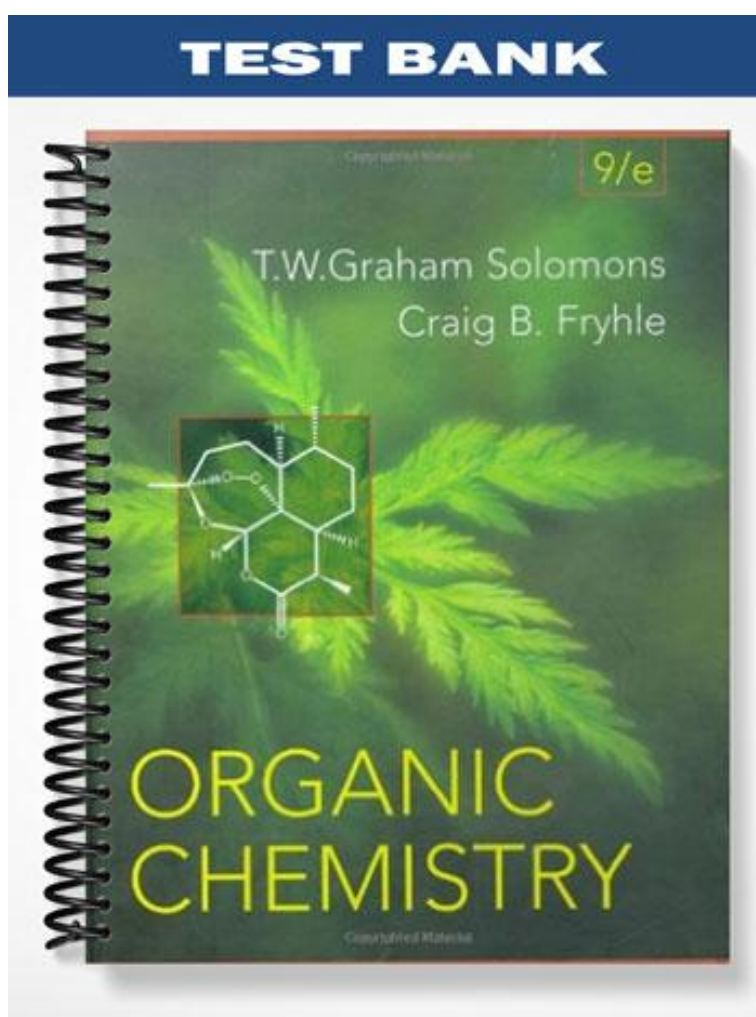


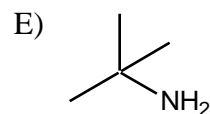
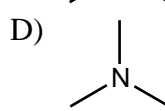
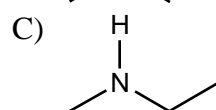
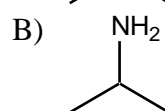
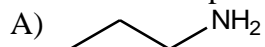
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MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

Topic: Intermolecular forces

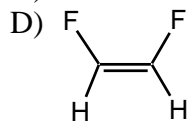
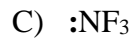
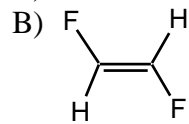
1. Which compound would you expect to have the lowest boiling point?



Ans: D

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Topic: Molecular geometry, dipole moment

2. Which molecule would you expect to have no dipole moment (i.e., $\mu = 0$ D)?

Ans: B

Topic: Intermolecular forces

3. Which of these compounds would have the highest boiling point?
- A) $\text{CH}_3\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$
 B) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$
 C) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$
 D) $\text{CH}_3\text{OCH}_2\underset{\text{CH}_3}{\text{CHOCH}_3}$
 E) $\text{HOCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$
 Ans: E

Topic: Intermolecular forces

4. Which of these would you expect to have the lowest boiling point?
- A) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$
 B) $\text{CH}_3\underset{\text{OH}}{\text{CH}}\text{CH}_3$
 C) $\text{CH}_3\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$
 D) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$
 E) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$
 Ans: C

Topic: Intermolecular forces

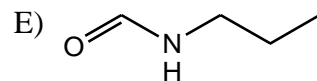
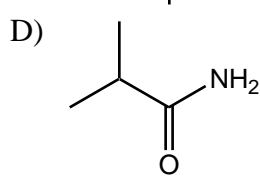
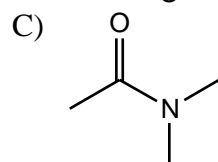
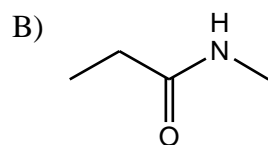
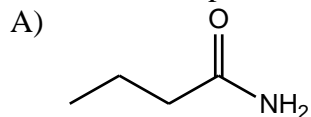
5. Which compound would have the highest boiling point?
- A) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$
 B) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$
 C) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$
 D) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}(\text{CH}_3)_2$
 E) $\text{CH}_3\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$
 Ans: C

Topic: Intermolecular forces

6. Which of the following is not found in the following substance?
 $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$
- A) Ion-ion
 B) van der Waals
 C) Dipole-dipole
 D) Resonance
 E) Hydrogen bonding
 Ans: D

Topic: Intermolecular forces

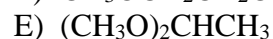
7. Which compound would you expect to have the lowest boiling point?



