1. What would be the major product of the following reaction?

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2. Which of the following would you expect to react fastest with the nucleophile I⁻ (iodide)?

- A) CH₃CH₂CH₂Br
- B) CH₃CH₂CH₂Cl
- C) (CH₃)₂CHCH₂Br
- D) (CH₃)₂CHCH₂Cl
- E) (CH₃)₃CCH₂Br

3. Which of the following haloalkanes would not undergo the reaction below?

 $R-X + CH_3S^- \longrightarrow CH_5SR + X^-$

- A) (CH₃)₂CHI
- B) CH₃Cl
- C) (CH₃)₃CBr
- D) CH₃CH₂Br
- E) CH₃CH₂CH₂I

4. Predict the major product of the following reaction:



5. What is the major product of the following two-step reaction?



6. What reactants are required to achieve the following transformation?



7. To which side (if any) would the following equilibrium lie?

 $CH_3CH_2S^-K^+ + HOH \longrightarrow CH_3CH_2SH + KOH$

A) to the left

- B) to the right
- C) equally to the right and left
- D) there is no way to tell
- E) only $S_N 2$, $S_N 1$ and E2 reactions are possible

8. Which of the following is **not** normally a good leaving group on carbon?

- A) Br
- B) OCH₃
- C) Cl
- D) OSO₂R
- E) I

- 9. Several alkyl halides, including iodomethane, are known carcinogens or cancer-suspect materials. To destroy these materials by conversion to non-electrophilic species, you can react them with nucleophiles. Which of the following would be the best for rapidly destroying methyl iodide (iodomethane)?
- A) CH₃OH
- B) NH₃
- C) H₂O
- D) NaI
- E) CH₃CO₂H
- 10. Predict the major product of the following reaction:



11. Which of the following reagents would best accomplish a typical S_N2 reaction?

- A) CH₃OH
- B) H₂O
- C) HCN
- D) KCN
- E) KO^tBu

12. Which of the following is the best leaving group?



13. If the reaction rate of the following reaction is x, doubling the concentration of KCN would give what rate?



- A) 2x
- B) x/2
- C) x^2
- D) x²/2
- E) No change in reaction rate
- 14. What is the correct stereochemistry of the product of the following reaction:



E) 3*R*,4*R*

15. $S_N 2$ substitution at secondary halides and sulfonates is often complicated by competing E2 elimination. Which of the nucleophiles below would you choose to obtain the highest yield in an $S_N 2$ reaction with menthyl bromide?



- A) CH₃ONa
- B) CH₃CO₂Na
- C) (CH₃)₃N
- D) (CH₃)₃COK
- E) C₆H₅SNa
- 16. How would you name the following compound?



- A) (S)-2-iodo-2-methylethanoic acid
- B) (R)-2-iodo-2-methylethanoic acid
- C) (S)-2-iodopropanoic acid
- D) (R)-2-iodopropanoic acid
- E) None of these.
- 17. The Walden Inversion (inversion of configuration) is associated with which of the following?
- A) E1 reaction
- B) free-radical halogenation
- C) S_N1 reaction
- D) S_N2 reaction
- E) none of these

18. What would be the proper name of the following?



- A) (1R,2R)-trans-1,2-cyclohexanediol
- B) (1*R*,2*S*)-trans-1,2-cyclohexanediol
- C) (1S,2R)-trans-1,2-cyclohexanediol
- D) (1*S*,2*S*)-trans-1,2-cyclohexanediol
- E) (1S,2R)-cis-1,2-cyclohexanediol
- 19. Which of the haloalkanes shown below would react most rapidly with cyanide ion?



- A) A
- B) B
- C) C
- D) D
- E) E
- 20. Which of the following can be used to synthesize (*R*)-2-cyanopentane from (*R*)-2-bromopentane?
- A) NaBr
- B) NaCN
- C) NaI followed by KCN
- D) NaCN followed by HI
- E) This reaction cannot occur

21. An unknown compound has been isolated in pure form and found to exhibit $[\alpha]_D = +15^\circ$ (c = 4, CH₂Cl₂). Which of the following **might** be the structure of the compound?



22. Sharpless epoxidation of geraniol gave two products, epoxide I (85%) and epoxide II (15%). This mixture of epoxides represents what percent optical purity (or percent enantiomeric excess, % ee)?



- A) 0%
- B) 15%
- C) 70%
- D) 85%
- E) 100%



23. Which of the following molecules represents a meso compound?

- 24. Optically pure (*S*)-monosodium glutamate has a specific rotation of $+ 24^{\circ}$. What specific rotation would (*R*)-monosodium glutamate of 50% optical purity have?
- A) + 24°
- B) 24°
- C) 18°
- D) 12°
- E) + 18°



25. Which of the following molecules is **not** chiral?

26. How many total stereoisomers of the following are possible?



27. The structure of (-)-geosmin is shown below. Which structure would be that of its enantiomer, (+)-geosmin?



28. Which of the amines below **might** be appropriate for the resolution of racemic Ibuprofen?



- 29. What technique(s) can be used to obtain non-racemic compounds from racemic material?
- A) Resolution
- B) Distillation
- C) Extraction
- D) Column chromatography
- E) Both B and C

- 30. Which of the following is NOT TRUE for a meso compound:
- A) It is achiral
- B) It will rotate plane polarized light
- C) It may be cyclic or acyclic
- D) It is a stereoisomer
- E) It has a mirror plane
- 31. How many stereogenic (chiral) centers are found in Rhizoxin?



- A) 5
- B) 7
- C) 9
- D) 11
- E) 14
- 32. The best (most reliable) test for the presence of chirality in a molecule is
- A) carbon attached to four different groups
- B) existance of a mirror image
- C) non-superimposability on mirror image
- D) two or more isomers possible
- E) observation of optical rotation in a sample
- 33. Which of the following statements is **not** true?
- A) Enantiomers have identical properties except in chiral environments or with plane-polarized light.
- B) Reactions involving only achiral or racemic materials must produce achiral or racemic products.
- C) Diastereomers have identical properties in all environments.
- D) Enantiomers exhibit equal and opposite optical rotations.
- E) All of the above are true.

34. The following molecule has how many possible stereoisomers?



- E) 32
- 35. The relationship between the following two compounds is:



- A) same molecule
- B) enantiomers
- C) diastereomers
- D) mesos
- E) conformers

36. A particular reaction produces the following two alcohols in a ratio of 95 : 5.



The enantiomeric excess (% ee) is:

- A) 100
- B) 95
- C) 90
- D) 85
- E) none of these

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1. C

- 2. A
- 3. C
- 4. B
- 5. C
- 6. E
- 7. A
- 8. B
- 9. B
- 10. E
- 11. D
- 12. A 13. A
- 13. A 14. C
- 15. E
- 16. D
- 17. D
- 18. A
- 19. B
- 20. C
- 21. A
- 22. C
- 23. C
- 24. D 25. D
- 23. D 26. A
- 20. IX 27. C
- 28. E
- 29. A
- 30. B
- 31. D
- 32. C
- 33. C
- 34. E
- 35. C
- 36. C