

Ch 337M - Final Exam

Name _____

Winter, 2000

Lab day (circle):

M/W pm

T/Th pm

T/Th night

115 pts

1. (24) In this course you carried out the experiments listed, and were introduced to all of the standard laboratory techniques shown below. For each technique, indicate the experiment in which it was used, and state briefly what you were trying to accomplish in using the technique.

1. Melting points

3. Fractional distillation

5. Caffeine from tea

2. Recrystallization

4. Eugenol from cloves

6. Cyclohexene

7. Grignard reaction

<u>Technique</u>	<u>Experiment Number(s)</u>	<u>Purpose</u> (brief = concise, using few words)
melting points _____	_____	_____
mixture melting point _____	_____	_____
recrystallization _____	_____	_____
simple distillation _____	_____	_____
fractional distillation _____	_____	_____
steam distillation _____	_____	_____
solid/liquid extraction _____	_____	_____
liquid/liquid extraction _____	_____	_____
chemically active extraction _____	_____	_____
sublimation _____	_____	_____
use of a drying agent _____	_____	_____
gas chromatography _____	_____	_____
refractive index _____	_____	_____
infrared spectroscopy _____	_____	_____
solvent evaporation _____	_____	_____
use of a chaser solvent _____	_____	_____

2. (6) a) Briefly explain how a drying agent, such as anhydrous MgSO_4 , works (include appropriate equations).

b) Students in the lab occasionally neglect to replace the lid on the bottle of MgSO_4 . What problems might this cause?

6. (6) A mixture containing 50% benzene (bp 81°C) and 50% ethylbenzene (bp 138°C) is fractionally distilled.

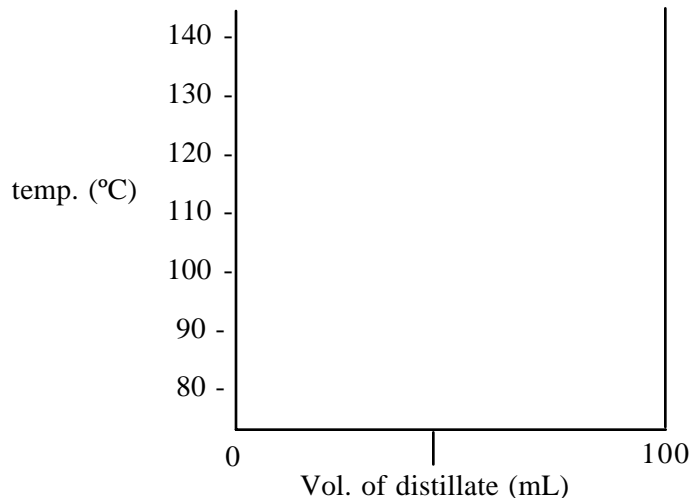
a) Indicate the approximate temperatures at each of the following places after the first few drops of distillate have been collected.

1. Pot _____
2. Halfway up the column _____
3. Head _____

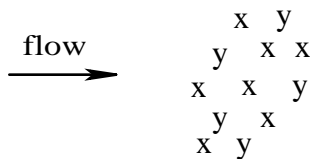
b) Indicate the approximate percent composition of the vapor at each of these places.

1. Pot _____
2. Halfway up the column _____
3. Head _____

7. (7) Sketch the expected distillation curve for the above fractional distillation. Assume an original sample volume of 100 mL. On the same graph, sketch the approximate pot temperature during the distillation. Indicate which curve is which.



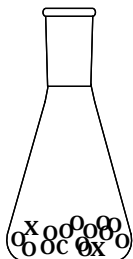
8. (7) In the space below, sketch the interior of a gas chromatograph column during analysis of a mixture of x and y, and explain briefly how a separation of mixtures takes place. Label the things that are inside the column.



gas chromatograph column

9. (5) Modern gas chromatographs use electronic integrators for determining relative areas of peaks. Assume that you have analyzed fraction # 1 from the distillation experiment, and the integrator registers the following relative values (units are arbitrary): acetone (from a contaminated; syringe) = 16, ethyl acetate = 488, toluene = 32. Calculate the percent of ethyl acetate in fraction # 1. Show your work.

10. (9) The drawing below represents an impure sample ready for recrystallization from ethanol (o = sample, x = soluble impurity, c = soluble colored impurity). Make drawings showing all of the steps in the recrystallization, including charcoal treatment, up to the point where the recrystallized sample is placed in a storage container. Indicate how you know what volume of ethanol to use, and show where the impurities end up.



11. (5) Lab instructors are generally very patient, but patience sometimes wears thin when the tenth person asks which is the aqueous layer and which is the organic layer in a separatory funnel. What simple and rapid test (less than a minute) can be used to distinguish the layers, using no more than a drop or two of each layer? Explain what you would do, observe, and conclude.

12. (5) A common laboratory reagent is concentrated nitric acid. This reagent has a density of 1.41 g/mL, and contains 71% HNO₃ by weight. The rest is water. How many milliliters of the concentrated reagent would you measure out in order to get 12.5 g of HNO₃ for a reaction? Show your work.

13. (5) In the preparation of triphenylmethanol by the Grignard method, suppose that you forgot to add the benzophenone before acidification with dilute HCl. What would happen to the Grignard reagent? Write equations for any reaction.

14. (8) Suppose that you set out to use the Grignard method for preparing 3-ethyl-3-pentanol, which is a liquid at room temperature and has a boiling point of 141°C.

a) Write balanced equations for preparing this alcohol using the Grignard method.

b) In the container below, sketch the appearance of the reaction mixture at the beginning of the work-up stage. Describe briefly the work-up procedure as well as the final purification procedure that you would use for this synthesis. (The final purification technique appropriate for a substance having the physical property given above is _____.)

