## Chem 41c Final Exam

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The exam begins when you turn to page 2. You have 4 hours to complete the exam. This is a closed note and closed book exam with no collaboration. You may use the periodic table on the last page of this packet. You may not use any other materials. The exam has a total of 180 points and counts for $40 \%$ of your course grade. Good luck.

There are XX pages in this exam packet.

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1. Predict the major non-volatile products (if any) of the following reactions or sequences. Clearly mark your answers by placing a box around the compound that you believe to be the major product. (5 points each).
a.

hint: one racemic non volitile product is formed
b.

c.

2. NaH

3. $n$-BuLi
4. 



4. $\mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{O}^{+}$(workup)
d.

e.

f.

g.

h.

i.


j.



2. Provide reagents for the following transformations. They may be multistep processes, but should not be longer than 5 steps. (5 points each)
a.

(maybe Clemmenson...not Wolf Kischner)
b.



c.



d.

3. Pericyclic reactions are interesting transformations that we studied this term. A remarkable cascade of such reactions on compound $\mathbf{B}$ produces a mixture of racemic compounds $\mathbf{C}-\mathbf{F}$ simply upon heating. Compound $\mathbf{B}$ is prepared by Lindlar reduction of $\mathbf{A}$. In a related system compound $\mathbf{G}$ is reduced to $\mathbf{H}$ and forms products $\mathbf{I}$ and $\mathbf{J}$ after prolonged stirring at $23^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (eventually only $\mathbf{J}$ is observed). Your task is the following 1) identify the structures of $\mathbf{B}$ and $\mathbf{H}, 2$ ) Describe a mechanism for the the conversion of $\mathbf{H}$ to $\mathbf{I}$ and $\mathbf{J}$, (hint: it may be useful to draw an orbital diagram for $\mathbf{H}$ although not neccessary) and 3) As a bonus provide the mechanism for the formation of $\mathbf{E}$ and $\mathbf{F}$. (10 points, 10 point bonus)


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4. a) Draw the molecular orbitals for the olefin-containing portions of the following conjugated systems. Fill in the electrons and label the HOMO and LUMO for each system.. (5 points)


b) Predict the product of the thermal [6+4] cycloaddition of these two compounds. Is the process allowed by frontier molecular orbital theory? Hint: Draw the compounds with the appropriate molecular orbitals first. (5 points)

5. In the following complexes, what is the formal oxidation state of the metal, the $d^{n}$ description, and the electron count? Feel free to use the periodic table in the room ( 5 points each-no partial credit)
a.

b.

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\mathbf{R h}(I)
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$\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{3} \mathrm{RhCl}$

> or
> $\mathbf{R h}^{1+}$
$d^{8} \quad 16$ electron complex
c.

$\mathrm{Zr}(\mathrm{IV})$
or
$\mathrm{Zr}^{4+}$
$d^{0} \quad 16$ electron complex
d.

$R h(I)$
or
$R^{+1}$
$d^{8} \quad 16$ electron each Rh
$\mathbf{R h}^{\mathbf{+ 1}}$
6. a) Provide a detailed curved arrow mechanism for the following reaction. What drives the equilibrium to the product side? (10 points)


Fisher esterification
b) In contrast to part a of this problem, under the same conditions the following reaction (3)4) is extremely slow. Why do you think this is the case? Provide an alternative method for preparing the methyl ester 4 from carboxylic acid $\mathbf{3}$ that you believe would be fast and high yielding. Provide a detailed curved arrow mechanism for your new synthesis of $\mathbf{4}$ from $\mathbf{3}$ and explain why the new method should be better. ( 10 points)

7. Design a retrosynthesis and a complete forward process for the synthesis of the following compound as a single diastereomer (in racemic form) starting from fragments of less than 6 carbons (or benzene). (20 points)
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8. Predict the major aldol condensation product and draw a curved arrow mechanism. (10 points)

9. Predict the product of these reactions and provide curved arrow mechanisms for each. (20 points)
a.






b.




Activation




## The End

