Self-assessment test with focus on SynCat subjects (2)

Part 1 – Organic Chemistry

1. Which of the following hydrogen atoms is preferably abstracted by the radical R? Draw the resulting compound and at least one mesomeric or no-bond form of it.

$$H_3C$$
 CH_3 R^{\cdot}

$$H_3C \longrightarrow CH_2 \longrightarrow R^{\cdot}$$

 Draw a complete reaction mechanism with all intermediates for the following reaction. What is the main product?



3. Give the main product of the following transformation. Draw the complete reaction mechanism with all relevant intermediates.



4. Draw 1,2-difluoro ethane in its two most stable conformations. Discuss the effects that lead to the stability of either of those forms.

Part 2 – Inorganic Chemistry

- 5. Take a look at the $[Co(en)_2(H_2O)_2]^{2+}$ complex. Sketch all of its stereoisomers and distinguish between diastereomers and enantiomers.
- 6. Explain why a complex with ethylene diamine (en) ligands is much more stable than a corresponding ammin complex. How is this effect called?
- 7. Sketch the different d-Orbitals in an octahedral, tetrahedral and square-planar ligand field respectively. Also give the names of the respective orbitals.

octahedral field tetrahedral field square-planar field

8. Judge the bond strength of the CO-bond in the following complexes. In which order would you expect the CO stretching bands to appear in the IR spectrum? (M and L are the same in each complex).



9. If you compare the properties of transition metal rows you will notice similar behavior between 4d and 5d elements while 3d elements show a huge deviation. Rationalize this peculiarity.