Chemistry 2541 Spring 2013; Midterm 1 Exam

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1. (15 pts) In the provided boxes, finish drawing of the most important resonance contributing structures for each of the following species by placing missing bonds or formal charges at appropriate position. (3 pts each structure; no partial credit)



. (14 pts) Answer the following questions about the molecule shown in the box (write numbers after each question; 2 pts each answer; no partial credit; use 0 if there is no such bonds in the molecule):







4. (5) Finish the drawing the *line-angle structure* of the following compounds in the provided box (*no partial credit*):



Spts, No partial credit

5. (6) Finish the drawing of the Newman projection of the *most stable* conformation of *n*-pentane by placing appropriate substituents (H or alkyl) in the boxes on the bonds (2 pts each substituent) *NOTE:* please use a *condensed* structure for the alkyl groups, for example, CH_3 , CH_3CH_2 , $(CH_3)_3C$, etc.



6. (4) Assign the R,S configuration to each stereocenter in the following compounds (1 pts each stereocenter; use the provided circles for your answers):



7. (12 pts) Complete the three-dimensional drawing of the <u>most stable</u> chair conformation for each of the following compounds. Use the provided, numbered cyclohexane ring; make sure to place the **correct axial** and **equatorial** substituents (H or alkyl) on the *appropriately numbered carbon atom of* the ring. Please use only the following symbols for the substituents in your answers: H, CH₃, CH₂CH₃, CH(CH₃)₂, C(CH₃)₃. [1 pt each substituent]



8. (12 pts) Finish drawing the structures of the following compounds by placing missing fragments in the boxes [same as in previous problem, use a condensed structure for the alkyl groups; 2 pts each box]:

(1R,3S)-1-isopropyl-1,3-dimethylcyclopentane



(S)-2,3-dimethylpentane

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9. (20, 4 pts each) For each of the following questions (a)-(e) circle the item that is the correct answer.

(a) Which one of the following molecules is a **meso** compound?





(d) Circle the molecule that has the *lowest* diaxial interactions (the most stable conformation):



(e) Which of the following compounds is an aldehyde?

