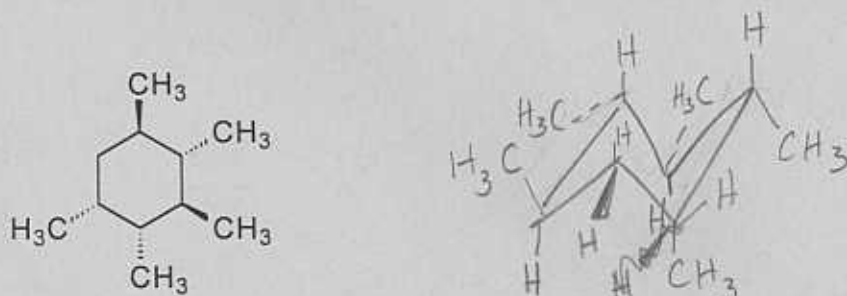
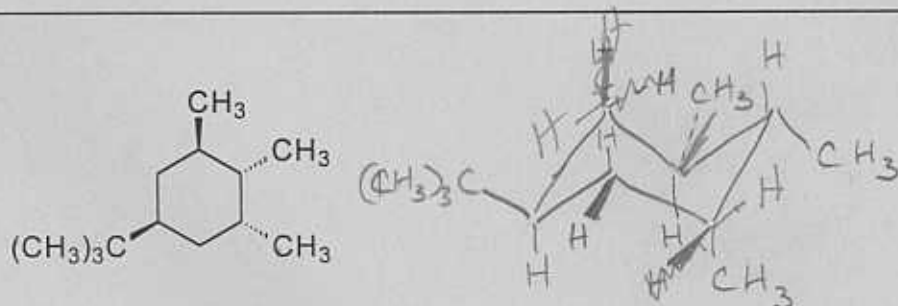
$$-\frac{\Delta G^\circ}{RT} = -\frac{(-3.6 \text{ kcal/mol})}{\left(\frac{2.0 \text{ cal}}{\text{deg mol}}\right)(373 \text{ deg})} \times \frac{1000 \text{ cal}}{1 \text{ kcal}} = 4.83$$

$$K_{eq} = e^{4.83} = 125$$

ratio = 125 to 1

B to A

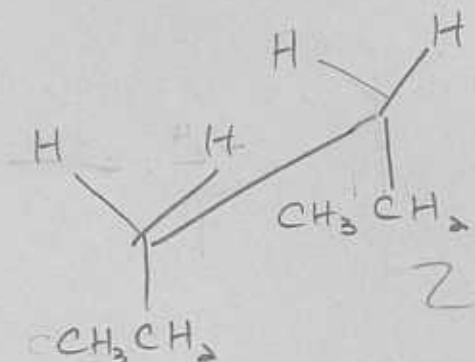
(b) Draw a structure for each of the following molecules in the more stable chair conformation.



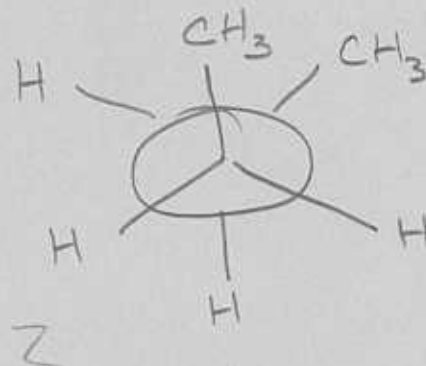
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3. (12 points) 12

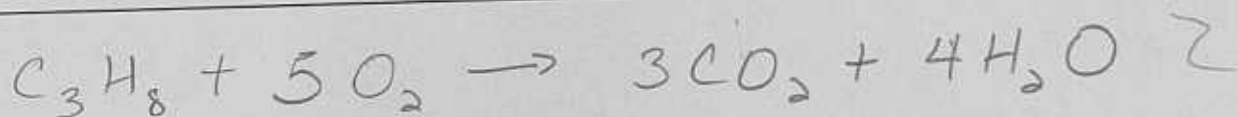
3a. Draw a **sawhorse** projection of the **least stable** conformation of hexane  $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{CH}_3$  as seen along the  $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_4$  bond.



