CHEMISTRY 2323: Fundamentals of Organic Chemistry I

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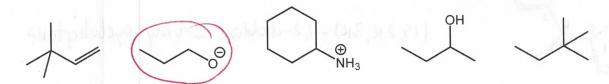
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Read all directions very carefully. Write your answer legibly in the designated spaces and think carefully about what you are doing. The total number of points is 300. This exam is supposed to have six pages, with the last page intentionally left blank.

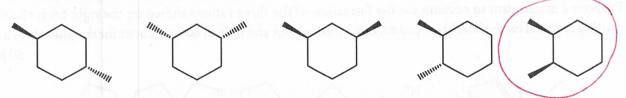


1. This question has several parts. In each part, **circle only one entry**. Circle the most nucleophilic compound:

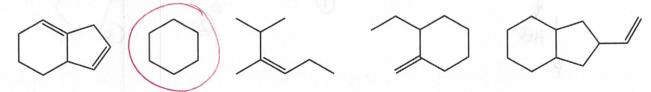
 $5 \times 8 = 40$ points



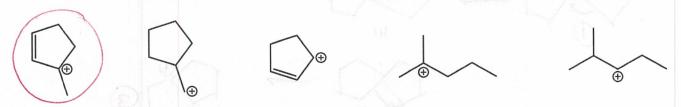
Circle the least stable isomer of dimethylcyclohexane:



Circle the only compound which does not react with HBr:



Circle the most stable catiom (think about hyperconjugation and resonance):



The degree of unsaturation of atorvastation (Lipitor), which has molecular formula C₃₃H₃₅FN₂O₅, is:

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DO NOT WRITE IN BIS PACE

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2. For each of the following structures, write their <u>complete systematic IUPAC name</u>. Be sure to indicate stereochemistry where this is pertinent. $3\times10 = 30$ points

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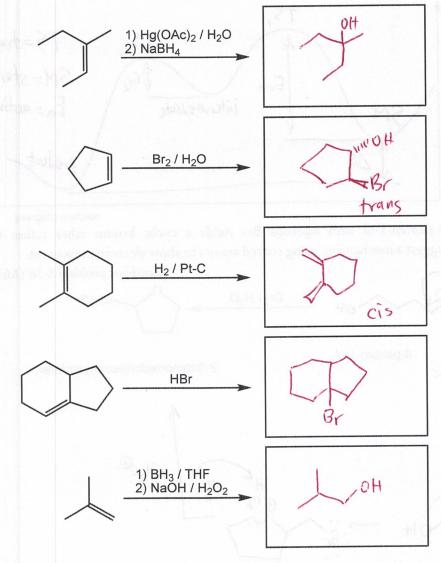
3. Propose a mechanism to account for the formation of the three cations shown on the right from the alkene starting material on the left. More products are formed, but you only need to account for the ones shown here.

50 points

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4. For each of the reactions or series of reactions below, draw the structure of the missing major organic product(s) in the box(es) provided. Make sure to include all the pertinent information about stereochemistry and charges. $5\times12 = 60$ points



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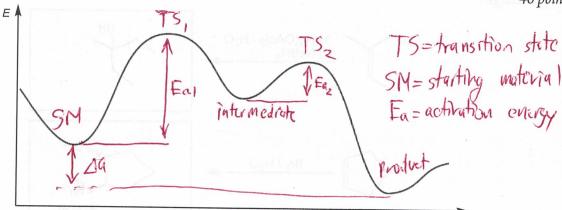
5. Shown below is the chemical structure of <u>cocaine</u>—a central nervous system stimulant and a common illegal drug. Circle all the stereocenters in cocaine.

20 points

BONUS: Pick any two stereocenters in cocaine and determine whether they have (R) or (S) configuration. Be clear on which stereocenters you are referring to.



6. On the energy diagram shown below, clearly label (a) the activation energies for both steps, (b) the positions of the starting material, intermediate(s), transition states(s), and the product, and (c) the overall ΔG of the reaction.



reaction progress

7. Treatment of 4-penten-1-ol with aqueous Br₂ yields a cyclic bromo ether rather than the expected bromohydrin. Suggest a mechanism, using curved arrows to show electron movement.

