

Chemistry 3A – chemistry 3A –  
Midterm MIDTERM 1 – SPRING  
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This exam has **10** pages; **make sure that you have them all.**

**Please be sure to use the very useful data given on page 10.**

We will only grade answers that are in the designated spaces. Please do your scratch work on the backs of the exam pages. Write only one answer to each problem; multiple answers will receive **no** credit, even if one of them is correct.

**Note:** This examination runs for a total of 90 minutes. No questions will be answered by proctors after the exam begins. Please write legible answers. Ambiguous or messy answers will receive **no credit.**

1. (15 points) (a) The elemental analysis of an unknown alcohol reveals that it contains 50% oxygen, 37.5% carbon, and 12.5% hydrogen. What is its empirical formula (show your calculation). Use the following atomic weight values: C = 12, H = 1, O = 16.

$$\text{if } 12x + 16y + z = W$$

$$\frac{12x}{W} = 0.375$$

$$\frac{16y}{W} = 0.50$$

$$\frac{z}{W} = 0.125$$

$$x = \frac{0.375W}{12}$$

$$y = \frac{0.50W}{16}$$

$$z = \frac{0.125W}{1}$$

$$\frac{12x}{12x + 16y + z} = 0.375$$

$$\frac{16y}{12x + 16y + z} = 0.50$$

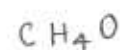
$$\frac{z}{12x + 16y + z} = 0.125$$

$$x \rightarrow \text{C}$$

$$y \rightarrow \text{O}$$

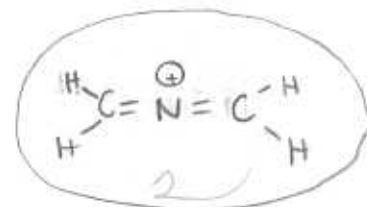
$$z \rightarrow \text{H}$$

Answer:



$$\text{if } W = 32, z = 4, y = 1, x = 1$$

(b) Write Kekule structures for **three** resonance forms of  $[\text{CH}_2\text{NCH}_2]^+$ . Show the location of the charge, circle the resonance form that contributes most and explain your choice.

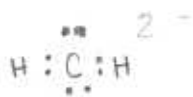


they all have

stable octets

(c) Draw the Lewis-dot structure of the methylene dianion  $\text{CH}_2^{2-}$  as well as a 3-D structure showing all the orbitals and state the hybridization of the C atom in this dianion.

Answer. Hybridization of C is:  $sp^3$



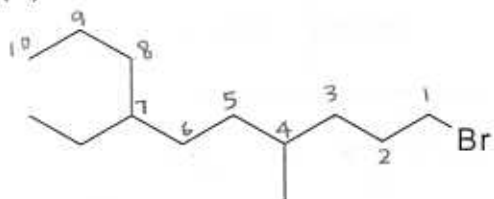
Lewis-dot



3-D with orbitals

2. ( 10 points) Name (IUPAC) or draw, as appropriate, the following molecules.

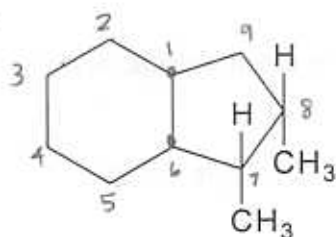
(a)



1-bromo-7-ethyl-4-methyldecane

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(b)

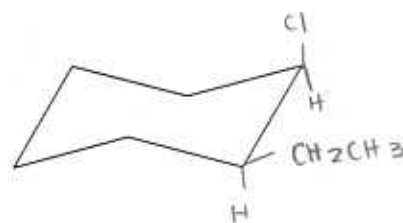


cis-7,8-dimethylbicyclo[4.3.0]nonane

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(c)

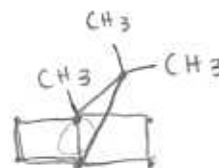
cis-1-chloro-2-ethylcyclohexane  
(Most stable chair conformation)



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(d)

