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EXAMINATION 1
Chemistry 3A

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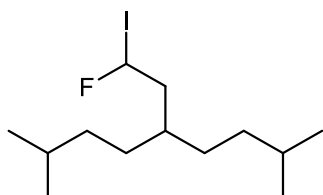
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Please write the answer you wish to be graded in the boxed spaces provided.

- I. [36 Points] Name, complete the drawing, or choose one given answer, as appropriate, the following molecules according to the IUPAC rules.

a.



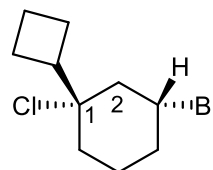
(No stereochemistry)

5-(2-Fluoro-2-iodoethyl)-2,8-dimethylnonane

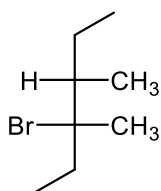
b.

(1*S*,3*R*)-3-Bromo-1-chloro-1-cyclobutylcyclohexane

(Complete the stencil in the box. Note: The hashed/wedged lines signify dangling bonds, not methyl groups. Place the four missing substituents at the end of these bonds. **For "cyclobutyl", use the letters "Cyc"**)



c.



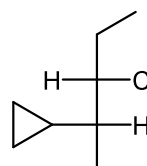
(Name this enantiomer)

(3*S*,4*S*)-3-Bromo-3,4-dimethylhexane

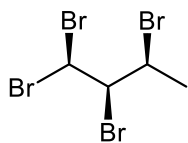
d.

(1*R*,2*S*)-2-Chloro-1-methylbutyl)cyclopropane

(Complete the Fischer stencil in the box)



e.

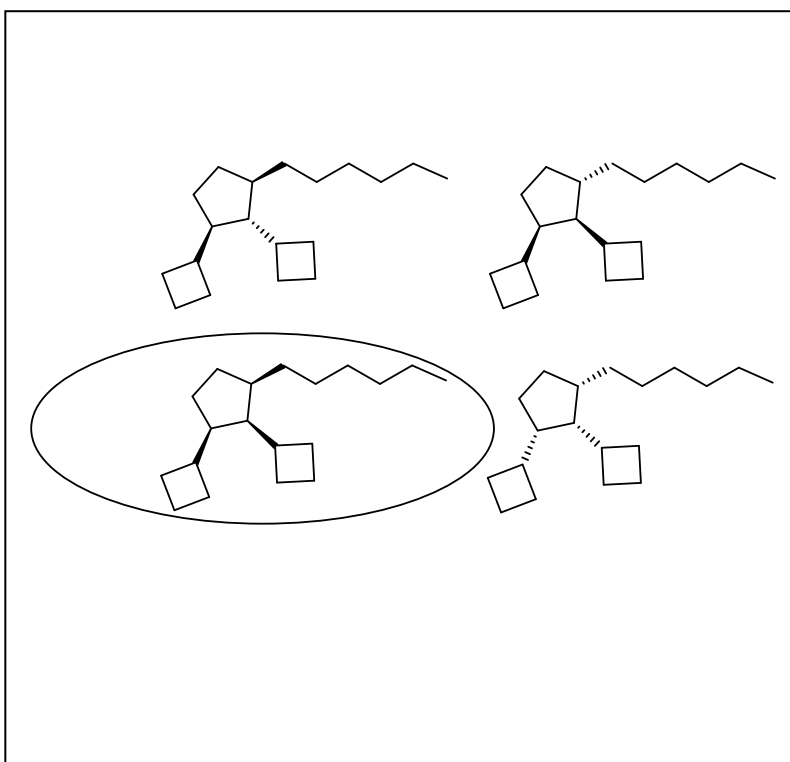


(2*R*,3*S*)-1,1,2,3-Tetrabromobutane

f.