3b Draw a **Newman** projection of the **GAUCHE** conformation of butane  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_{10}$  seen along the  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_3$  bond.



3b. Write a balanced chemical equation for the combustion of propane  $\text{C}_3\text{H}_8$  and calculate how much carbon dioxide is produced by the combustion of 44 grams of propane (use  $\text{C} = 12$ ,  $\text{H} = 1$ ,  $\text{O} = 16$ ).



balanced chemical equation

$$44\text{g C}_3\text{H}_8 \times \frac{1\text{ mol C}_3\text{H}_8}{44\text{g C}_3\text{H}_8} \times \frac{3\text{ mol CO}_2}{1\text{ mol C}_3\text{H}_8} \times \frac{44\text{g CO}_2}{1\text{ mol CO}_2} =$$

Weight of carbon dioxide produced = 132g  $\text{CO}_2$   $\checkmark$

3c. Match the name of a famous chemist with the following (choose amongst: Grignard, Lewis, Kekule, Bohr, Planck, Einstein, Pasteur, van der Waals, Pauling, Newman, Pauli, Schrödinger).

(i) "No orbital may be occupied by more than two electrons"

Pauli  $\checkmark$

(ii) The concept of intermolecular attractive forces

van der Waals  $\checkmark$

## 4. (13 points)

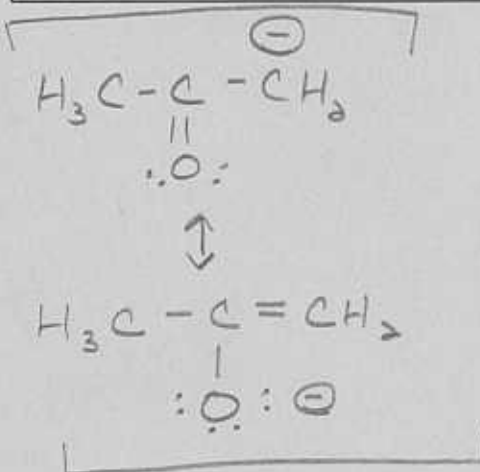
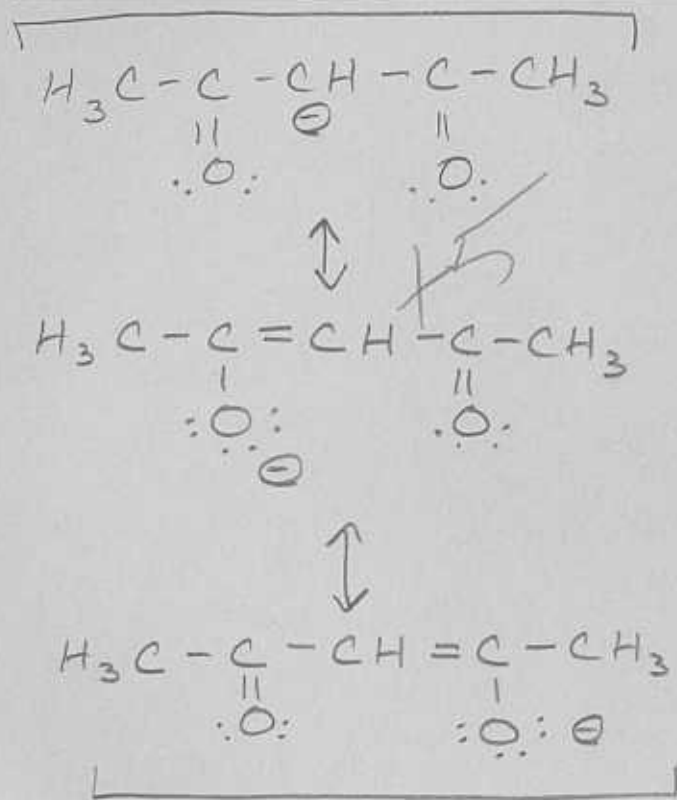
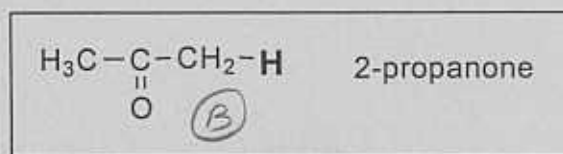
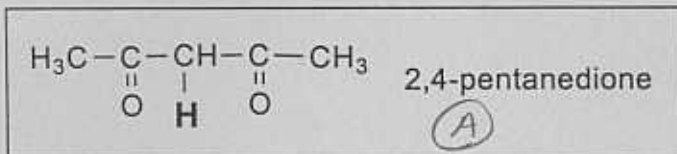
(i) Which of the following is the stronger acid, (a) water or (b) ammonia?

