

Question 1 (10 pts.) Give the IUPAC name for the following compound. Be sure to use cis/trans, E/Z or R/S where appropriate.

3-methylhept-(3Z)-en-6-yn-(2S)-ol

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Question 2 (17 pts). Which is the stronger Bronsted acid, A or B (ignore keto-tautomers). Give a BRIEF explanation and support your assignment using appropriate drawings of the conjugate base anions

When deprotonated, the conjugate base alkoxide anion from A has fewer resonance contributors, the non-bonding electrons not as delocalized, they are higher in energy, the anion is less stable, this A is the weaker Bronsted acid.

The conjugate base alkoxide from B has more resonance contributors, the non-bondong electrons are more delocalized/stabilized, B is thus a stronger Bronsted acid

Question 3 (first part, 18 pts.) For each reaction

- 1) Provide the missing major organic product, ignore sterochemistry at asymmetric centers
- 2) State whether each reaction is an Addition, Eimination, Substitution or Rearrangement
- 3) State whether each reaction is Reduction, Oxidation or Neither

Question 3 (second part, 7 pts.) Provide the missing **reagents/conditions DO NOT STATE** whether the reaction is Addition/Eimination/Substitution/Rearrangement **DO NOT STATE** whether each reaction is reduction/oxidation/neither

Question 3 (third part, 14 pts.) GIve the major organic product of the following reactions **DO NOT STATE** whether the reaction is Addition/Eimination/Substitution/Rearrangement **DO NOT STATE** whether each reaction is reduction/oxidation/neither

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Question 4 (21 pts.) Several of the C-C bonds in the provided structure can be made in a Grignard reaction. Provide the structure of the Grignard reagent AND the structure it would react with (assume an acid workup step. i.e. do not include the H_3O^+), and **indicate CLEARLY the C-C bond you are making in each reaction.**

Question 5 (12 pts). Which is the stronger Bronsted acid, A or B? Give a BRIEF explanation that includes a discussion of both the inductive and the resonance substituent effects. You do NOT need to draw any chemical structures or include any curved arrow-pushing unless you would like to, all points are for the explanation, words are sufficient to answer this question.

Bronsted acidity is determined in this case by the stability of the conjugate base anions. The subsituent in A stabilizes the anion BOTH by the inductive effect and also by the resonance effect. The substituent in B stabilizes the base anion by the inductive effect, but destabilizes the anion via the resonance effect. The resonance effect dominates over the inductive effect, the bas anion from B is less stable, is harder to form, the acid B is weaker and the acid A is stronger.

5 pts Extra Credit. The "slime" and "silly putty" polymers that are made by combining starch and white glue and similar compounds are held together by what kind of bonds? (circle one)

hydrogen-bonds

 $\pi\text{-bonds}$

 σ -bonds

multiple-bonds

Question 6 (40 pts.) Show how you would synthesize the target componds on the right from the starting compounds on the left. Show reagents and conditions, and the structures of important intermediate compounds. Do not show any (arrow pushing) mechanisms.

Question 7 (36 pts). READ THIS QUESTION CAREFULLY!

For **EACH** reaction, give a complete cuerved arrow pushing mechanism, and...

1) Show **ALL** important resonance contributors for all intermediates.

- 2) Add non-bonding electrons and C-H bonds to the line-angle structures as required.
- 3) Indicate the Lewis acid/Lewis base (LA, LB) at each step as appropriate, and whether