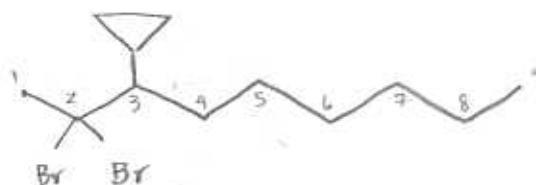
1,7,7-trimethylbicyclo[2.2.1]heptane



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(e)

2,2-dibromo-3-cyclopropylnonane



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3. ( 14 points) (a) What is the SHAPE of the methyl cation  $\text{CH}_3^+$ , explain using VSEPR (1 sentence!)

Shape:

TRigonal planar

Explanation:

It's  $sp^2$  hybridized because the lone  $e^-$  doesn't contribute to the shape



(b) what is the approximate H-C-H bond angle in the methyl anion  $\text{CH}_3^-$

Bond angle:

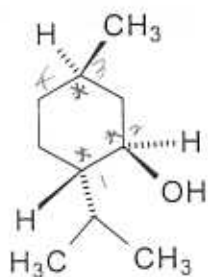
$\approx 120^\circ$

(c) How many stereoisomers are possible for menthol? (see structure below)

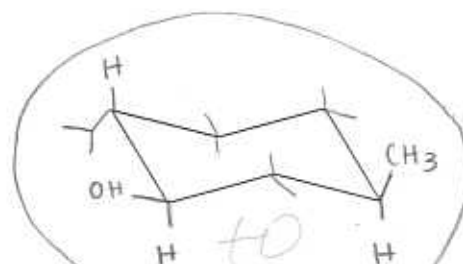
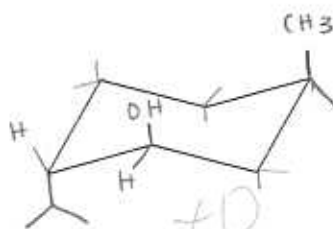
Answer:

$2^3 = 8$

(d) Draw the two chair conformations of menthol (peppermint oil) and circle the most stable. Note: show **all** axial and equatorial bonds corresponding to those on the structure below.

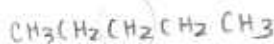


Menthol



(e) How many optically active stereoisomers are obtained by monobromination of pentane  $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{12}$ ?

Draw a clear stereochemical representation of each stereoisomer using the template below as a model. Do not write the same structure twice!

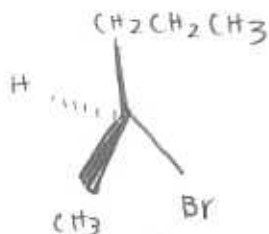
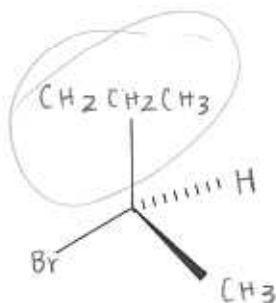


Answer:

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$6 \times 1$   
 $4 \times 80$  most selective  
 $2 \times 160 \rightarrow$  but is inactive

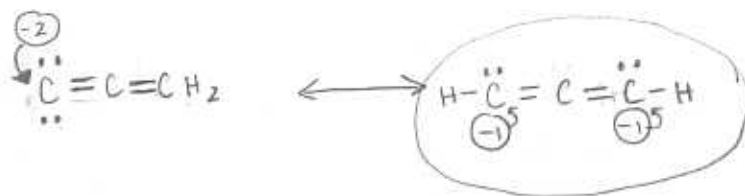
$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)\text{CH}_2(\text{CH}_2)\text{CH}_3 \rightarrow$  attaches there to be active



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4. (12 points) (a) Removal of two protons from propyne  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{C}-\text{CH}_3$  leads to the propyne dianion  $[\text{CCCH}_2]^{2-}$ . Write Lewis-dot structures for two resonance forms of the propyne dianion in which all three carbon atoms have an octet. Do not forget to show the location of any charges! Circle the most important resonance form and explain why it is the most important.

should be  $4 \times 3 + 2 = 14 e^-$  and  $2^- \rightarrow 16 e^-$



+7

→ the charges are better distributed (more evenly).

