Organic Division October Cumulative Examination

October 18, 1997

Mechanisms

For each of the following transformations provide a reasonable mechanism. **Please be neat and concise**. Clearly indicate all intermediates and discuss the observed stereochemistry when appropriate. Each question is worth 16 points.

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Sakurai, O. et. al. J. Org. Chem. 1996, 61, 7889.

2.

Hale, K.J. et. al. Tetrahedron Lett. 1995, 36, 1359

3.

Hale, K.J. et. al. Tetrahedron Lett. 1995, 36, 1359

Pieper, P.A. et. al. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 1997, 119, 1809.

5. Suggest how you would do the first step (???) of this problem and provide the mechanism for the subsequent steps.

Tetrahedron Asymm. 1996, 7, 283.

6. At a recent seminar Professor Soderquist presented various new aspects of the Suzuki Cross-Coupling Reaction of Organoboranes. With the knowledge you gained during his presentation discuss the most likely mechanism for the synthesis of biaryls shown below. Remember this is a catalytic cycle.

$$ArB(OH)_2 + Ar'-X \xrightarrow{Pd(PPh_3)_4} Ar-Ar'$$

Miyaura, N.; Suzuki, A. Chem. Rev. 1995, 95, 2457.