(1*R*,2*R*,3*R*)-1,2-Dicyclobutyl-3-hexylcyclopentane

(Circle the correct answer in the box)



II. [30 Points]

TABLE 1-1 Partial Periodic Table

Period							Halogens	Noble gases
First	H ¹							He ²
Second	Li ^{2,1}	Be ^{2,2}	B ^{2,3}	C ^{2,4}	N ^{2,5}	O ^{2,6}	F ^{2,7}	Ne ^{2,8}
Third	Na ^{2,8,1}	Mg ^{2,8,2}	Al ^{2,8,3}	Si ^{2,8,4}	P ^{2,8,5}	S ^{2,8,6}	Cl ^{2,8,7}	Ar ^{2,8,8}
Fourth	K ^{2,8,8,1}						Br ^{2,8,18,7}	Kr ^{2,8,18,8}
Fifth							I ^{2,8,18,18,7}	Xe ^{2,8,18,18,8}

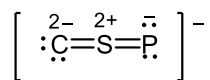
Note: The superscripts indicate the number of electrons in each principal shell of the atom.

Pauling Electronegativities

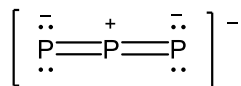
H 2.1								He ~0
Li 1.0	Be 1.5	B 2.0	C 2.5	N 3.0	O 3.5	F 4.0	Ne ~0	
Na 0.9	Mg 1.2	Al 1.5	Si 1.8	P 2.1	S 2.5	Cl 3.0	Ar ~0	
K 0.8	Ca 1.0	Ga 1.6	Ge 1.8	As 2.0	Se 2.4	Br 2.8	Kr ~0	

Write or complete the Lewis **octet structure** for each of the following two molecules (a. and b.). Remember to assign charges, if any, to atoms! Do not forget to draw any (vertical) lone electron pairs (use the colon mark, as appropriate)!

a.



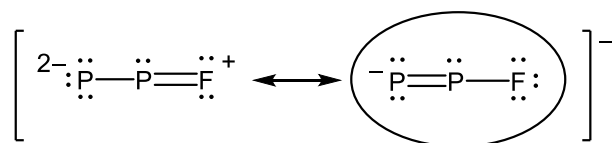
b.



The central P in P_3^- is sp hybridized. What is the geometry of P_3^- ? Place an "x" mark into the box next to your answer.

Linear Bent

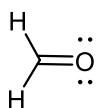
c. The following structure has two **octet** resonance forms. Complete the partial structures below and circle the **better** one.



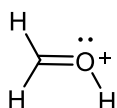
d. Why is resonance in molecules energetically advantageous? Answer in your own words in the box (one sentence suffices). Reminder: Do not copy and paste from anywhere, as my program will immediately flag it.

Spreading out electron density minimizes electron repulsion.

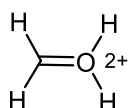
e. In the boxes provided, enter the hybridization at oxygen in the following four species.



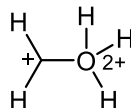
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sp^3

III. [20 Points]

Table 2.2 Relative Acidities of Common Compounds (25°C)

