Problem Set Chapter 3

Organic Chemistry for Life Sciences: CHM 223

Name

Section A

DUE: Friday October 27 @ 8am

1. Rank the bold hydrogen atoms according to their acidity (most acidic >> least): (HINT: draw the conjugate base formed from each)

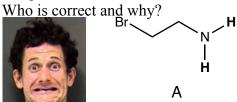
2. Which of the two protons is expected to be most acidic, H_a or H_b ? Explain (HINT: draw the conjugate bases formed by removal of each).

$$\mathsf{F} \overset{\mathsf{OH_a}}{\longleftarrow} \mathsf{OH_b}$$

3. pKa's for each of the bold hydrogen atoms below are provided. Assign them to the proper hydrogen atom in the molecule.

pKa values = 35, 16, 54, 11

4. Jimmy said that the NH protons on compound A will be more acidic than those on compound B because of the 'atom effect' that Breton "blabbered on about in class". Sally, however, disagreed and said that compound B will be more acidic due to the 'inductive effect' that Breton "eloquently discussed in class".



Jimmy

5. The pKa's of relevant compounds are provided below. Fill in any missing lone pairs and draw the curved arrows that describe this acid-base reaction. Does the reaction proceed to the right or to the left as drawn? Explain.

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