## **STRUCTURAL ISOMERS - TOPIC TEST 1**

### **QUESTION 1**

Structural isomers may come from different families of organic compound. True or false?

### Solution

### **QUESTION 2**

Which of the following compounds has the greatest number of isomers?

- A Ethane
- B Propane
- C Butane
- D Hexane

#### **QUESTION 3**

Identify each pair of formulas as structural isomers or the same molecule.

(a)

$$\begin{array}{cccc} CH_3 & CH_3 \\ \mid & \mid \\ CH_2-CH_2 & \text{and} & CH_2-CH_2-CH_3 \\ & \mid & \\ & CH_3 \end{array}$$

(b)

### **QUESTION 4**

Which compounds are structural isomers?

- Α 1-propanol and 2-propanol
- methanoic acid and ethanoic acid В
- С methanol and methanal
- ethane and ethanol

### **QUESTION 5**

Which of the following hydrocarbons does not have isomers?

- Α C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>14</sub>
- B C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub>
- $C_4H_8$ С
- $C_3H_8$

### **QUESTION 6**

Which of the following hydrocarbons is a structural isomer of 2-methylpent-2ene? (One or more answers).

### **QUESTION 7**

Give the structural formulae of the isomers of the compound with molecular formula  $C_3H_6O$ .

## Solution

# **QUESTION 8**

Choose the structural isomers that have the formula  $\,C_{\scriptscriptstyle 4}H_{\scriptscriptstyle 8}BrCl$  .

# Solution

### **SOLUTIONS**

**QUESTION 1** True

QUESTION 2 Answer is D

### **QUESTION 3**

- (a) When we add up the number of C atoms and H atoms, they give the same molecular formula  $C_4H_{10}$ . The condensed structural formula on the left has a chain of four C atoms. Even though the — $CH_3$  ends are drawn up, they are part of the four-carbon chain. The condensed structural formula on the right also has a four-carbon chain even though one — $CH_3$  end is drawn down. Thus both condensed structural formulas represent the same molecule and are **not structural isomers**.
- (b) Structural isomers
- (c) When we add up the number of C atoms and H atoms, they give the same molecular formula C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>14</sub>. The line-angle structural formula on the left has a five-carbon chain with a —CH<sub>3</sub> substituent on the second carbon of the chain. The line-angle structural formula on the right has a four-carbon chain with two —CH<sub>3</sub> substituents, one bonded to the second carbon and one bonded to the third carbon. Therefore, there is a different order of bonding of atoms, which represents **structural isomers**.

QUESTION 4 Answer is A

QUESTION 5 Answer is D

**QUESTION 6** Answer is A and D

The molecular formula of 2-methylpent-2ene is  $C_6H_{12}$ . The answer is therefore the structure with 5 carbon atoms, 12 hydrogen atoms and a double bond between two carbon atoms.

### **QUESTION 7**

#### **QUESTION 8**

Structures I, IV and VI are structural isomers of  $C_4H_8BrCl$  .