Ans: C

Topic: Intermolecular forces

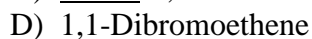
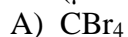
8. Which compound would you expect to have the highest boiling point?



Ans: C

Topic: Molecular geometry, dipole moment

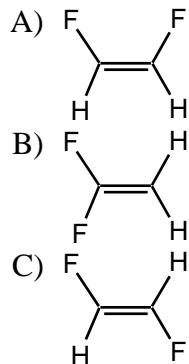
9. Which of the following would have no net dipole moment

 $(\mu = 0 \text{ D})?$ 

Ans: E

Topic: Molecular geometry, dipole moment

10. Which molecule has dipole moment greater than zero?



D) More than one of these

E) None of these

Ans: D

Topic: Intermolecular forces

11. The strongest of attractive forces is which type?

A) van der Waals

B) Ion-dipole

C) Dipole-dipole

D) Cation-anion

E) Hydrogen bonds

Ans: D

Topic: Intermolecular forces

12. Of the following compounds, the one with the highest boiling point is:

A) CH_3CH_3

B) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}$

C) $\text{CH}_3\text{C}=\text{O}$

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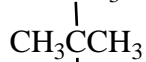
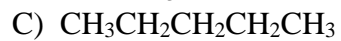
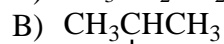
D) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$

E) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$

Ans: D

Topic: Intermolecular forces

13. This alkane is predicted to have the highest melting point of those shown:



Ans: E

Topic: Intermolecular forces

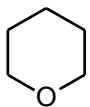
14. The solid alkane $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{18}\text{CH}_3$ is expected to exhibit the greatest solubility in which of the following solvents?



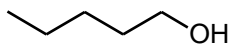
Ans: A

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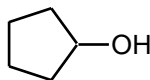
15. Which compound would have the lowest boiling point?



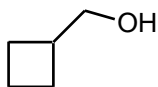
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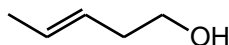
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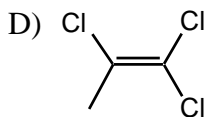
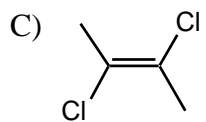
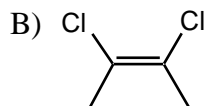
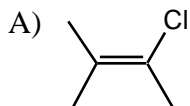
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- A) I
- B) II
- C) III
- D) IV
- E) V

Ans: A

Topic: Molecular geometry, Polarity

16. Which molecule(s) has dipole moment equal to zero?



- E) None of these have dipole moment equal to zero

Ans: C

Topic: Molecular geometry, polarity

17. Which molecule has a zero dipole moment?

- A) SO_2
- B) CO_2
- C) CO
- D) CHCl_3
- E) None of these

Ans: B

Topic: Molecular geometry, polarity

18. Which molecule has a zero dipole moment?

- A) CH_3Cl
- B) CH_2Cl_2
- C) CHCl_3
- D) CCl_4
- E) None of these

Ans: D

Topic: Molecular geometry, polarity

19. Which molecule would have a dipole moment greater than zero?

- A) BeCl_2
- B) BCl_3
- C) CO_2
- D) H_2O
- E) CCl_4

Ans: D

Topic: Molecular geometry, polarity

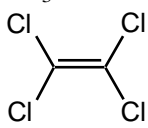
20. For a molecule to possess a dipole moment, the following condition is necessary but not sufficient.

- A) Three or more atoms in the molecule
- B) Presence of one or more polar bonds
- C) A non-linear structure
- D) Presence of oxygen or fluorine
- E) Absence of a carbon-carbon double or triple bond

Ans: B

Topic: Molecular geometry, polarity

21. A non-zero dipole moment is exhibited by:

- A) SO_2
- B) CO_2
- C) CCl_4
- D) BF_3
- E) 

Ans: A

Topic: Intermolecular forces

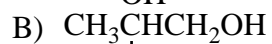
22. Which of these is the weakest of the intermolecular attractive forces?

- A) Ion-ion
- B) van der Waals
- C) Dipole-dipole
- D) Covalent bonding
- E) Hydrogen bonding

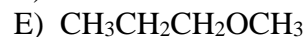
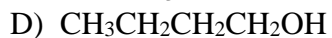
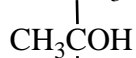
Ans: B

Topic: Functional groups

23. Which compound listed below is a secondary alcohol?



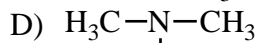
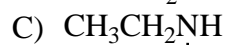
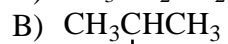
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Ans: A

Topic: Functional groups

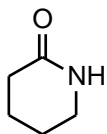
24. Which compound is a secondary amine?



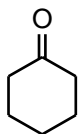
Ans: C

Topic: Functional groups

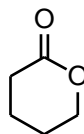
25. Which compound is an aldehyde?