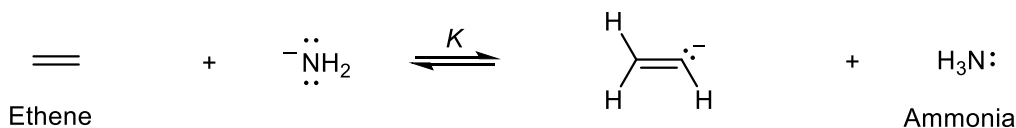
Acid	K_a	pK_a
Hydrogen iodide, HI (strongest acid)	$\sim 1.0 \times 10^{10}$	-10.0
Hydrogen bromide, HBr	$\sim 1.0 \times 10^9$	-9.0
Hydrogen chloride, HCl	$\sim 1.0 \times 10^8$	-8.0
Sulfuric acid, H_2SO_4	$\sim 1.0 \times 10^3$	-3.0 ^a
Hydronium ion, H_3O^+	50	-1.7
Nitric acid, HNO_3	25	-1.4
Methanesulfonic acid, CH_3SO_3H	16	-1.2
Hydrogen fluoride, HF	6.3×10^{-4}	3.2
Acetic acid, CH_3COOH	2.0×10^{-5}	4.7
Hydrogen cyanide, HCN	6.3×10^{-10}	9.2
Ammonium ion, NH_4^+	5.7×10^{-10}	9.3
Methanethiol, CH_3SH	1.0×10^{-10}	10.0
Methanol, CH_3OH	3.2×10^{-16}	15.5
Water, H_2O	2.0×10^{-16}	15.7
Ethyne, $HC\equiv CH$ or $RC\equiv CH$	$\sim 1.0 \times 10^{-25}$	~ 25
Ammonia, NH_3	1.0×10^{-35}	35
Ethene, $H_2C=CH_2$	$\sim 1.0 \times 10^{-44}$	~ 44
Methane, CH_4 (weakest acid)	$\sim 1.0 \times 10^{-50}$	~ 50

Note: $K_a = [H_3O^+][A^-]/[HA]$ mol L⁻¹.

^aFirst dissociation equilibrium

Using the data in the Table above and your chemical intuition, indicate the direction of the equilibria shown below in the respective boxes provided.

a.



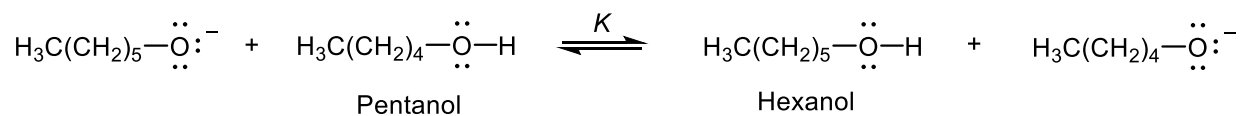
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left

right

$K \approx 1$

b.



Equilibrium lies to the

left

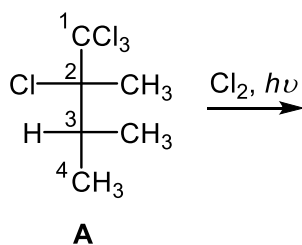
right

 $K \approx 1$ c. BH_3 is a stronger Lewis acid than CH_3OBH_2 . Why? Explain in the box.

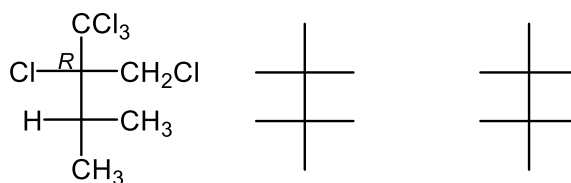
CH_3OBH_2 has an octet structure that features donation of a lone pair to boron.

V. [38 Points]

a. Draw the products of the **monochlorination** of enantiomer **A** in the boxes below. The boxes are organized by location of attack. Add all missing substituents to the Fischer stencils provided (again, no subscripts needed, i.e. CH₃, CCl₃, etc.) **Caution:** In each box, there are more stencils than you will need. You will lose points for writing more products than required.

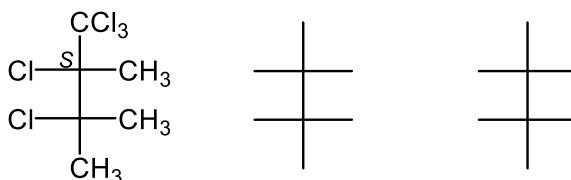


At C₂ methyl

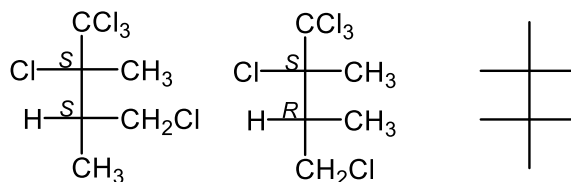


(S)-1,1,1,2-tetrachloro-2,3-dimethylbutane

At C₃



At C₃ methyl



b. Once you have completed part a., add the R or S designation to any stereocenters in your products.

c. How many optically **active** products are generated in the preceding radical chlorination of **A**? Circle your answer.

