

# Chem 112B Midterm 2

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8:10-9:30 am, 100 Lewis

You have **80 minutes** to complete this exam. Please write your answers clearly only on the pages indicated *and be as detailed as possible*. Nothing written outside the numbered pages will be graded. There should be 8 total pages in this exam.

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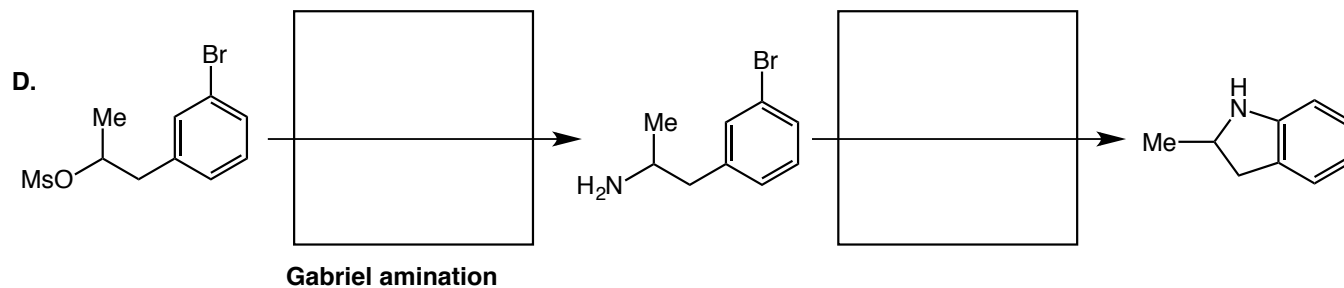
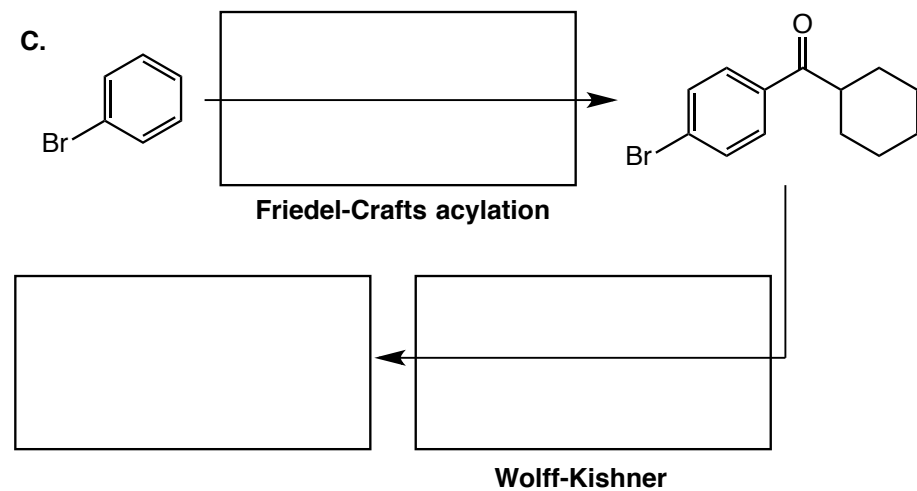
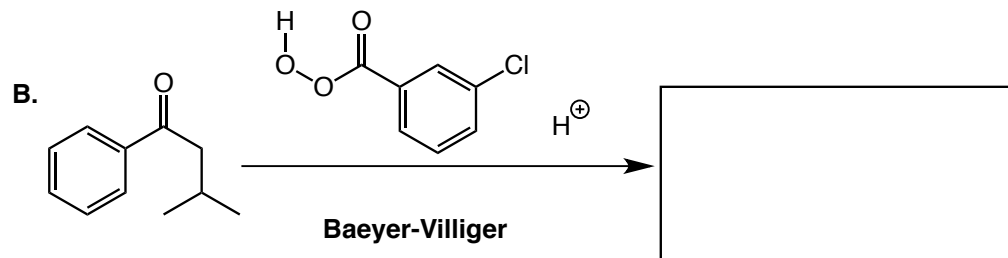
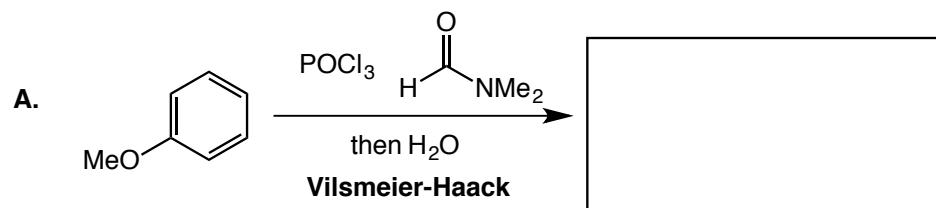
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6 \_\_\_\_\_ (19 points)