Answer:

A

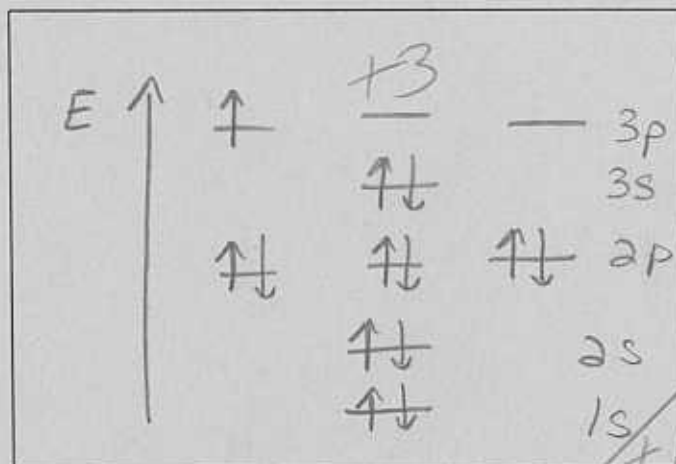
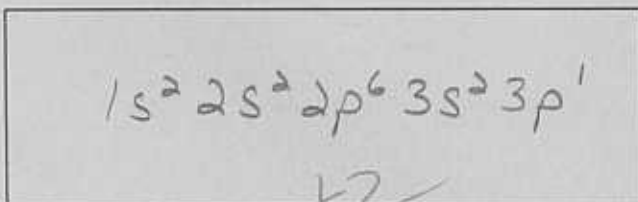
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(ii) 2,4-pentanedione ( $pK_a = 9$ ) is a stronger acid than 2-propanone ( $pK_a = 22$ ). Note that in each structure below the proton involved in acid base chemistry is highlighted. Write the structure for the conjugate base of each acid and consider possible resonance forms, then explain why 2,4-pentanedione is more acidic than 2-propanone.



1.  $pK_a = -\log K_a$   
 For  $\textcircled{\text{A}}$   $K_a = 10^{-9}$   
 For  $\textcircled{\text{B}}$   $K_a = 10^{-22}$   
 $\textcircled{\text{A}}$  is more acidic than  $\textcircled{\text{B}}$  because its  $K_a$  is larger (meaning it is more likely to donate its proton) and its conjugate base has more resonance forms.

iii) Write the electronic configuration and show the orbital energy diagram for  $\text{Al}^{13}$ .





## 5. (12 points).

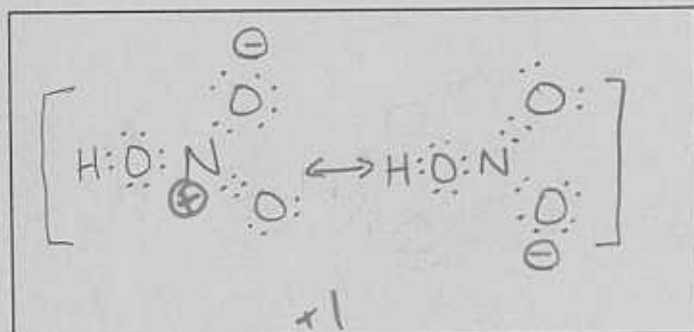
(a) Name the scientist who introduced the following concept: "Bonds are made by the in-phase overlap of atomic orbitals".