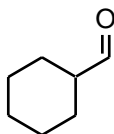
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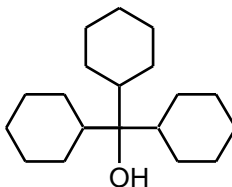
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A) I

B) II

C) III

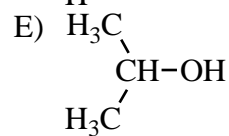
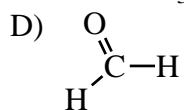
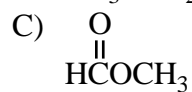
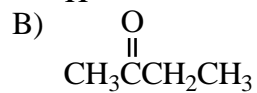
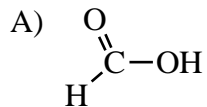
D) IV

E) V

Ans: D

Topic: Functional groups

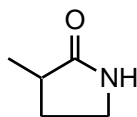
26. Which compound is a ketone?



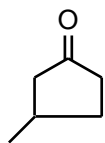
Ans: B

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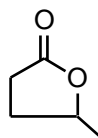
27. Which compound is an ester?



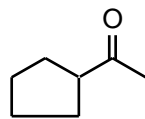
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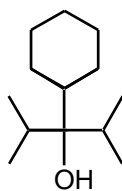
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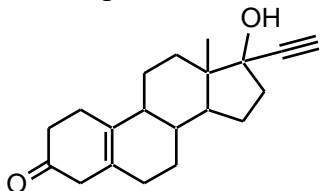
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- A) I
 B) II
 C) III
 D) IV
 E) V

Ans: C

Topic: Functional groups

28. The compound shown below is a synthetic estrogen. It is marketed as an oral contraceptive under the name Enovid.



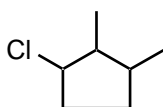
In addition to an alkane (actually cycloalkane) skeleton, the Enovid molecule also contains the following functional groups:

- A) Ether, alcohol, alkyne.
 B) Aldehyde, alkene, alkyne, alcohol.
 C) Alcohol, carboxylic acid, alkene, alkyne.
 D) Ketone, alkene, alcohol, alkyne.
 E) Amine, alkene, ether, alkyne.

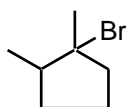
Ans: D

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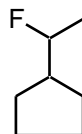
29. Which is a 3° alkyl halide?



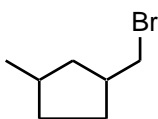
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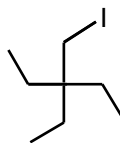
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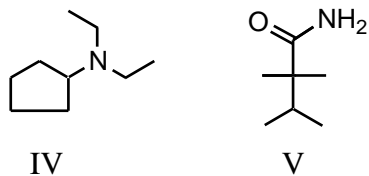
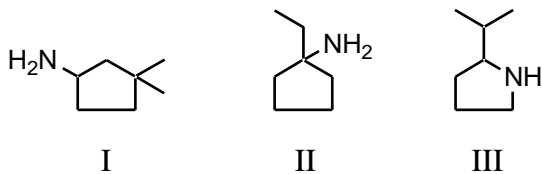
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- A) I
 B) II
 C) III
 D) IV
 E) V

Ans: B

Topic: Functional groups

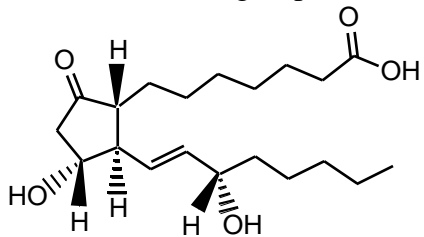
30. Which is a 3° amine?



- A) I
B) II
C) III
D) IV
E) V

Ans: D

Topic: Functional groups

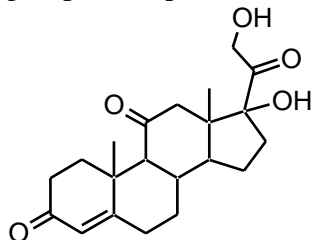
31. Which functional group is not contained in prostaglandin E₁?Prostaglandin E₁

- A) Ketone
B) 2° alcohol
C) 3° alcohol
D) Carboxylic acid
E) Alkene

Ans: C

Topic: Functional groups

32. The compound below is an adrenocortical hormone called cortisone. Which functional group is not present in cortisone?

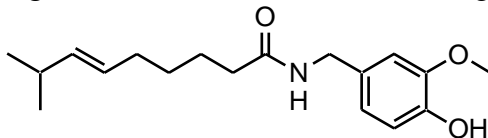


- A) 1° alcohol
- B) 2° alcohol
- C) 3° alcohol
- D) Ketone
- E) Alkene

Ans: B

Topic: Functional groups

33. The compound shown below is a substance called *Capsaicin*, found in varying concentrations in several varieties of hot peppers, and responsible for their respective degrees of “heat”. Which functional groups are present in the molecule of capsaicin?



