Concordia University CHEM 221 Dr. C. Rogers, Section 02 Fall 2003

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## ORGANIC CHEMISTRY I -- W2005 section02 Sample MIDTERM TEST (questions mostly from F2003 MT#1&2) It's a bit too long! (1 page less is likely

INSTRUCTIONS: This test paper includes 7 pages, 12 questions and a periodic table; check that your paper is complete. Answer all questions inside the boxes provided (except questions 11b & 12); information written elsewhere will not be marked. Model kits are allowed. GOOD LUCK!

#1. (2 Marks) What is the expected hybridization for each of the indicated atoms in this molecule?





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# 7. (6 Marks) There are many constitutional (structural) isomers with the molecular formula C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O<sub>2</sub>.

a) In each box, draw one isomer that meets the criteria listed in that box (there are a number of correct possibilities). All atoms should be closed shell (full valence) and uncharged. fe: no formal charges at all



b) Based on the structures of the molecules, you should be able to confidently predict one of these isomers as being either the most or the least soluble in water. Choose which one you are going to identify, then explain your reasoning.





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c) (2 Marks) Considering these resonance contributors, how do you think the molecule "really" looks? In the box on the left, the connectivity in molecule "X" is indicated by dotted lines. Your task is to represent the 3-dimensional (3-D) representation of structure of "X" by writing over the dotted-lines: use lines, dashes and wedges to indicate spatial orientation with respect to the page. Describe this 3-D structure by filling in the blanks in the other box (you can number the atoms in the structure for clarity).



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# 12. (\_\_/8 Marks) You are asked to prepare 2-bromo-2-methylpropane, starting with an alkane precursor.

a) What reagents and reaction conditions (e.g., hot/cold, light/dark, relative amounts of reagents; we'll learn about solvents later) would you choose? Write a reaction equation that describes your choices.

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b) Would a significant amount of undesired products also form? Explain, and identify any undesired products you are talking about and how they would form.

In 2-methylpropane contains 1 3° H and 9 1° H's. Bromine radicals are highly selective for 3° H atoms, so they will preferentially abstract the 3° H to form the desired product. However, because there are 9 1° H's, statistically speaking it is still probable that a <u>small</u> amount of 1-bromo -2-methylpropare will form. However, it is <u>much</u> more difficult to abstract a 1° H because of the inherent instability of 1° radicals, and Brobard Brobard is beyond course scope... not reactive enough to do it frequently.

instead? Explain.

Cl radicals are much more unstable (reactive) than Br radicals, because of their smaller size. Thus, they are less selective for highly substituted abstraction sites, and a product ratio closer to that predicted statistically occurs. For this reason, a much larger amount of 1-chloro-2-methylpropane would form. In fact, given the 9:1 rotio of 1°: 3° H's in the molecule, the 1° chloride product would probably even be the major product. ← this could be predicted fairly accurately using the relative reactivity values for Br. vs Cl. towards 1°, 2°, 3° H's, but you are not responsible for memorizing those numbers! (See section 9.3 if interested) THE END. (Be Section 9.3 if interested)

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