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Answer: Pauling

(b) Write the Lewis-dot structure for nitrogen  $N_2$  and for nitric acid  $HNO_3$  ( $HONO_2$ ).  
(Show charges if any).



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(c) What is the shape and approximate H-C-C bond angle for the molecule of ethyne  $C_2H_2$ ? Draw it in Kekule form and explain your answer using VSEPR.



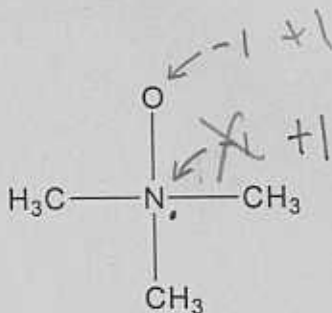
The middle carbon in a H-C-C bond is attached to 3 things: a hydrogen, a carbon and a lone pair. In VSEPR, the shape would be trigonal pyramidal, which has an angle of  $120^\circ$ . Since one of these things is

(d) What does the abbreviation VSEPR stand for?

Visualization of Spatial...  
Valence Shell Electron Pair Repulsion

a lone pair, which will compress the angle, the bond

(e) Using arrows, show which atoms of the molecule of trimethylamine oxide have a formal charge. Specify the formal charge by writing it clearly (e.g.: +3) next to the arrow.



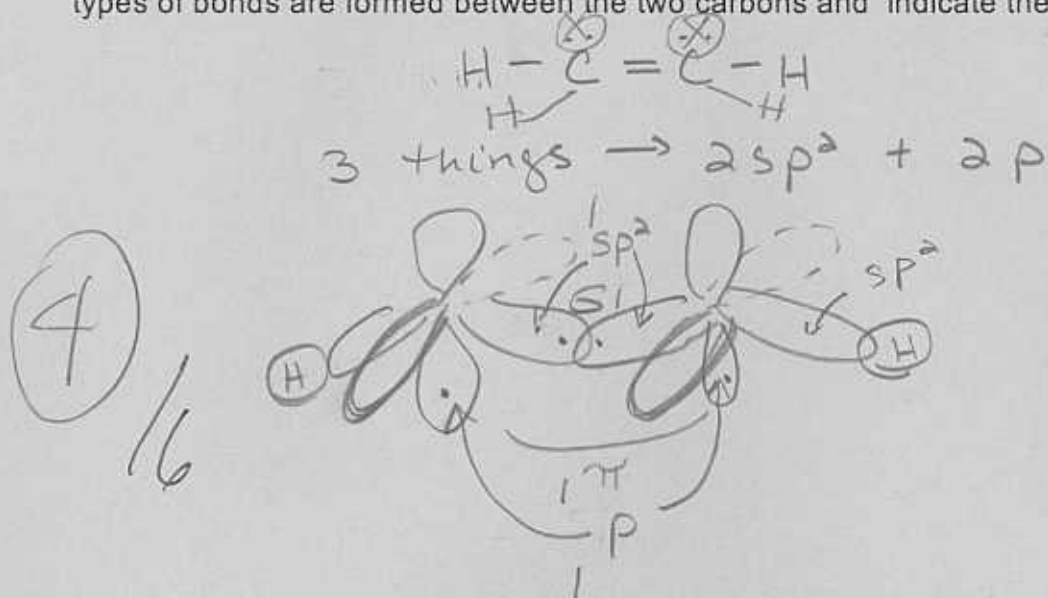
~~$$3 - 5 - \frac{1}{2}(8)$$~~

$$5 - \frac{1}{2}(8) = 1$$

is bent with an angle of less than  $120^\circ$  (but more than  $109.5^\circ$  of a tetrahedral)

## 6. (14 points)

(a) What is the hybridization of C in ethene  $C_2H_4$ . Draw the orbitals involved in **bonding the two C atoms to each other**. Label these orbitals showing their type (e.g. s or sp, etc.), Explain what types of bonds are formed between the two carbons and indicate their type with a Greek letter.



