

Chem 30A Fall 2005

QUIZ #3 (15 Min)

Weds Dec 7th

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I can't believe it! Reading and writing actually paid off! - Homer Simpson Q1: Answer the questions below by circling either True or False (2 points each) -

a. The rate of an S_N 1 reaction is independent of the strength of the nucleophile.

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False

True

- **b**. Formic acid (HCO₂H) is a polar protic solvent
- c. E2 and S_N 2 reactions share a common carbocation intermediate
- d. Doubling both the concentration of the nucleophile and the electrophile in an S_N1 reaction doubles the rate of the reaction.
- e. The methyl thiolate anion (MeS⁻) is less nucleophilic than methane-thiol (MeSH).
- f. The Cope elimination requires an antiperiplanar relationship between the leaving group and the beta-H atom.
- g. Skeletal rearrangements are never observed in elimination reactions.
- h. *tert*-Butyl bromide undergoes S_N1 solvolysis in water more rapidly than it does in aqueous methanol.
- i. (*S*)-2-Bromopentane reacts with potassium cyanide (KCN) in acetone to give (*R*)-2-cyano-pentane as the major product.
- j. *tert*-Butyl chloride undergoes S_N1 solvolysis in water more rapidly than *tert*-butyl iodide.
- **k**. 2-Bromobutane reacts with sodium ethoxide in ethanol to give 1-butene as **True** the major product.
- **1**. The Hofmann elimination observed with some quaternary trimethylammonium salts $(R-N(CH_3)_3)^+$ proceeds with syn stereospecificity.
- **m**. S_N1 reactions are often favored over E1 reactions at higher reaction temperatures.
- **n**. Methyl iodide undergoes E2 reactions when treated with very strong bases.
- **o.** S_N1 reactions of secondary benzylic bromides with methanol (MeOH) proceed slower in water than in acetone.

BONUS QUESTION

Draw the major product of the E2 elimination reaction shown below (5 points) -



Q2: A little history quiz... in which century did the following famous people die? For each name, circle one answer (Note: the 20th century ran from Jan 1st 1901 until Dec 31st 2000, and the 19th from Jan 1st 1801 until Dec 31st 1900, etc...). 3 points each.



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a. The rate of an S_N^2 reaction is independent of the strength of the nucleophile.

True

False

- **b**. Formic acid (HCO₂H) is a polar aprotic solvent
- c. E1 and S_N1 reactions share a common carbocation intermediate
- d. Doubling both the concentration of the nucleophile and the electrophile in an $S_N 2$ reaction doubles the rate of the reaction.
- e. The methyl thiolate anion (MeS⁻) is more nucleophilic than methane-thiol (MeSH).
- f. The Cope elimination requires a syn-periplanar relationship between the leaving group and the beta-H atom.
- g. Skeletal rearrangements are sometimes observed in elimination reactions.
- **h.** *tert*-Butyl bromide undergoes S_N1 solvolysis in aqueous methanol more rapidly than it does in water.
- i. (*S*)-2-Bromopentane reacts with potassium cyanide (KCN) in acetone to give (*S*)-2-cyano-pentane as the major product.
- j. *tert*-Butyl iodide undergoes S_N1 solvolysis in water more rapidly than *tert*-butyl chloride.
- **k**. 2-Bromobutane reacts with sodium ethoxide in ethanol to give 2-butene as the major product.
- 1. The Hofmann elimination observed with some quaternary trimethylammonium salts $(R-N(CH_3)_3)^+$ proceeds with anti stereospecificity.
- **m**. E1 reactions are often favored over $S_N 1$ reactions at higher reaction temperatures.
- **n**. Methyl iodide doesn't undergo E2 reactions when treated with strong bases.
- o. S_N1 reactions of secondary benzylic bromides with methanol (MeOH) proceed slower in acetone than in water.

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