All atoms have a stable octet.

(b) Calculate the change in free energy (expressed in  $\text{Kcal mole}^{-1}$ ) needed to change the equilibrium constant of a reaction that takes place at  $27^\circ\text{C}$  from 1 to 100? Show the equation(s) you use and the detail of your work.

$$\Delta G = -RT \ln K_{eq}$$

$$T = 300\text{K}$$

$$R = 2 \text{ (cal/deg mol)}$$

$$K_{eq} = e^{-\Delta G/RT}$$

$$\text{If } K_{eq} = 1, \Delta G = 0 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{If } K_{eq} = 100, \Delta G &= -2(300) \ln(100) \\ &= -2.76 \text{ kcal/mol} \end{aligned}$$

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$$-2.76 \text{ kcal/mol} - 0 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

$$= -2.76 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

Answer:

$$-2.76 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

5. (13 points). (a) Name the scientist who discovered that the plane of polarization of plane polarized light is rotated when the light is passed through a solution of camphor

Answer:

Biot

(b) Name the scientist who discovered and quantified the dependence of reaction rates on temperature.

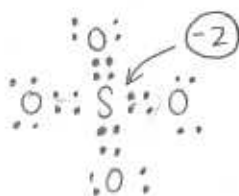
Answer:

Arrhenius

$$k = A e^{-E_{act}/RT}$$

←  $H_{im}$

(c) Write the Lewis-dot structure for the sulfate anion  $SO_4^{2-}$  in which each oxygen is bound to sulfur in an equivalent manner and indicate the formal charge (if any) assigned to each atom.



$$FC = 6 - 8 = -2$$

(d) Consider the equilibrium:  $HA + H_2O \rightleftharpoons A^- + H_3O^+$

Determine the concentration of  $[H_3O^+]$ ,  $[A^-]$ , and undissociated acid  $[HA]$  for a 1M solution of acid having  $pK_a = -2$ . Show the details of your work.

$$K_{eq}[H_2O] = K_a$$

$$K_a = 10^2$$

$$K_{eq} = \frac{10^2}{55.9} = 1.8$$

$$K_{eq} = 10^{(pK_a - pK_w)}$$

$$K_{eq}[H_2O] = K_a = 10^2 = \frac{[A^-][H_3O^+]}{[HA]} = x^2$$

$$100(1-x) = x^2$$

$$100 - 100x = x^2$$

$$0 = x^2 + 100x - 100$$

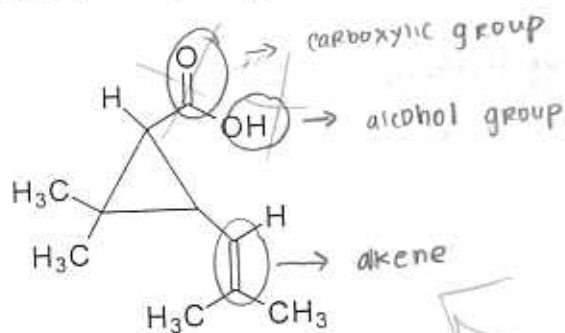
$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-100 \pm \sqrt{100^2 - 4(-100)}}{2} = \frac{-100 \pm \sqrt{10400}}{2} = \frac{-100 \pm 101.98}{2}$$