Overlap of  $\pi$  bonds  
attraction of  
p orbitals

(b) What is the approximate bond angle in the following triatomic molecules?



Answer:

180° 2



Answer:

109.5° 2

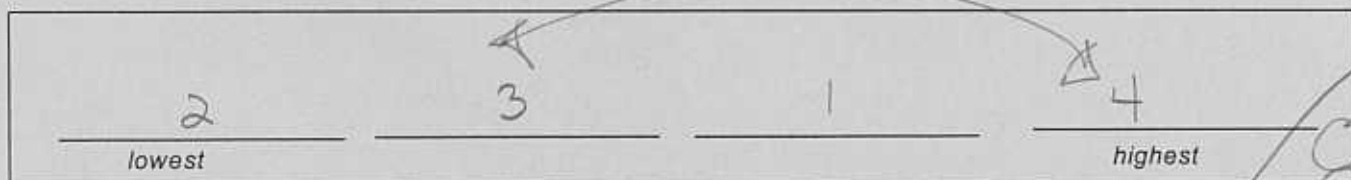
(c) Name the process used to convert alkanes into aromatic compounds.

Answer:

~~transformation~~ reforming

(d) Arrange the following alkanes in order of increasing boiling points.

(1) 2-methylbutane (2) propane (3) pentane (4) 2,2-dimethylpropane



7. (11 Points)

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(a) In 1,2-dichloroethane at room temperature, the ratio of molecules in the ANTI to GAUCHE conformation is 7.6 to 1. Calculate the difference in energy between these two conformations. Show equations and detailed calculations.



$$K_{eq} = \frac{[\text{anti}]}{[\text{gauche}]} = \frac{7.6}{1} = e^{-\Delta G^\circ/RT} \quad (1)$$

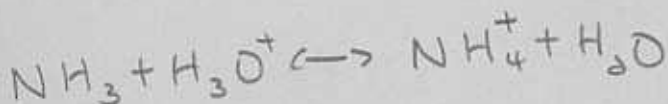
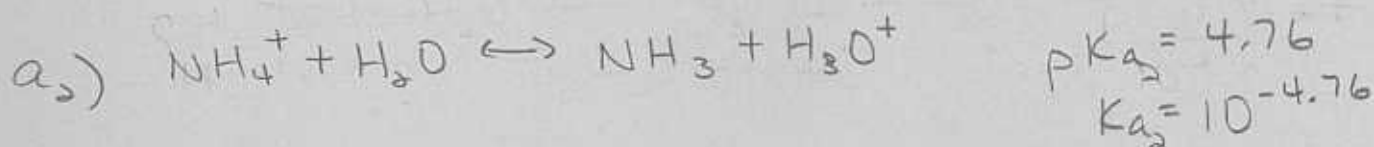
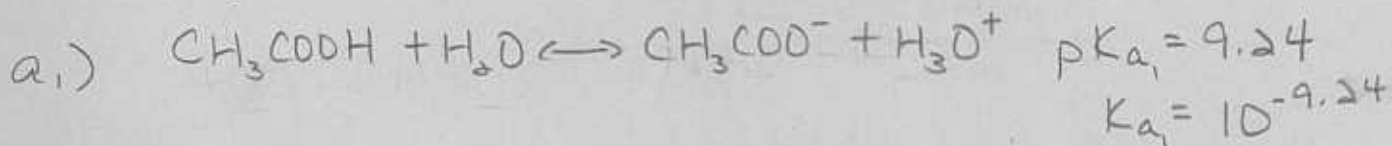
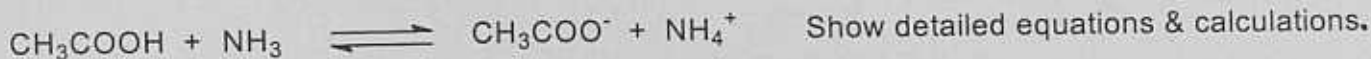
$$(1) \quad -\frac{\Delta G^\circ}{RT} = \ln K_{eq}$$