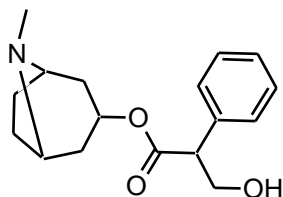
Capsaicin

- A) Alkene, ketone, amine, alcohol, ester
- B) Alkene, ketone, alcohol, ether
- C) Alkene, amine, phenol, ether
- D) Ether, phenol, alkene, amide
- E) Ester, phenol, alkene, amide

Ans: D

Topic: Functional groups

34. Drawn below is *Atropine*, found in *Atropa belladonna*, sometimes used in dilating pupils during an eye-exam. Which of the following functional groups is NOT in atropine?



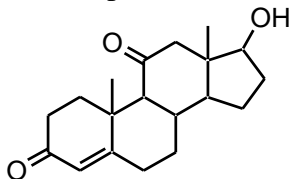
Atropine

- A) Amine
- B) Ester
- C) Alcohol
- D) Benzene Ring
- E) Ketone

Ans: E

Topic: Functional groups

35. The compound shown below is the male sex hormone, testosterone.



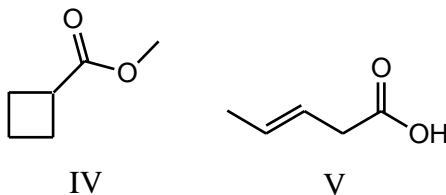
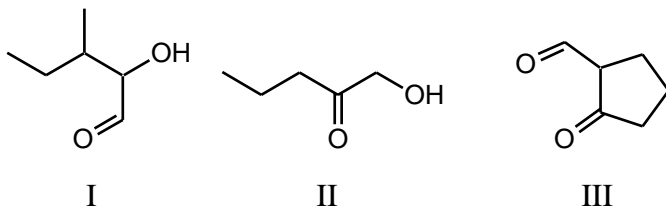
In addition to a cycloalkane skeleton, testosterone also contains the following functional groups:

- A) Alkene, ester, tertiary alcohol.
- B) Alkene, ether, secondary alcohol.
- C) Alkene, ketone, secondary alcohol.
- D) Alkyne, ketone, secondary alcohol.
- E) Alkene, ketone, tertiary alcohol.

Ans: C

Topic: Functional groups

36. Which is a carboxylic acid?

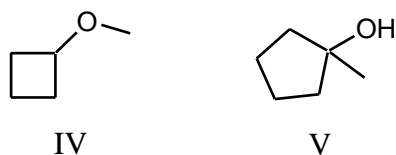
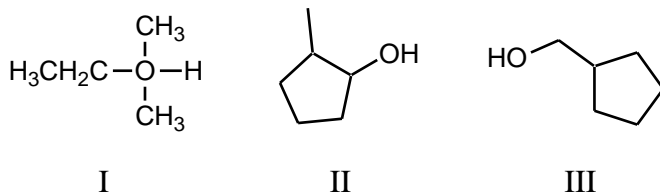


- A) I
 B) II
 C) III
 D) IV
 E) V

Ans: E

Topic: Functional groups

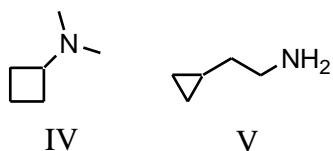
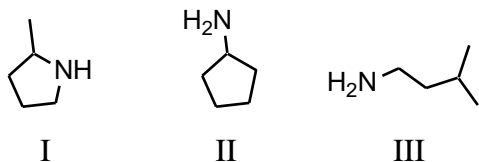
37. Which compound is a tertiary alcohol?



- A) I
 B) II
 C) III
 D) IV
 E) V

Ans: E

Topic: Functional groups

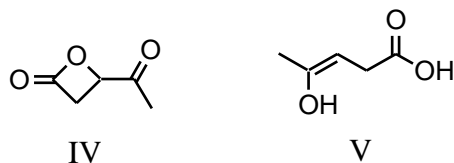
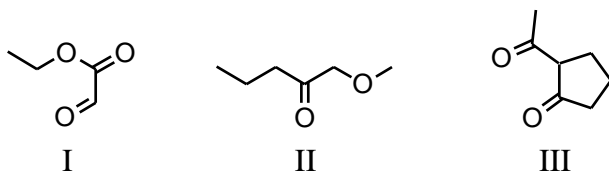
38. Which compound is a primary amine with the formula $C_5H_{13}N$?

- A) I
B) II
C) III
D) IV
E) V

Ans: C

Topic: Functional groups

39. Which compound can be classified as an ester as well as a ketone?



- A) I
B) II
C) III
D) IV
E) V

Ans: D

Topic: Functional groups

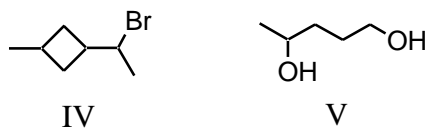
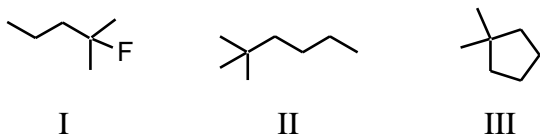
40. The C–O–C bond angle in diethyl ether is predicted to be approximately:

- A) 90°
- B) 105°
- C) 110°
- D) 120°
- E) 180°

Ans: C

Topic: Functional groups

41. Which compound(s) contain(s) tertiary carbon atom(s)?



- A) I, II, III
- B) I
- C) II, III
- D) I, IV
- E) V

Ans: D

Topic: Isomers

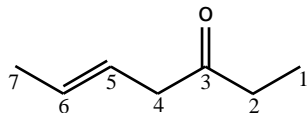
42. The number of unique open-chain structures corresponding to the molecular formula C_3H_5Cl is:

- A) 2
- B) 3
- C) 4
- D) 5
- E) 6

Ans: C

Topic: General, Bonding

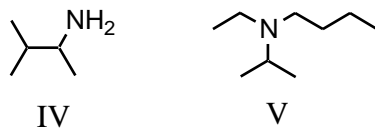
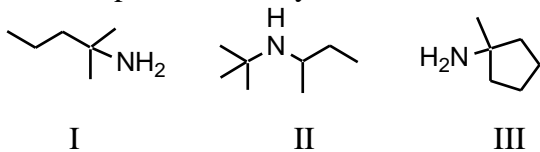
43. The C4-C5 carbon-carbon bond in the following molecule results from the overlap of which orbitals (in the order C4-C5) ?



- A) $sp-sp^2$
 B) $sp-sp^3$
 C) sp^2-sp^2
 D) sp^2-sp^3
 E) sp^3-sp^2
 Ans: E

Topic: Functional groups

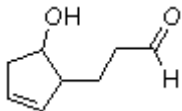
44. An example of a tertiary amine is:



- A) I
 B) II
 C) III
 D) IV
 E) V
 Ans: E

Topic: Functional groups

45. Which functional groups are present in the following compound?



- A) Alkene, 1° alcohol, ketone
- B) Alkene, 2° alcohol, aldehyde
- C) Alkene, 2° alcohol, ketone
- D) Alkyne, 1° alcohol, aldehyde
- E) Alkyne, 2° alcohol, ketone

Ans: B

Topic: Functional groups, Isomerism

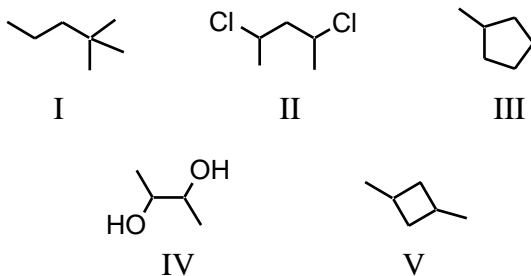
46. How many constitutional isomers are possible with the formula $C_4H_{10}O$?

- A) 3
- B) 4
- C) 5
- D) 6
- E) 7

Ans: E

Topic: Functional groups

47. A tertiary carbon atom is present in which of these compounds?

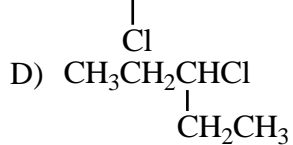
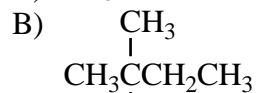


- A) I
- B) II, IV
- C) III, V
- D) IV
- E) All of these

Ans: C

Topic: Functional groups

48. Which of these compounds is a secondary alkyl chloride?



E) Two of these

Ans: E

Topic: Functional groups, Isomerism

49. How many 2° alkyl bromides, neglecting stereoisomers, exist with the formula $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{13}\text{Br}$?

A) 4

B) 5

C) 6

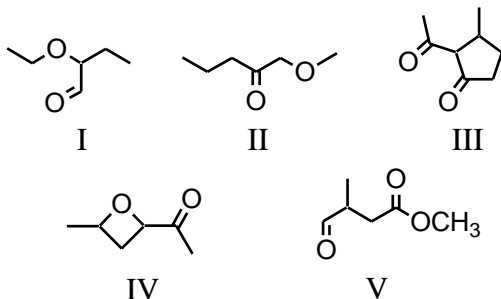
D) 7

E) 8

Ans: C

Topic: Functional Groups

50. Many organic compounds contain more than one functional group. Which of the following is both an aldehyde and an ether?



- A) I,
- B) II, IV
- C) V
- D) I, V
- E) III

Ans: A

Topic: IR Spectroscopy

51. An oxygen-containing compound shows strong IR absorption at $1630\text{-}1780\text{ cm}^{-1}$ and $3200\text{-}3550\text{ cm}^{-1}$. What type of compound is it likely to be?

- A) An alcohol
- B) A carboxylic acid
- C) An ether
- D) A ketone
- E) An aldehyde

Ans: B

Topic: IR Spectroscopy

52. The absorption band for the O-H stretch in the IR spectrum of an alcohol is sharp and narrow in the case of:

- A) a Nujol mull of the alcohol.
- B) a concentrated solution of the alcohol.
- C) a gas phase spectrum of the alcohol.
- D) the spectrum of the neat liquid
- E) none of these

Ans: C

Topic: IR Spectroscopy

53. A split peak for the IR absorption due to bond stretching is observed for the carbonyl group in which of these compounds?