$$= 0.99$$

Answers:  $[H_3O^+] = 0.99 M$  $[A^-] = 0.99 M$  $[HA] = 0.01 M$ 

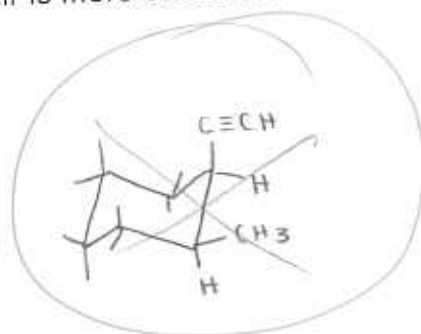
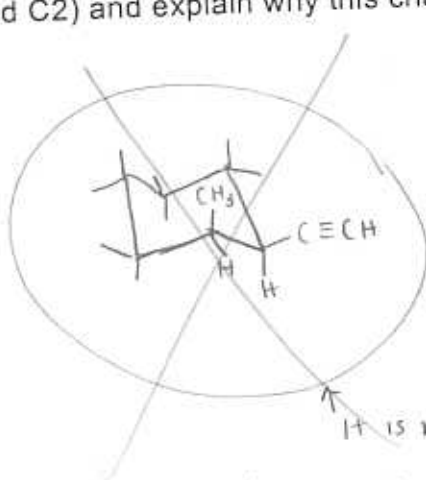
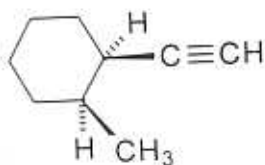
(B)

6. (13 points) (a) circle the functional groups in the molecule below and name them



*every wrong  
concepts right*

(b) Draw the more stable chair conformation of cis-1-ethynyl-2-methylcyclohexane (show all bonded atoms on C1 and C2) and explain why this chair is more stable than the other chair conformation.



It is more stable because  $\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$ , the bigger molecule, is in equatorial position, and

thus has no 1,3-diaxial interactions.

(c) A sample containing both enantiomers of lactic acid has a specific rotation  $[\alpha]_D = +0.95^\circ$ . Given that the specific rotation of PURE (-)-lactic acid is  $[\alpha]_D = -3.8^\circ$ , what is the percentage of (-)-lactic acid contained in this sample? Explain and show your detailed work.

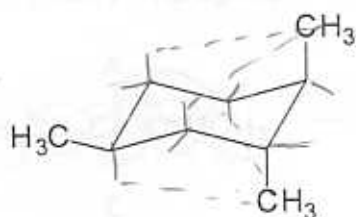
$$\% \text{ purity} = \frac{0.95^\circ}{-3.8^\circ} \times 100 = 25\% (+) \text{ b/c it's } (+) 0.95^\circ$$

25% is pure (+)

75% is racemic  $\therefore$  37.5% (-)  
37.5% (+)

Answer: 37.5 %

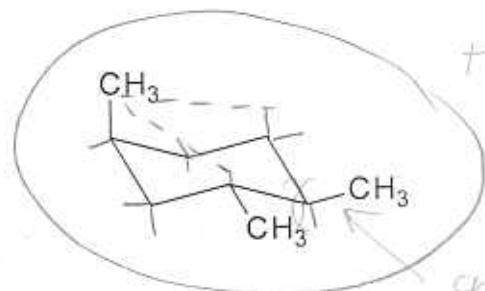
7. ( 13 Points) (a) Consider the two chair conformations of the 1,2,4-trimethylcyclohexane shown below. Name and tally the strains present in each conformation, calculate the total amount of strain in each, and circle the most stable chair.



+1 4 CH<sub>3</sub>-H 1,3 diaxial  
 0 gauche  
 = 4(0.8) = 3.2 kcal/mol

Answer:

Total strain = 3.2 kcal/mol



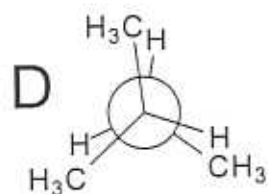
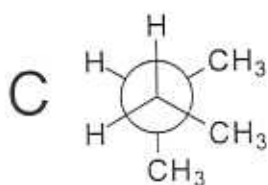
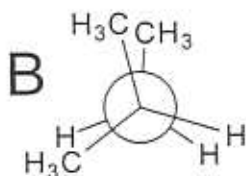
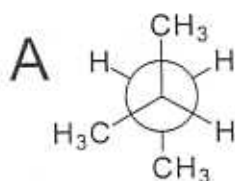
+1 2 CH<sub>3</sub>-H 1,3 diaxial  
 0 gauche?