$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K_{eq} = -\left(\frac{2.0 \text{ cal}}{\text{deg mol}}\right)(298 \text{ deg}) \ln 7.6 \times \frac{1 \text{ kcal}}{1000 \text{ cal}}$$

$$= -1.3 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

Answer:  $-1.3 \text{ kcal/mol}$  (2)

(b) Calculate the equilibrium constant for the reaction below.



$$K = \frac{1}{K_{a2}} = \frac{1}{10^{-4.76}} = 10^{4.76}$$

$$K_{eq} = K_{a1} \cdot K = 10^{-9.24} \cdot 10^{4.76} = 3.31 \cdot 10^{-5}$$

$$K_{a1} = \frac{[\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-][\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}{[\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}][\text{H}_2\text{O}]}$$

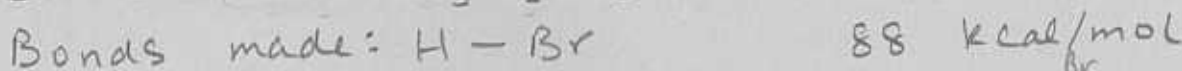
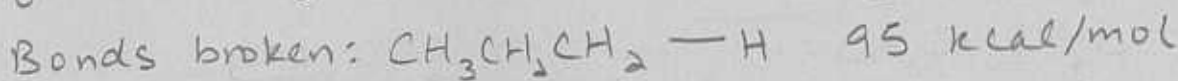
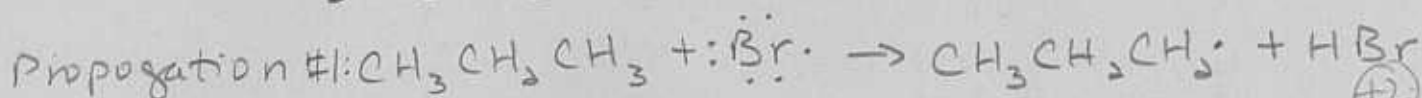
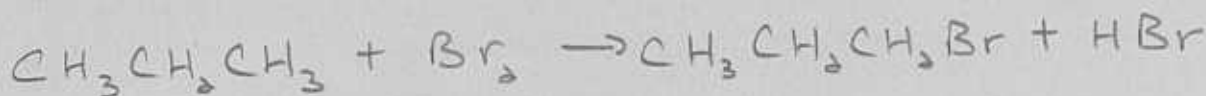
$$K_{a2} = \frac{[\text{NH}_3][\text{H}_3\text{O}^+]}{[\text{NH}_4^+][\text{H}_2\text{O}]}$$