- A) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{COH}$
- B) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CCl}$
- C) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CNH}_2$
- D) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{COCH}_2\text{CH}_3$
- E) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{C}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CCH}_2\text{CH}_3$

Ans: E

Topic: IR Spectroscopy

54. The IR stretching frequency occurs at the lowest frequency for which of these bonds?

- A) C–H
- B) C–O
- C) C–Br
- D) C–N
- E) C–F

Ans: C

Topic: IR Spectroscopy

55. The IR stretching frequency can be expected to occur at the lowest frequency for which of these bonds?

- A) C–H
- B) O–H
- C) N–H
- D) S–H
- E) Difficult to predict

Ans: D

Topic: IR Spectroscopy

56. The IR stretching frequency can be predicted to occur at the highest frequency for which of these bonds?

- A) C-H
- B) C-F
- C) C-Cl
- D) C-Br
- E) C-I

Ans: A

Topic: IR Spectroscopy

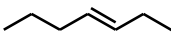
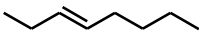
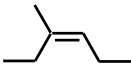


57. An anticipated IR absorption band may not be observed because:

- A) it occurs outside the range of the instrument used.
- B) no change occurs in the dipole moment during the vibration.
- C) the absorption band is eclipsed by another.
- D) the intensity is so weak that it cannot be differentiated from instrument noise.
- E) All of these

Ans: E

Topic: IR Spectroscopy

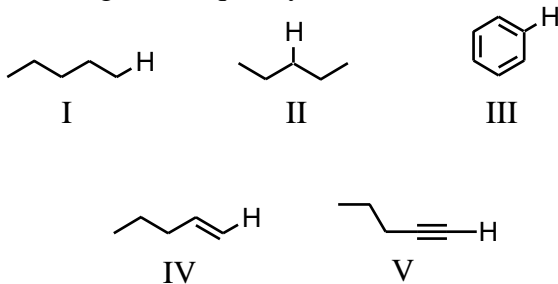
58. IR evidence for the presence of the C=C would be most difficult to detect in the case of which of these alkenes?

- A) 
- B) 
- C) 
- D) 
- E) 

Ans: D

Topic: IR Spectroscopy

59. The IR absorption due to the stretching of which of these carbon-hydrogen bonds occurs at the highest frequency?



- A) I
B) II
C) III
D) IV
E) V

Ans: E

Topic: IR Spectroscopy

60. The IR spectrum of which type of compound will not show evidence of hydrogen bonding?

- A) Aldehyde
B) Alcohol
C) Carboxylic acid
D) Phenol
E) Primary amine

Ans: A

Topic: IR Spectroscopy

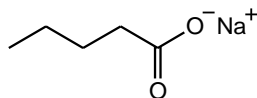
61. The IR spectrum of which type of compound generally exhibits evidence of hydrogen bonding?

- A) Aldehyde
B) Carboxylic acid
C) Alkene
D) Ester
E) Ketone

Ans: B

Topic: Intermolecular forces

62. The following substance is expected to have low solubility in which of the following solvent(s)?



- A) CCl_4
- B) $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$
- C) CHCl_3
- D) $\text{CH}_2\text{OHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$
- E) The given substance is likely to be quite soluble in all of the solvents described

Ans: A

Topic: IR Spectroscopy

63. The IR stretching frequency occurs at the lowest frequency for which of these bonds?

- A) B-H
- B) O-H
- C) N-H
- D) S-H
- E) Difficult to predict

Ans: D

Topic: IR Spectroscopy

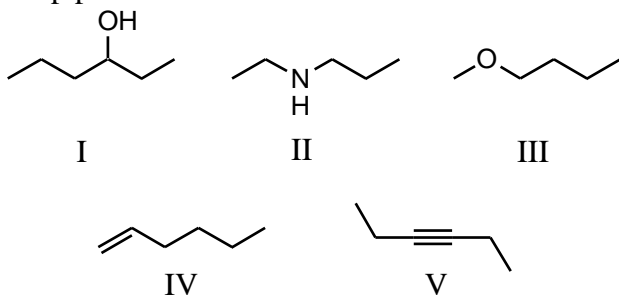
64. An oxygen-containing compound which shows sharp IR absorption at 2200 cm^{-1} and 3300 cm^{-1} is likely to be what type of compound?