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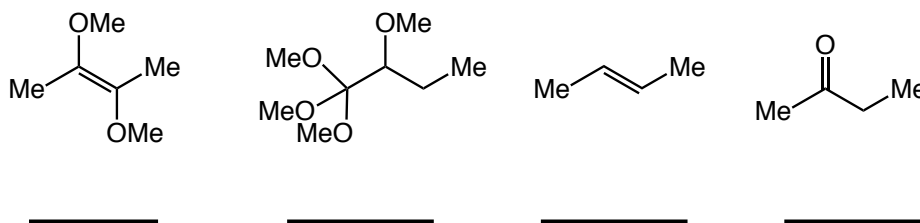
**Question 1 (14 points):**

Provide reagents to accomplish the transformations shown below. Note that a given transformation may require multiple steps (2 pts each; 14 pts total):

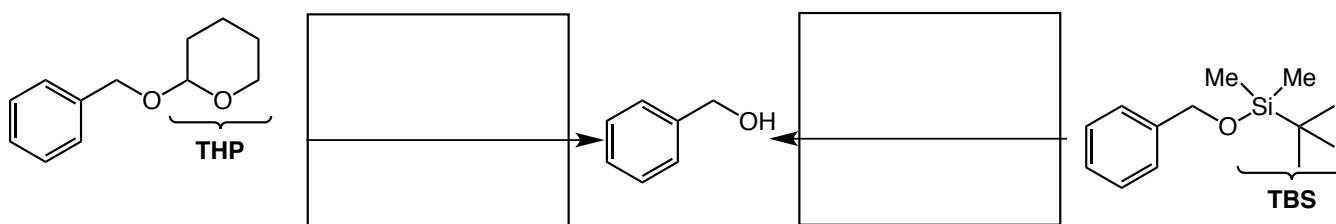


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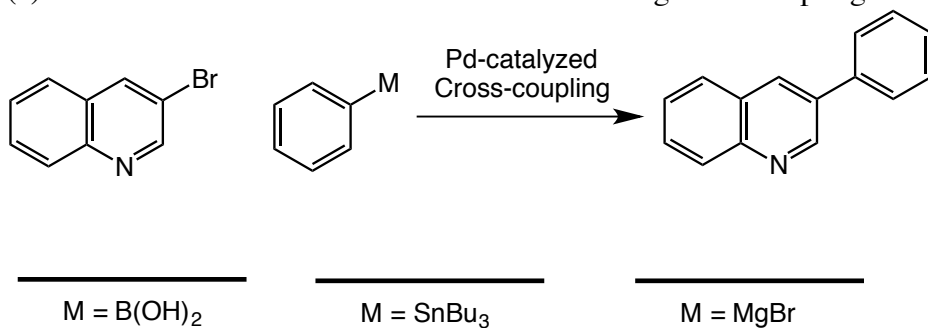
(a) Rank the following molecules (from 1 to 4) in terms of increasing oxidation level (1 for the lowest level). (4 pts total)



(b) Provide conditions for the following **deprotection** steps (i.e., removal of the protecting group). (2.5 pts each)

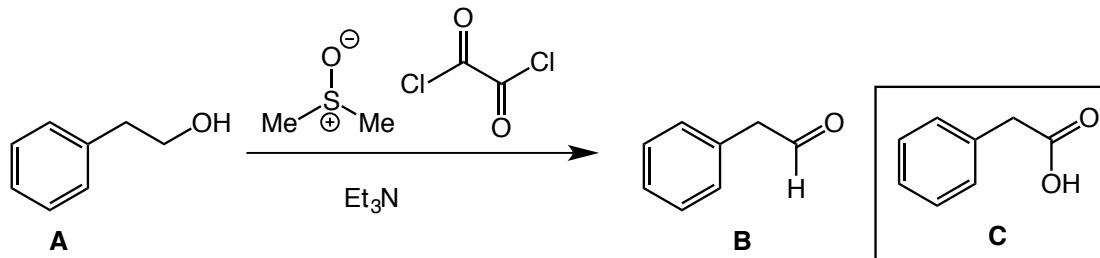


(c) Provide the names associated with the following cross-coupling reactions (6 pts)