$$= 2(0.8) = 1.6 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

Answer:

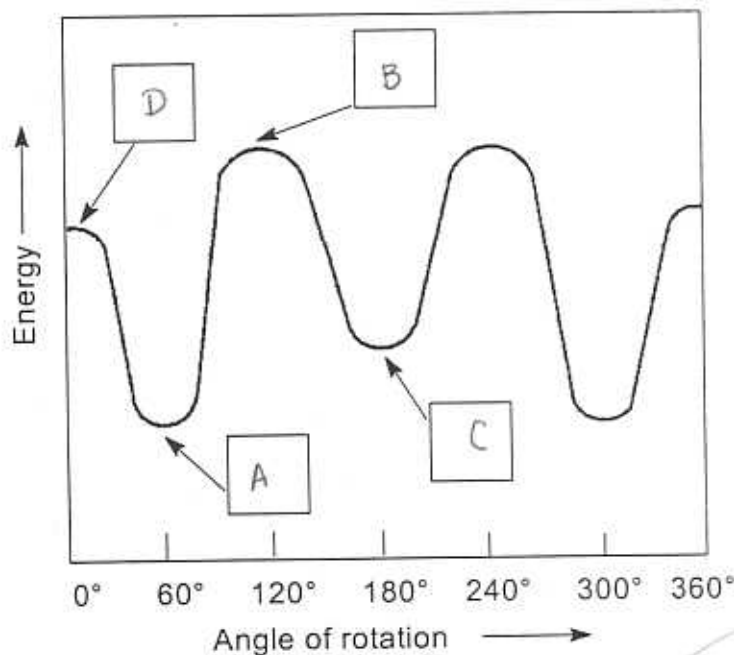
Total strain = 1.6 kcal/mol

(b) Match the letters of the staggered and eclipsed Newman projections below to the indicated positions on the diagram describing the relative energies of different conformations of 2-methylbutane.



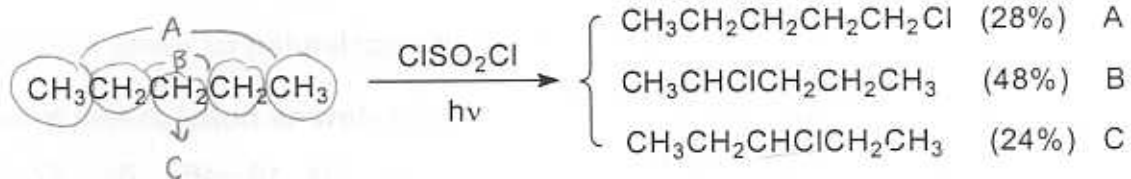
Staggered conformations

Eclipsed conformations





8. (10 points) (a) The free radical chlorination of alkanes with sulfonyl chloride  $\text{ClSO}_2\text{Cl}$  does not produce the same mixture of monochlorinated products as would be obtained using  $\text{Cl}_2$  and light. Using the product compositions below, calculate the selectivity of the  $\cdot\text{SO}_2\text{Cl}$  radical for primary, and secondary hydrogens. Show the details of your work.



	order	selectivity	#	#s	
A	1°	x	6	6(x)	$\frac{6(x)}{6(x)+4(y)+2(z)} = 0.28$
B	2°	y	4	4(y)	
C	2°	z	2	2(z)	

$$\text{let } 6x+4y+2z = W$$

$$\frac{2z}{W} = 0.24$$

$$2z = 0.24W \quad z = 0.12W$$

$$6x = 0.28W \quad x = \frac{7}{150}W$$

$$4y = 0.48W \quad y = 0.12W$$

$$\frac{4y}{6x+4y+2z} = 0.48$$

$$\frac{2z}{6x+4y+2z} = 0.24$$

$$\therefore \frac{7}{18} \times 18 = 18:7$$

$$y = z = 2 \frac{4}{7} x \quad 2 \frac{4}{7} \times 7 = 18 \quad y = z = 18$$

$$0.72y \text{ vs } 0.28x$$

$$18 : 7$$

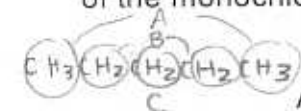
$$\text{if } x = 7$$

$$y = z = 18$$

Answer. Relative reactivity secondary/primary = 18:7

- (b) Consider the chlorination of alkanes with chlorine in the presence of light.

