

Chemistry 333

Examination #3

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Molecular models are allowed for this examination. All electronic devices, including calculators, are unnecessary and are not allowed.

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3. (20 points)

Circle the number that corresponds to the correct answer for each of the following four (4) questions.

A. The reaction of an alkyl thiol with dilute, aqueous hydrogen peroxide affords

1. a sulfide
2. a disulfide
3. a sulfonic acid

B. The Simmons-Smith cyclopropanation of (*E*)-3-methylpent-2-ene occurs via

1. a multistep ionic mechanism
2. a multistep radical mechanism
3. a concerted cycloaddition mechanism

C. Swern oxidation of (2*S*,4*S*)-4-ethylheptan-2-ol affords

1. a ketone
2. an aldehyde
3. a carboxylic acid

D. The hydroboration of 1-octyne with disiamylborane affords

1. a ketone
2. an aldehyde
3. an alcohol

4. (20 points)

Answer the following two (2) questions precisely, succinctly and with correct grammar.

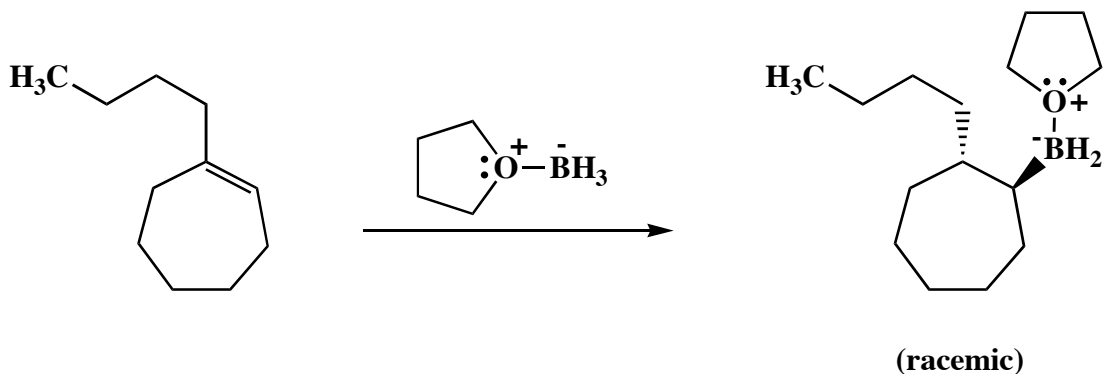
A. Why are terminal alkynes more acidic than terminal alkenes?

B. Why is double dehydrohalogenation of 1,1- or 1,2-dibromoalkanes usually not a satisfactory method to synthesize alkynes?

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5. (25 points)

Draw the mechanism of the following transformation, using the curved-arrow notation to indicate the reorganization of electron density. Show **all** primary mechanistic steps and intermediates. Denote **all** unshared electrons, charges and countercharges. Finally, explain why the observed regiochemical and stereochemical results are obtained.



Congratulations!

1	/25
2	/10
3	/20
4	/20
5	/25
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