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## Part I. Multiple Choice. Choose the one best answer, and mark the answer on the answer form that you provided. (4 points each)

1. Consider the following reaction:

$$(CH_3)_3CBr + I^- \rightarrow (CH_3)_3CI + Br^-$$

If no other changes are made, what is the effect of doubling the concentration of iodide ion on the rate of the reaction?



no change

- doubles the rate
- c) triples the rate
- d) quadruples the rate
- e) halves the rate
- 2. Which of the following alkyl halides would be expected to react the fastest under S<sub>N</sub>2 conditions?
  - a) 1-bromo-2-methylbutane
  - b) 2-bromo-2-methylbutane
    - 2-bromo-3-methylbutane



1-bromo-3-methylbutane

- e) 2-bromo-2,3-dimethylbutane
- 3. Which of the following is the best nucleophile in an S<sub>N</sub>2 reaction?



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c) H<sub>2</sub>O d) OH

e) NH<sub>3</sub>

4. Which of the following correctly identifies the characteristics of an S<sub>N</sub>2 reaction?

	Number of steps	stereochemistry
a)	1	racemization
(*b))	1	inversion
c)	1	retention
d)	2	racemization
e)	2	retention

- 5. Which of the substances below will react the fastest when treated with NaCN and DMSO?
  - a) CH<sub>3</sub>--F
  - b) CH<sub>3</sub>-Cl
  - c) CH<sub>3</sub>-Br
  - d) CH<sub>3</sub>--I
  - (\*e) CH<sub>3</sub>-OTos

6. Consider the reaction of 1-iodobutane with the cyanide ion:

What would happen to the rate of the reaction if the concentration of <u>both</u> the cyanide ion and the 1-iodobutane are doubled?

- a) no change
- b) rate doubles
- c) rate triples
- (d) rate quadruples
- rate is halved
- 7. When (S)-1-bromo-1-phenylethane undergoes a substitution reaction with methanethiol (CH<sub>3</sub>SH), the product is the compound shown.

What is/are the configuration(s) of the product obtained from this reaction?

- (a) A mixture of (R) and (S), with slightly more (R) than (S).
- b) A mixture of (R) and (S), with slightly more (S) than (R).
- c) (R) only
- d) (S) only
- 8. Which term below best describes the mechanism of the following reaction?

- (\*a) S<sub>N</sub>1
- c) E1
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- d) E2
- e) Free Radical Halogenation
- 9. Which alkyl halide is expected to react the fastest under  $S_N1$  conditions?
  - (CH<sub>3</sub>)₃CI
  - b) (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CBr
  - c) (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CCl
  - d) (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CF
  - e) They would all react at the same rate.
- 10. What is the best description of the mechanism of the reaction below?

- a) free radical halogenation
- b)  $S_N 1$
- c)  $S_N 2$
- d) E1
- (\*é)) E2

## Test 4 Answer Key (Spring 2005)

Part II. Reactions. Draw the reactant, product, or reagents as indicated. Clearly indicate the regiochemistry and stereochemistry when appropriate. (Each response is worth 4 points, for a total of 32 points.)

For questions 2-4, show the reagents needed in order to accomplish the transformation shown.

5. Draw all possible products for the following reaction:

## PartiIII. Short Answer and Mechanisms. (4 points each)

1. Give the IUPAC name of the following structure:

2. Draw the complete mechanism for the reaction below:

3. Ethers can often be prepared by the  $S_N2$  reaction of alkoxide ions,  $RO^-$ , with alkyl halides. Suppose you wanted to prepare methyl t-butyl ether, shown below:

Draw the structure of the alkyl halide and the alkoxide ion that could be used to prepare this ether.

4. Draw the complete mechanism for the following reaction using the curved arrow formalism. (Assume only one equivalent of base reacts.)

$$(2R,3R)\text{-}2,3\text{-}dibromobutane} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{KOH} \\ \hline \text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH} \end{array}$$

Part IV. Synthesis. Show how the following syntheses could be performed. More than one step may be required. Show all reagents and all intermediate compounds in your synthetic scheme. (4 points each)