ALKENES (C)

1 a Complete the table about some addition polymers.

| monomer | | polymer | | |
|---------------|---|---------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| name | structure | name | structure | repeating unit |
| propene | CH₃ | poly(propene) | CH₃ CH—CH₂ n | CH ₃ |
| methylpropene | CH ₃ C CH ₂ CH ₃ | poly(methylpropene) | CH_3 CH_2 CH_2 CH_3 | CH ₃ ——C——CH ₂ —— ——— |

b Explain why the addition polymers shown in the table are not biodegradable.

chain contains non-polar C-C bonds; not susceptible to attack by acid / alkali / electrophile / nucleophile

2 a Write an equation for the formation of the main product from the reaction of 2-methylbut-2-ene with hydrogen bromide.

$$CH_3$$
 CH_3 CH_3

b Name and outline the mechanism for this reaction.

$$CH_{3} \longrightarrow CH_{2} \longrightarrow CH_{3} \longrightarrow CH_{3} \longrightarrow CH_{2} \longrightarrow CH_{3}$$

$$CH_{3} \longrightarrow CH_{2} \longrightarrow CH_{3} \longrightarrow C$$

c Explain why this is the main product formed.

major product is formed from tertiary carbocation minor product is formed from secondary carbocation tertiary carbocation is more stable than secondary carbocation

3 Draw the structure of each of these alkenes and then state which exist as *E-Z* stereoisomers.

| name | pent-1-ene | pent-2-ene | 1-bromo-3-ethylhex-3-ene |
|--------------------|---|---|--|
| structure | CH ₂ ==CHCH ₂ CH ₃ | CH ₃ —CH—CH—CH ₂ —CH ₃ | CH ₃ Br CH ₂ CH ₂ —CH ₂ —CH—CH ₂ —CH ₃ |
| E-Z stereoisomers? | no | yes | yes |

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