- A) An ester
- B) An alkene
- C) An alkyne
- D) An ether
- E) An aldehyde

Ans: B

Topic: IR Spectroscopy

65. The IR spectrum of which of the following substances is likely to show a small, but sharp peak at 2200 cm^{-1} ?



- A) I
 B) II
 C) III
 D) IV
 E) V

Ans: E

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Topic: Functional Groups

66. Hydrocarbons containing carbon-carbon double bonds are referred to as _____.

Ans: alkenes

Topic: Functional Groups, IR Spectroscopy

67. An IR spectrum has significant peaks at 2200 and 3300 cm^{-1} . What functional group is present in the molecule?

Ans: A terminal alkyne

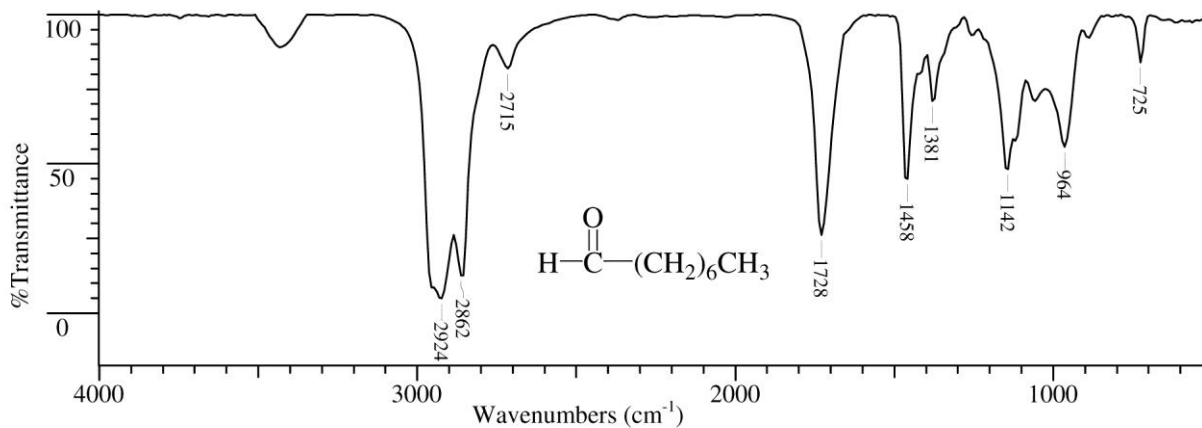
Topic: Functional Groups

68. A group in which a carbon atom has a double bond to an oxygen atom is called a _____.

Ans: carbonyl

Topic: Functional Groups, IR Spectroscopy

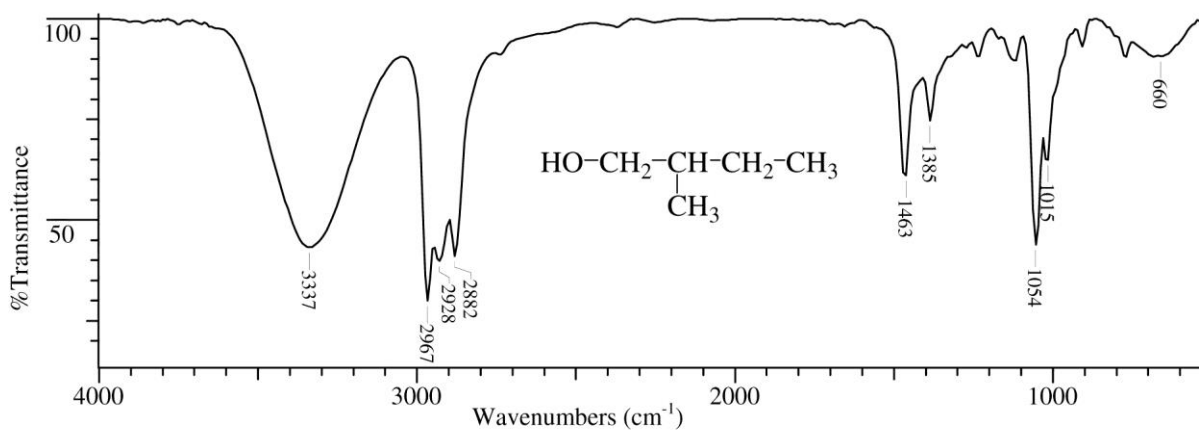
69. An IR spectrum has significant peaks at 3080 and 1650 cm^{-1} . What functional group is present in the molecule?



Ans: an alkene

Topic: Functional Groups, IR Spectroscopy

70. Examine the following IR spectrum, for substance **P** ($\text{C}_8\text{H}_{22}\text{O}$). Which oxygen containing functional group is present in **P**?



Ans: alcohol

Topic: Functional Groups, IR Spectroscopy

71. Examine the following IR spectrum, for substance **P** (C₅H₁₂O). Which oxygen containing functional group is present in **P**?

Ans: alcohol

Topic: General

72. The six *p*-electrons in benzene are _____ about the ring, which explains why all of the C-C bonds are the same length.

Ans: delocalized

Topic: General

73. A polar covalent bond is one in which electrons are _____.

Ans: not shared equally

Topic: Functional Groups

74. Organic compounds are classified into chemical families on the basis of similarities in chemical properties; these similarities are primarily due to the presence of characteristic arrangements of atoms known as _____.

Ans: functional groups

Topic: Functional Groups

75. Unsaturated hydrocarbons may be distinguished from saturated hydrocarbons by the presence of one or more _____.

Ans: Pi bonds

Topic: Bonding, Solubility

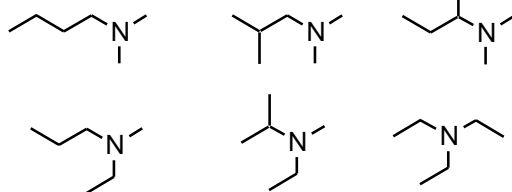
76. Sodium chloride, which is quite soluble in water, is not very soluble in hexane. Why?

Ans: Sodium chloride, which is an ionic substance, is soluble in a polar solvent such as water, but not in a non-polar solvent such as hexane.