- (i) Alkane A ( $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{12}$ ) reacts to produce only one monochlorinated product. Write the IUPAC name of the monochlorinated product.



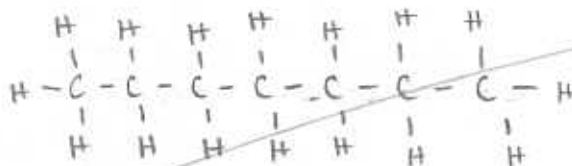
Answer:

2-chloropentane

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{A} \quad 6 \times 1 \rightarrow 6 \\ \text{B} \quad 4 \times 1 \rightarrow 4 \\ \text{C} \quad 2 \times 1 \rightarrow 2 \end{array}$$

- (ii). Alkane B ( $\text{C}_7\text{H}_{16}$ ) reacts to produce seven monochlorinated products (ignore stereoisomers). Write the structure of alkane B.

Answer:



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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:  $R = 2.0 \text{ cal deg}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$

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

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

**Bond dissociation energies (in kcal mole<sup>-1</sup>):** RCH<sub>2</sub>-H 98; R<sub>2</sub>CH-H 95; R<sub>3</sub>C-H 91;  
Cl-Cl 58; Br-Br 46; I-I 36; H-Cl 103; H-Br 88; H-I 71; RCH<sub>2</sub>-Cl 81;  
RCH<sub>2</sub>-Br 68; RCH<sub>2</sub>-I 53; R<sub>2</sub>CH-Cl 80; R<sub>2</sub>CH-Br 68; R<sub>3</sub>C-Cl 79; R<sub>3</sub>C-Br 65;

**Values of strain energies:**

Each CH<sub>3</sub> - H eclipsing interaction: 1.5 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>

Each H - H eclipsing interaction: 1.0 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>

Each CH<sub>3</sub> - CH<sub>3</sub> eclipsing interaction: 2.5 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>

Each CH<sub>3</sub> - CH<sub>3</sub> gauche interaction: 0.9 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>

Each t-Butyl - CH<sub>3</sub> gauche interaction: 2.0 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>

Each CH<sub>3</sub> - H 1,3-diaxial interaction: 0.8 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>

Each Cl - H 1,3-diaxial interaction: 0.25 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>

Each CH<sub>3</sub> - CH<sub>3</sub> 1,3-diaxial interaction: 1.6 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>

Each H - CN 1,3-diaxial interaction : 0.1 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>

Each H - C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> 1,3-diaxial interaction: 2.5 kcal mol<sup>-1</sup>

**Formulae used in solving quadratic equations:**

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \quad x = [-b \pm (\text{square root of } (b^2 - 4ac))] / 2a$$

**Partial periodic table of the elements.**

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1 H 1.00794								2 He 4.00260
	IIA	IIIA	IVA	VA	VIA	VIIA		
3 Li 6.941	4 Be 9.01218	5 B 10.811	6 C 12.011	7 N 14.0067	8 O 15.9994	9 F 18.9984	10 Ne 20.1797	
11 Na 22.9898	12 Mg 24.3050	13 Al 26.9815	14 Si 28.0855	15 P 30.9738	16 S 32.066	17 Cl 35.4527	18 Ar 39.948	
19 K 39.0983	20 Ca 40.078	31 Ga 69.723	32 Ge 72.61	33 As 74.9216	34 Se 78.96	35 Br 79.904	36 Kr 83.80	