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2. $N_2$						
3. $HBr$						
4. $OCl_2$						
5. $SF_6$						
6. $SO_2$						
7. $SiCl_4$						
8. $CF_2Cl_2$			C-F: C-Cl:			
9. $XeF_4$ Note: the EN for Xe is 2.6						
10. $C_2H_4$			C-C: C-H:			

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2. $N_2$		No dipole 	$3.1 - 3.1 = 0$	non-polar	Yes	non-polar
3. $HBr$			$2.8 - 2.1 = 0.7$	polar	No	polar
4. $OCl_2$			$3.5 - 2.9 = 0.6$	polar	No	polar
5. $SF_6$			$4.1 - 2.4 = 1.7$	polar / ionic	Yes	non-polar
6. $SO_2$			$3.5 - 2.4 = 1.1$	polar	No	polar
7. $SiCl_4$			$2.9 - 1.8 = 1.1$	polar	Yes	non-polar
8. $CF_2Cl_2$			C-F: $4.1 - 2.5 = 1.6$ C-Cl: $2.9 - 2.5 = 0.4$	polar non-polar	No (yes if you think just about shape, but no because Cl and F are different)	polar
9. $XeF_4$			$(4.1 - 2.6 = 1.5)$	(polar)	Yes	non-polar
10. $C_2H_4$		(small dipoles) 	C-C: $2.5 - 2.5 = 0$ C-H: $2.5 - 2.1 = 0.4$	non-polar non-polar	Yes	non-polar

Q1 – which binary (two element) compound would have the greatest  $\Delta EN$ ?  $FrF - \Delta EN = 4.1 - 0.9 = 3.2$  (ionic)