$$K_{eq} = \frac{K_{a1}}{K_{a2}} =$$

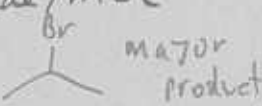
Answer:  $K_{eq} = 3.31 \cdot 10^{-5}$

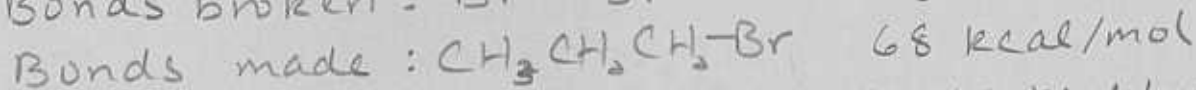
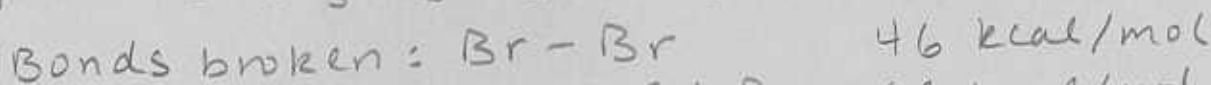
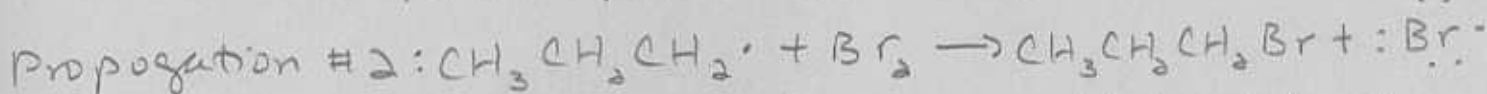


8. (12 points) (a) The monobromination of propane affords one major product. Write the propagation steps for the preparation of the major product and calculate  $\Delta H^\circ$  for the overall reaction.



$$\Delta H^\circ = \text{bonds broken} - \text{bonds made} = 95 \text{ kcal/mol} - 88 \text{ kcal/mol} = 7 \text{ kcal/mol}$$