**Question 3 (15 points):**

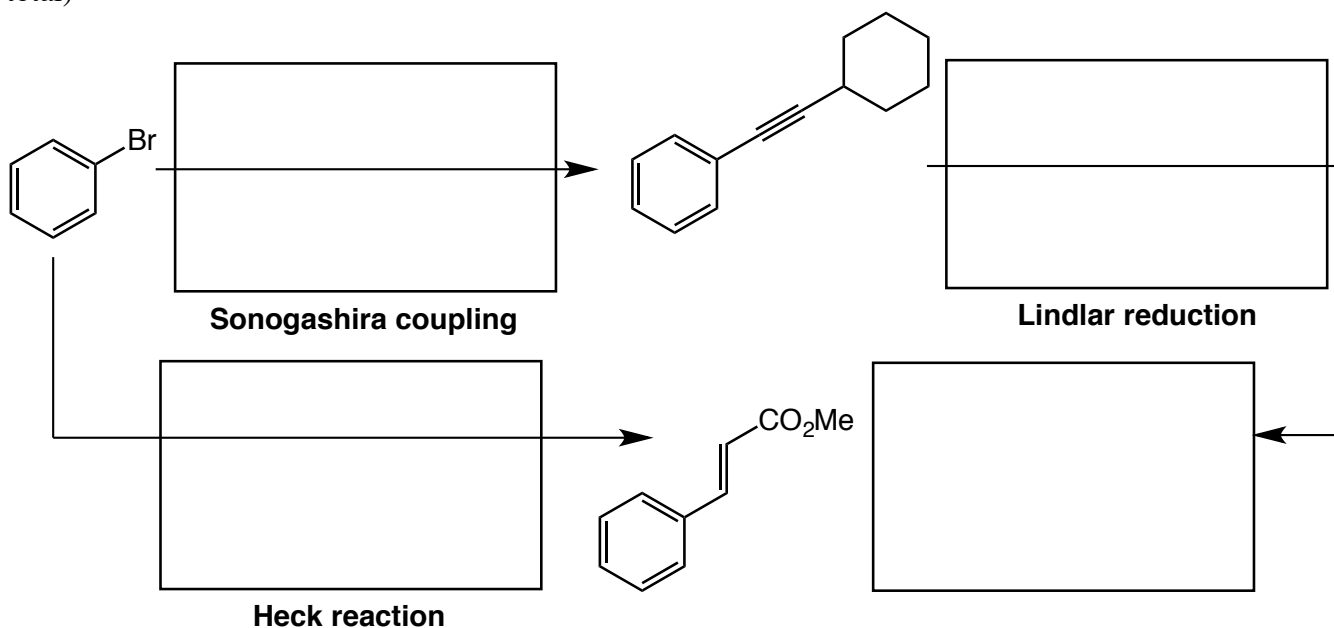
(a) A Swern oxidation provides aldehyde **B** from alcohol **A** whereas a Jones oxidation provides acid **C**. Provide a detailed mechanism for the formation of **B**: (9 pts)



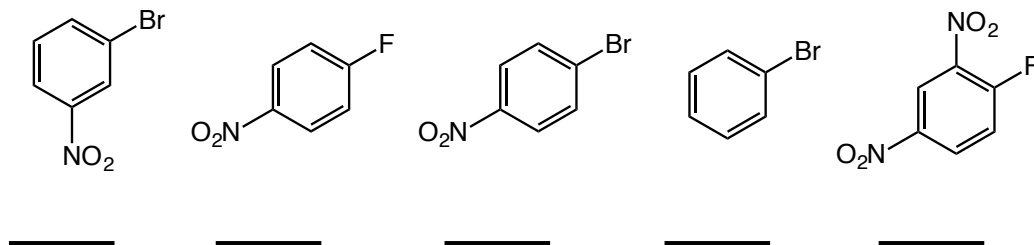
(b) Explain with a mechanism how **C** forms from **A** under the Jones oxidation conditions. In addition, you may add up to two sentences (6pts)

**Question 4 (17 Points):**

(a) Provide reagents for the following transition metal-catalyzed transformations (3 pts each; 12 pts total)

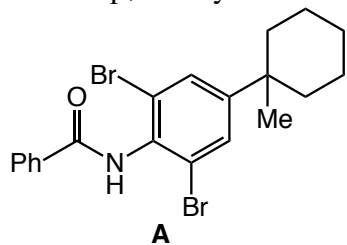


(b) Rank the following benzene derivatives from 1 to 5 in terms of rate of reaction in a  $S_NAr$  reaction with 1 being the fastest. (5pts)



**Question 5 (20 points):**

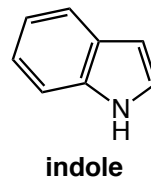
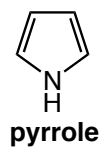
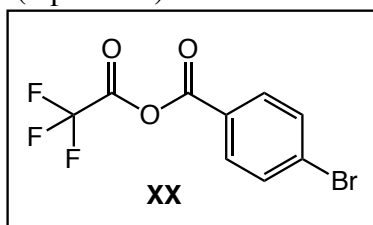
Provide a synthesis of **A** (shown below) from benzene and any other reagents you deem necessary. For each step, clearly indicate the equivalents of reagents that you need.



**Question 6 (19 points):**

Mixed anhydride **XX** (shown below) forms an acylium intermediate in the presence of a Lewis acid.

(a) Circle the positions on pyrrole and on indole that will react first with the acylium intermediate that is formed from **XX**. (2 pts each)



(b) Provide a mechanism for the S<sub>E</sub>Ar reaction of pyrrole and **XX** in the presence of a Lewis acid (LA) (15 pts)

**The End**