Chem 41c Midterm Exam

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The exam begins when you turn to page 2. You have 55 minutes to complete the exam. This is a closed note and closed book exam with no collaboration. You may use the periodic table at the front of the room or the one on the last page of this packet. You may not use any other materials. The exam has a total of 130 points. You're grade will be calculated based on 120 points (i.e., you have 10 bonus points built-in). (Also, remember that your midterm counts 60 points toward your final grade, e.g., 5 quiz points = 10 points here). Good luck.

There are 9 pages in this exam packet.		
Vame:		

a.

$$CO_2Me$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 1. \text{ LiAID}_4 \\ \hline 2. \text{ H}_3\text{O}^+ \end{array}$$

b.

c.

d.

e.

2. Provide reagents for the following transformations. They may be multistep processes (none are longer than 3 steps). (5 points each)

a.

3. Trilauryl glycerol, a large component of coconut oil, is commonly used to make soap through a process known as saponification. The process involves cooking the oil in a lye (sodium hydroxide) solution, which saponifies the trilauryl glycerol component in the oil to sodium laurate.

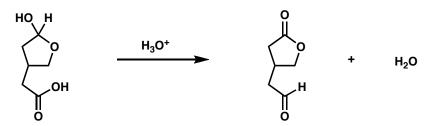
Trilauryl Glycerol

Draw a mechanism for the above reaction (15 points).

BONUS: Why does the reaction go to completion? (5 bonus points)

4. Rank the following compounds in order of reactivity with MeMgBr. (10 points)

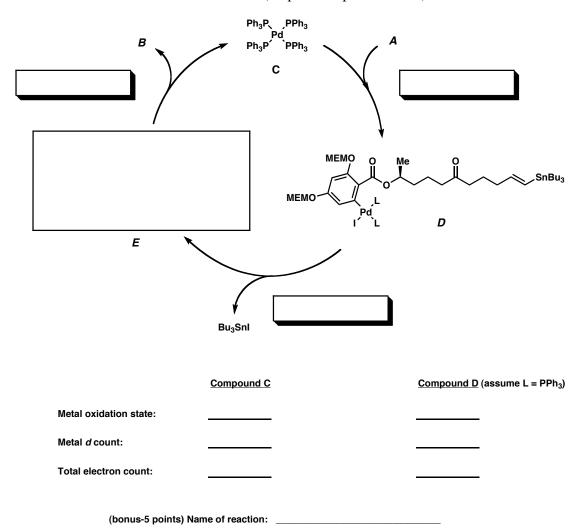
5. Provide a detailed mechanism for the following reaction. (10 points)



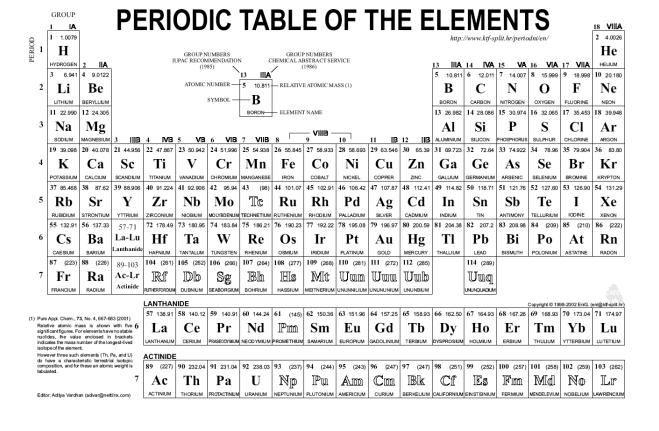
6. In 1991, the palladium catalyzed reaction shown below was used in the asymmetric total synthesis of the natural product (S)-Zearalenone.

MEMO
$$O$$
 Me O O Me O O Me O Me O Me O Me O Me O Memo O Me O Memo O M

A catalytic cycle for this reaction is shown below. Fill in the boxes with names (e.g., associative ligand substitution) describing each of the key steps and provide the structure of intermediate E. Next, fill in the blanks indicating the oxidation state, d electron count and the total electron count of the metal species involved. Last, what is the name of this reaction? (20 points-5 points bonus)



7. Devise a synthesis of 2-allyl-cyclopentanone starting from adipic acid and any other reagents containing 3 carbons or less. (20 points)



The End