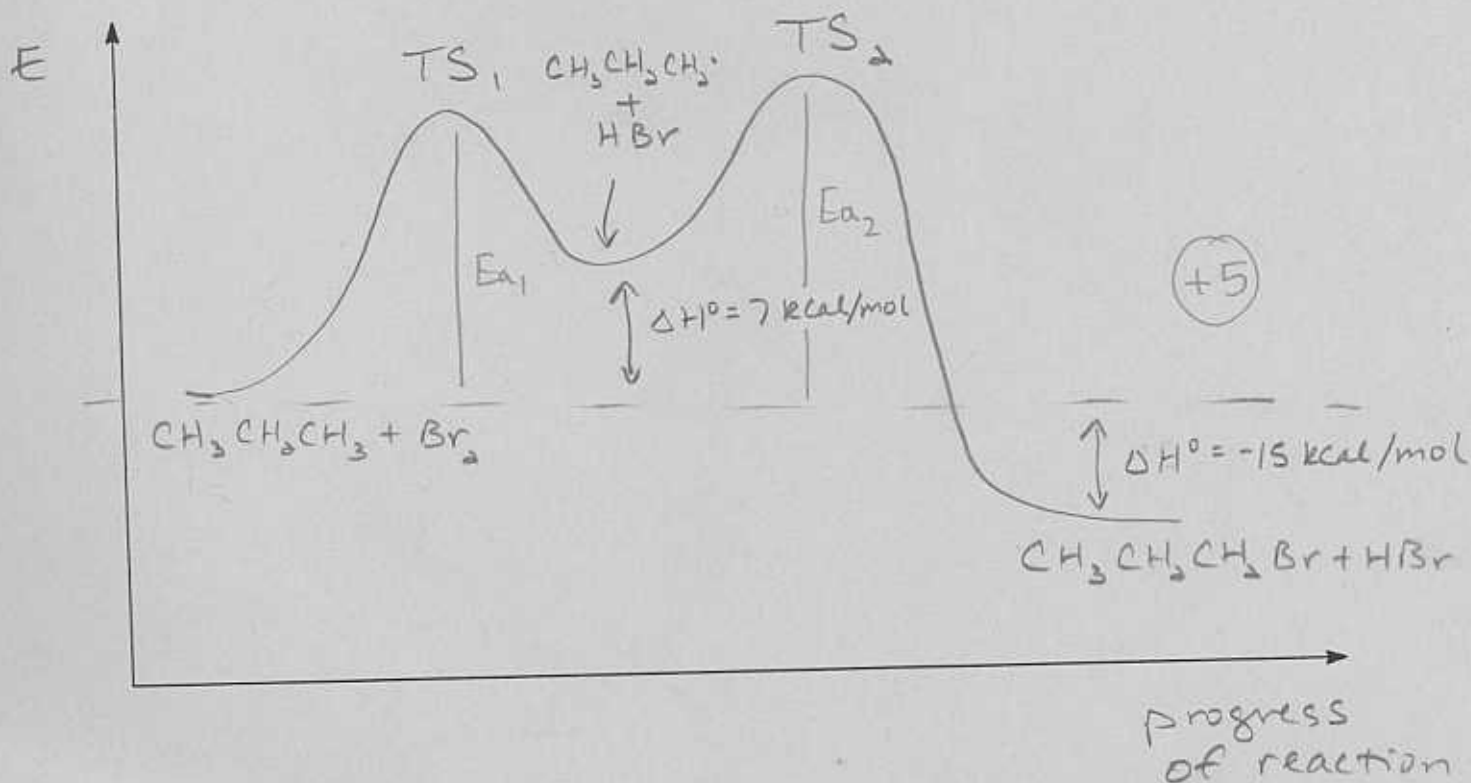


$$\Delta H^\circ = 46 \text{ kcal/mol} - 68 \text{ kcal/mol} = -22 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

$$\Delta H^\circ \text{ overall} = 7 \text{ kcal/mol} - 22 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

Answer  $\Delta H^\circ = -15 \text{ kcal/mol}$  (+2)

- (b) Draw and label the energy diagram for the formation of the major monobromination product of propane.



Note: There are no questions to be answered on this page, it only contains data that may be of use in solving the questions contained in this exam. Not all of the data given is needed.

Value of gas constant:  $R = 2.0 \text{ cal deg}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$

$\text{pK}_a$  of  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH} = 4.76$

Value of  $e$  (base for natural logarithms)  $e = 2.718$

$\text{pK}_a$  of  $\text{NH}_4^+ = 9.24$

Value of absolute zero (kelvin) =  $-273^\circ\text{C}$

**Bond dissociation energies (in kcal mole<sup>-1</sup>):**  $\text{RCH}_2\text{-H}$  98       $\text{R}_2\text{CH-H}$  95

$\text{R}_3\text{C-H}$  91;  $\text{Cl-Cl}$  58;  $\text{Br-Br}$  46;  $\text{H-Br}$  88;  $\text{H-Cl}$  103       $\text{RCH}_2\text{-Cl}$  81

$\text{RCH}_2\text{-Br}$  68       $\text{R}_2\text{CH-Cl}$  80       $\text{R}_2\text{CH-Br}$  68       $\text{R}_3\text{C-Cl}$  79;       $\text{R}_3\text{C-Br}$  65;

**Values of strain energies:**

Each  $\text{CH}_3\text{-H}$  eclipsing interaction:  $1.5 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$

Each  $\text{H-H}$  eclipsing interaction:  $1.0 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$

Each  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_3$  eclipsing interaction:  $2.5 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$

Each  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_3$  butane-gauche interaction:  $0.9 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$

Each t-Butyl -  $\text{CH}_3$  gauche interaction:  $2.0 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$

Each  $\text{CH}_3\text{-H}$  1,3-diaxial interaction:  $0.9 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$

Each  $\text{Cl-H}$  1,3-diaxial interaction:  $0.25 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$

Each  $\text{CH}_3\text{-CH}_3$  1,3-diaxial interaction:  $1.6 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$

Each  $\text{H-CN}$  1,3-diaxial interaction:  $0.1 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$

Each  $\text{H-C(CH}_3)_3$  1,3-diaxial interaction:  $2.5 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$

**Partial periodic table of the elements**

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1 H 1.00794												2 He 4.00260
IIA												
3 Li 6.941	4 Be 9.01218											
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		5 B 10.811	6 C 12.011	7 N 14.0067	8 O 15.9994	9 F 18.9984	10 Ne 20.1797					
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