40 points

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8. Draw the two chair conformations of menthol, and tell which is more stable.

20 points

Textbook problem 4-45 (McMurry, 10th edition)

| hydrogen 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | helium 2 |
|------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Ĥ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | He |
| 1.0079 Ithium | beryllium | | | | | | | | | | | Γ | boron 5 | carbon 6 | nitrogen 7 | oxygen 8 | fluorine 9 | 4.0026 neon 10 |
| Li | Be | | | | | | | | | | | | В | C | N | 0 | F | Ne |
| 6.941 | 9.0122 | | | | | | | | | | | | 10.811 | 12.011 | 14,007 | 15,999 | 18,998 | 20.180 |
| sodium | magnesium | | | | | | | | | | | | aluminium 13 | silicon 14 | phosphorus 15 | sultur 16 | chlorine 17 | argon 18 |
| Na | Mg | | | | | | | | | | | | AI | Si | P | S | CI | Ar |
| 22.990 | 24.305 | | | 72 | | | | | | | | | 26.982 | 28.086 | 30.974 | 32.065 | 35,453 | 39,948 |
| potassium 19 | calcium 20 | | scandium 21 | titanium 22 | vanadum 23 | chromium 24 | manganese 25 | 26 | cobalt 27 | nickel 28 | copper 29 | zine 30 | gallium 31 | germanium 32 | arsenic 33 | selenium 34 | bromine 35 | krypton 36 |
| K | Ca | | Sc | Ti | V | Cr | Mn | Fe | Co | Ni | Cu | Zn | Ga | Ge | As | Se | Br | Kr |
| 39.098 | 40.078 | | 44,956 | 47.867 | 60.942 nlobium | 51,996 molybdenum | 54,938 technetium | 55,845 ruthenium | 58,933 rhodium | 58,693 palladium | 63.546 sliver | 65,39 cadmlum | 69.723 indium | 72.61 tin | 74,922 antimony | 78.96 tellurium | 79,904 lodine | 83.80 xenon |
| rubidium 37 | strontium 38 | | yttrium 39 | zireonium 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 |
| Rb | Sr | | Y | Zr | Nb | Мо | Tc | Ru | Rh | Pd | Ag | Cd | In | Sn | Sb | Te | 1 | Xe |
| 85.468 | 87.62 | | 88,906 | 91.224 | 92.906 | 95.94 | [98] | 101.07 | 102.91 irldium | 106.42 platinum | 107,87 gold | 112.41 mercury | thallium | 118.71 lead | 121.76 bismuth | 127.60 polonium | 126,90 astatine | 131.29 radon |
| caesium 55 | barium 56 | 57-70 | lutetium 71 | hafnium 72 | tantalum 73 | tungsten 74 | 75 | osmium 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 |
| Cs | Ba | * | Lu | Hf | Ta | W | Re | Os | Ir | Pt | Au | Hg | TI | Pb | Bi | Po | At | Rn |
| 132,91 | 137,33 | - Victoria | 174.97 | 178.49 | 180.95 dubnium | 183.84 seaborgium | 186.21 bohrium | 190.23 hassium | 192,22 meitnerium | 195.08 ununnilium | 196,97 unununium | 200.59 ununbium | 204.38 | 207.2 ununguadium | 208.98 | [209] | [210] | [222] |
| francium 87 | radium 88 | 89-102 | lawrencium 103 | rutherfordium 104 | 105 | 106 | 107 | 108 | 109 | 110 | 111 | 112 | | 114 | | | | |
| Fr | Ra | * * | Lr | Rf | Db | Sg | Bh | Hs | Mt | Uun | Uuu | Uub | | Uuq | | | | |
| [223] | [226] | | [262] | [261] | [262] | [266] | [264] | [269] | [268] | [271] | [272] | [277] | | [289] | | | | |

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