All of them None of them One Two Three

d. Does the preceding radical chlorination of **A** result in any diastereomeric products? Circle your answer.

Yes No

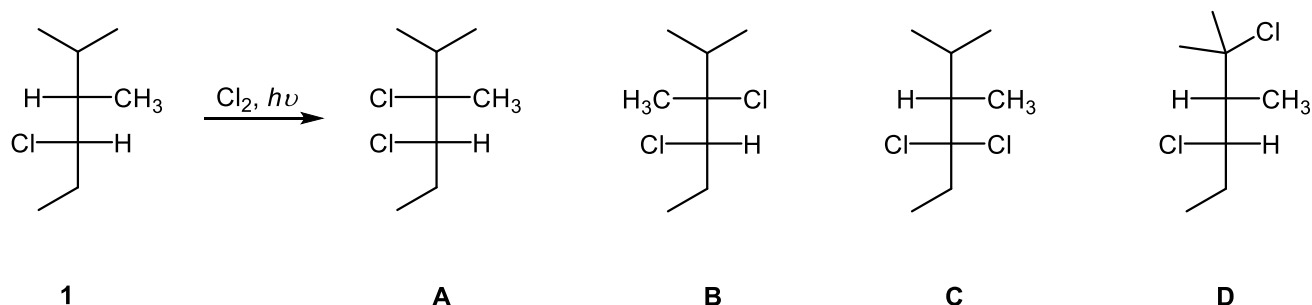
e. If your answer to d. is yes, circle the position of attack (below) that results in such a products.

At C₂ methyl At C₃ At C₃ methyl

VI. [15 Points]

The monochlorination of pure enantiomer **1** gives the dichloro isomers **A–D**.

a. Circle the applicable properties written below each product.



Chiral	Chiral	Chiral	Chiral
Achiral	Achiral	Achiral	Achiral
Optically active	Optically active	Optically active	Optically active

b. The selectivity for the respective hydrogens in this chlorination is tert : sec : prim = 5 : 4 : 1. In the box below, give the expected ratio of all-tertiary to all-secondary to all primary C–H activation products in whole numbers (in other words, no need to normalize the ratio).

Ratio of tert : sec : prim C–H activation products = 15 : 8 : 12

c. Products **A** and **B** are formed in unequal amounts. Why? Explain in one sentence in the box.

The stereocenter next to the intermediate radical renders the two faces of the latter unequal

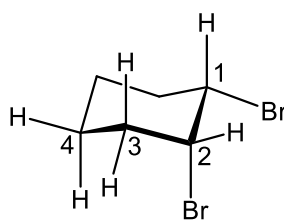
VII. [18 Points]

Table 4-3 Change in Free Energy on Flipping from the Cyclohexane Conformer with the Indicated Substituent Equatorial to the Conformer with the Substituent Axial			
Substituent	ΔG° [kcal mol ⁻¹ (kJ mol ⁻¹)]		
H	0	(0)	Increasing ΔG°
CH ₃	1.70	(7.11)	
CH ₃ CH ₂	1.75	(7.32)	
(CH ₃) ₂ CH	2.20	(9.20)	
(CH ₃) ₃ C	5	(21)	
	1.41	(5.90)	
	1.29	(5.40)	
F	0.25	(1.05)	Increasing ΔG°
Cl	0.52	(2.18)	
Br	0.55	(2.30)	
I	0.46	(1.92)	
HO	0.94	(3.93)	
CH ₃ O	0.75	(3.14)	
H ₂ N	1.4	(5.9)	

Note: In all examples, the more stable conformer is the one in which the substituent is equatorial.

