Worksheet 2: Alkanes

- 1. Briefly describe Wöhler's experiment and state the significance of his findings.
- 2. Explain the uniqueness of carbon.
- 3. a) Compare organic and inorganic compounds in terms of composition and properties.
 - (b) Provide five examples of naturally occurring organic substances and five examples of synthetic organic substances.
- 4. Describe the bonding properties of carbon that contribute to the large diversity of organic compounds.

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- 5. Provide an IUPAC name for each structural formula.
- (b) CH3- CH2- CH3 c) CH3- (CH2)5- CH3

- d) CH3- CH2- CH2- CH3
- CH₃CH₂C(CH₃)₂CH₂CH₃

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- 6. Write a IUPAC name for each hydrocarbon.
 - (a) $CH_3CH_2C(CH_3)_2C(CH_3)_2CH_3$
 - (b) HC(CH₂CH₃)₂C(CH₃)₂CH₃
 - (c) CH₃CH₂C(CH₂CH₃)₂CH₂C(CH₃)₂CH₂CH₃
- 7. Draw the structural formula and condensed structural formulas for each alkane.

(a) 2,2,4-trimethylpentane	

(b) 3-methylheptane	
(c) 3-ethylhexane	
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(d) 3-ethyl-2-methyl-4-propylnonane	
(e) 2,3-dimethylhexane	
(f) 4-methylheptane	

(g) Which alkane in items a-f is not an isomer of C_8H_{18} ?

8. Draw and name the possible structural isomers of C_7H_{16} .