## Self-assessment test with focus on SynCat subjects (1)

Part 1 – Organic Chemistry

- 1. Define the following terms and give one specific example for each term.
  - a) stereoisomers b) diastereomers c) enantiomers
- 2. How do diastereomers and enantiomers differ in their physical and chemical properties?
- 3. Give the products of the following transformation with benzyl bromide and a nucleophile as starting material. Which of these three reactions is the fastest one? All reaction conditions stay the same the only difference is the nucleophile used. <u>Hint</u>: Identify the best and the worst nucleophile first!





4. Draw the intermediate and the product of the following transformation.



5. You want to transform compound **A** into compound **B** with the help of acetic acid. Why won't this reaction work if you simply apply acetic acid to **A**? Come up with an alternative pathway to accomplish the transformation.



## Part 2 – Inorganic Chemistry

- 6. Draw the complete molecular orbital scheme for O<sub>2</sub>. What is the chemical bond order in this molecule?
- 7. Potassium's second ionization energy (IE<sub>2</sub> = 3051 kJ/mol) is seven-times higher than its first ionization energy (IE<sub>1</sub> = 419 kJ/mol). If you compare this to calcium, the second ionization energy (IE<sub>2</sub> = 1145 kJ/mol) is only twice as high as its first one (IE<sub>1</sub> = 590 kJ/mol). Why is there such a big difference between K and Ca?
- 8. Give the suitable quantum numbers n and l for the following orbitals.
  - a) 3d-orbital: n = l = b) 4s-orbital: n = l = l = b
- 9. Which bond angle and which hybridization do the central atoms show in the following molecules?
  - a)  $BeF_2$  (gas phase) b)  $BeF_3^-$  c)  $BeF_4^{2-}$  d) azide ion,  $N_3^-$