Topic: Isomers, Functional Groups

77. Draw all tertiary amine isomers of C₆H₁₅N.

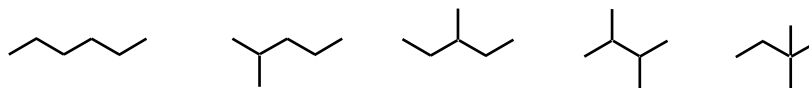
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Topic: Isomers, Functional Groups

78. Draw all isomers of C_6H_{14} .

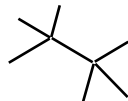
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Topic: Isomers, Functional Groups

79. Draw a structural formula for C_8H_{18} , in which there are two quaternary carbons.

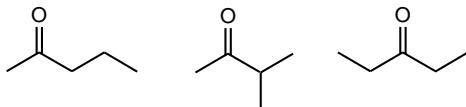
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Topic: Isomers, Functional Groups

80. Draw all isomers of $C_5H_{10}O$ that are ketones.

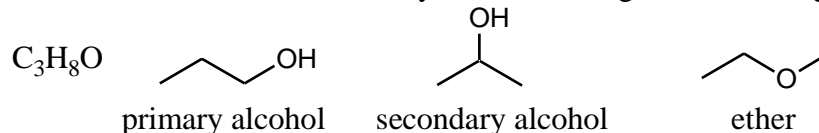
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Topic: Isomers, Functional Groups

81. Draw all isomers of C_3H_8O and classify each according to functional group

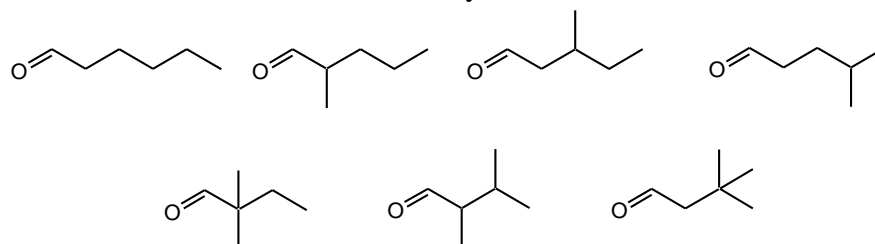
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Topic: Isomers, Functional Groups

82. Draw all isomers of $C_6H_{12}O$ that are aldehydes.

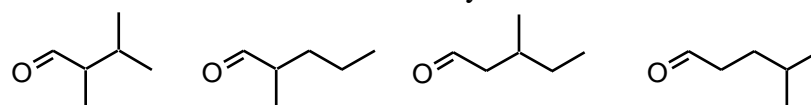
Ans:



Topic: Isomers, Functional Groups

83. Draw all isomers of $C_6H_{12}O$ that are aldehydes and contain at least one tertiary carbon

Ans:



Topic: IR Spectroscopy

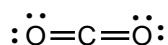
84. The IR absorption frequencies of the C-H bond in alkanes, alkenes and alkynes are measurably different. Briefly explain why.

Ans: IR absorption frequency depends on bond strength; the bond strength of C-H bonds in alkanes, alkenes and alkynes is different because different atomic orbitals (hybridized) of carbon are involved in the bond: the C-H bond in alkanes is described as (sp^3-s), that in alkenes is (sp^2-s) and in alkynes, it is ($sp-s$). The relative % s v. % p character of the hybrid orbitals of carbon would indicate different bond lengths /bond strengths for alkanes, alkenes and alkynes, with the bond length / bond strength being the longest/weakest respectively. This results in different IR absorption frequencies.

Topic: Molecular Geometry, Dipole Moment

85. Carbon dioxide is non- polar, despite the fact that oxygen is much more electronegative than carbon. Briefly explain why, using relevant diagrams as appropriate to illustrate your answer.

Ans: The overall dipole moment of a polyatomic molecule depends on two factors: the polarity of various bonds and molecular geometry, since dipole forces have both magnitude and direction. In some molecules containing bonds of identical polarity, the molecular geometry may result in a net cancellation of the overall dipole forces. This is what happens in carbon dioxide: although there are two polar C-O bonds, because of the linear geometry of the molecule, the net dipole is zero.



Topic: Intermolecular Forces

86. Ethanol, $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$, and propane, C_3H_8 , have approximately the same molar mass, yet, ethanol has a much higher boiling point. Briefly explain why.

Ans: Strong hydrogen bonding between molecules of ethanol leads to elevation in boiling point. No hydrogen bonding is possible between molecules of propane, resulting in a lower boiling point compared with ethanol.

Topic: Intermolecular Forces

87. Ethanol, $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$, and dimethyl ether, CH_3OCH_3 , have the same molar mass, yet, ethanol has a much higher boiling point. Briefly explain why.

Ans: Strong hydrogen bonding between molecules of ethanol leads to elevation in boiling point. No hydrogen bonding is possible between molecules of dimethyl ether, resulting in a lower boiling point compared with ethanol.

Topic: IR Spectroscopy

88. IR absorption signals of alcohols are typically broad. However, IR spectra of gaseous samples show sharp peaks. Briefly explain why.

Ans: Broad signals of alcohols are due to hydrogen bonding associated with the O-H group. In gaseous samples, no hydrogen bonding is possible, and the signal becomes sharp.