Using the values in the Table above and the cyclohexane stencils provided, show the structures of the **most stable** conformers of **A**, **B**, and **C**, respectively. For each, place an "X" in the box next to the correct energy of the "ring flip" to the other conformer. Make sure to "cap off" all axial and equatorial bonds that are explicitly shown with substituents or H atoms.

A: *cis*-1,2-Dibromocyclohexane

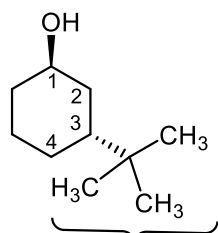


or conformer

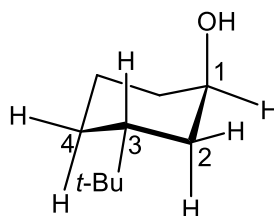
ΔG° ring flip (kcal mol⁻¹)

- 0
 +0.80
 -0.55

B:



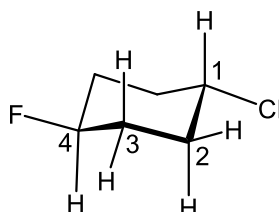
Use t-Bu for this substituent



ΔG° ring flip

- 1.26
 +4.06
 +2.20

C: *trans*-1-Chloro-4-fluorocyclohexane



ΔG° ring flip

- +0.25
 +0.52
 +0.77

VIII. [25 Points]

a. Answer the questions in one sentence in the respective boxes.

1. Why is the C–H bond in ethane weaker than that in methane?

The ethyl radical is stabilized by hyperconjugation

2. Why is twist-boat cyclohexane more stable than the boat form?

It has less eclipsing interactions

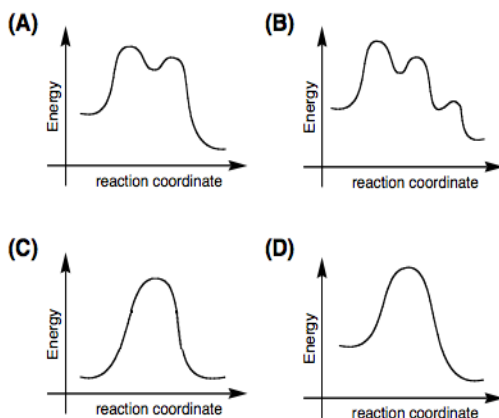
3. Why is the F–F bond so weak, compared to the other X–X bonds?

The two sets of three lone pairs are comparatively close

4. Why are radical fluorinations unselective?

The abstraction of H by F^\bullet features an early transition state with little radical character on carbon

b. Which one of the following potential-energy diagrams describes the 120° rotation of ethane? Circle the correct answer: (A) (B) (C) (D)



IX. [47 Points]

Table 3.1 Bond-Dissociation Energies of Various A–B Bonds in the Gas Phase [DH° in kcal mol⁻¹ (kJ mol⁻¹)]

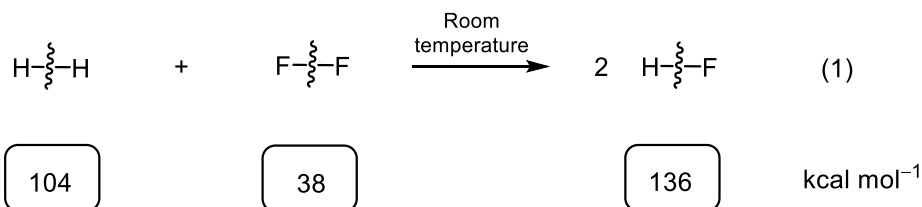
A in A–B	B in A–B						
	–H	–F	–Cl	–Br	–I	–OH	–NH ₂
H—	104 (435)	136 (569)	103 (431)	87 (364)	71 (297)	119 (498)	108 (452)
CH ₃ —	105 (439)	110 (460)	85 (356)	70 (293)	57 (238)	93 (389)	84 (352)
CH ₃ CH ₂ —	101 (423)	111 (464)	84 (352)	70 (293)	56 (234)	94 (393)	85 (356)
CH ₃ CH ₂ CH ₂ —	101 (423)	110 (460)	85 (356)	70 (293)	56 (234)	92 (385)	84 (352)
(CH ₃) ₂ CH—	98.5 (412)	111 (464)	84 (352)	71 (297)	56 (234)	96 (402)	86 (360)
(CH ₃) ₃ C—	96.5 (404)	110 (460)	85 (356)	71 (297)	55 (230)	96 (402)	85 (356)

