CHEM 330

Midterm Exam October 16, 2006

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This exam counts for 25% of your CHEM 330 final grade

1. (12 pts.) Indicate the approximate pKa's of the protons in boldface in the following compounds. Write your answer in the corresponding boxes.

- 2. (12 pts) Write a chemical equation that illustrates an example of each one of the following reactions encountered in class (**do not** write mechanisms just the reactions).
 - a. Mukaiyama variant of the aldol reaction

b. Krapcho reaction

c. Yonemitsu reaction

3. (28 pts.) Draw the structure of the major product expected from each of the reactions shown below. Note: it is understood that each reaction is subject to a final aqueous workup.

a.
$$\underbrace{\frac{\text{Me}}{\text{Li, liq. NH}_3}}_{\text{then Mel}}$$

c.
$$\begin{array}{c} O \\ \hline \\ \text{then} \\ \text{PhCH}_2 \text{Br} \end{array}$$

4. (18 pts.) Complete the reaction diagram shown below by writing in all missing reagents and intermediates. **Note**: clearly indicate the configuration of stereogenic carbons in **A** and **B**.

5. (30 pts.) Propose a method to accomplish the transformations shown below. In each case, a multistep sequence (= not just one reaction, but several) may be required. Assume the availability of all reagents needed to convert the starting material into the product (e.g, bases, alkyl halides, etc.). Present your answer as a flowchart. It is not necessary to draw mechanisms.