Note: (a) $DH^\circ = \Delta H^\circ$ for the process A–B → A· + ·B. (b) These numbers are being revised continually because of improved methods for their measurement. (c) The trends observed for A–H bonds are significantly altered for polar A–B bonds because of dipolar contributions to DH° .

Table 3.4 DH° Values for the Elemental Halogens

Halogen	DH° [kcal mol ⁻¹ (kJ mol ⁻¹)]
F ₂	38 (159)
Cl ₂	58 (243)
Br ₂	46 (192)
I ₂	36 (151)

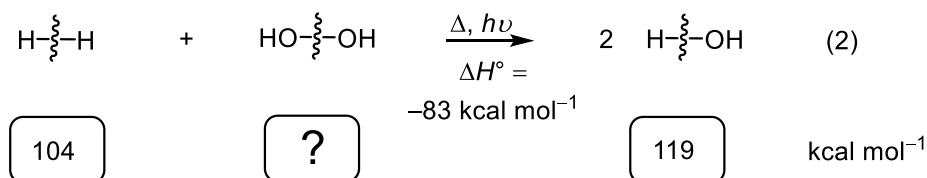
a. Hydrogen, H₂, reacts with fluorine explosively to generate HF [equation (1)]. Give the bond dissociation energies (kcal mol⁻¹) in the three boxes provided, using the relevant data in the Tables above.



b. Calculate the ΔH° value (kcal mol⁻¹) for reaction (1). Show your work.

$$\Delta H^\circ (1) : 104 + 38 - (2 \times 136) = -130 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

c. Compare equation (1) with that for the reaction of hydrogen peroxide with hydrogen to give water, equation (2). The ΔH° for this process is measured to be $-83 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$.



Fill in the first and last box above with the relevant data, and calculate the strength of the HO–OH bond (kcal mol^{-1}) in the following box. Show your work.

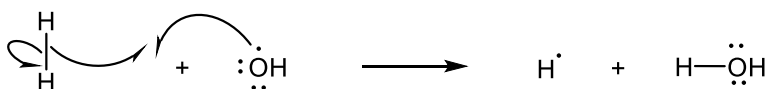
$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{HO}-\overset{\cdot\cdot}{\underset{\cdot\cdot}{\text{O}}}-\text{OH} \quad 104 + a - (2 \times 119) = -83 \\
 a = +51 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}
 \end{array}$$

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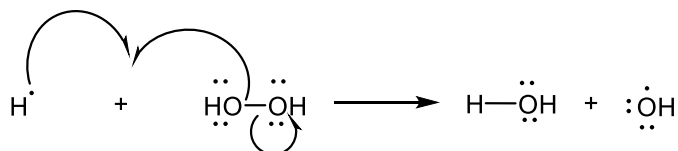
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d. Formulate the two propagation steps for reaction (2). Show electron-pushing fishhook arrows.

Propagation step 1



Propagation step 2



e. Calculate the respective ΔH° values (kcal mol^{-1}) for the two propagation steps. Show your work.

Propagation step 1

$$\Delta H^\circ = 119 - 104 = -15 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$$

Propagation step 2

$$\Delta H^\circ = 51 - 119 = -68 \text{ kcal mol}^{-1}$$

f. Which of the two reactions (1) and (2) would be the faster one and why? Answer in one sentence.

Reaction (1) is likely faster because the rate-determining step forms the relatively strong H-F bond, compared to H-OH in (2).



♪ The End ♪

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