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Fall 2012

Chemistry 4000 Midterm

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- INSTRUCTIONS:
- 1) Please read over the test carefully before beginning. You should have 7 pages of questions and a periodic table.
 - 2) Unless otherwise stated in the question, explain all of your answers fully. Use diagrams where appropriate. When invoking any argument based on resonance, you must draw all relevant resonance structures.
 - 3) ALL structures must be drawn showing lone pairs, non-zero formal charges and reasonable bond angles – regardless of whether they are expanded, condensed or line-bond. Marks will be deducted for poorly drawn structures.
 - 4) Marks will be deducted for incorrect information added to an otherwise correct answer.
 - 5) If your work is not legible, it will be given a mark of zero.
 - 6) Calculators are not allowed. You are not permitted to have any electronic devices with you during the exam unless authorized by the instructor.
 - 7) You may use a molecular model kit.
 - 8) You have 2 hours to complete this test.

Confidentiality Agreement:

I agree not to discuss (or in any other way divulge) the contents of this exam until after 8:00pm Mountain Time on Monday, October 29th, 2012. I understand that breaking this agreement would constitute academic misconduct, a serious offense with serious consequences. The minimum punishment would be a mark of 0/56 on this exam; the maximum punishment would include expulsion from this university.

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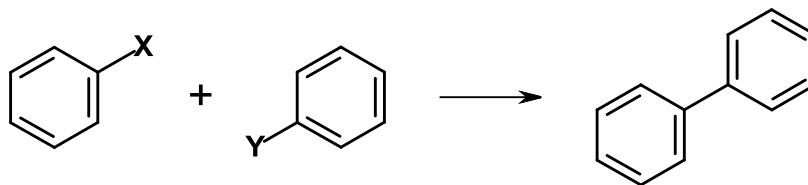
Question Breakdown

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Q2	/ 4
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Q4	/ 6
Q5	/ 6
Q6	/ 6
Q7	/ 8
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1. You wish to perform the following reaction: [7 marks]



- (a) Why can you not use an S_N1 approach? [2 marks]

- (b) Why can you not use an S_N2 approach? [2 marks]

- (c) How would you do it? Include specific groups to replace X and Y, and identify any other necessary reagents. [3 marks]

2. [4 marks]

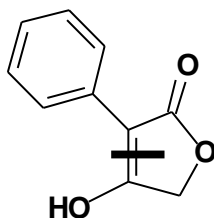
- (a) What is meant by the term “umpolung”? [1 mark]

- (b) Give an example of an umpoled synthon, and indicate what feature(s) make it umpoled. [3 marks]

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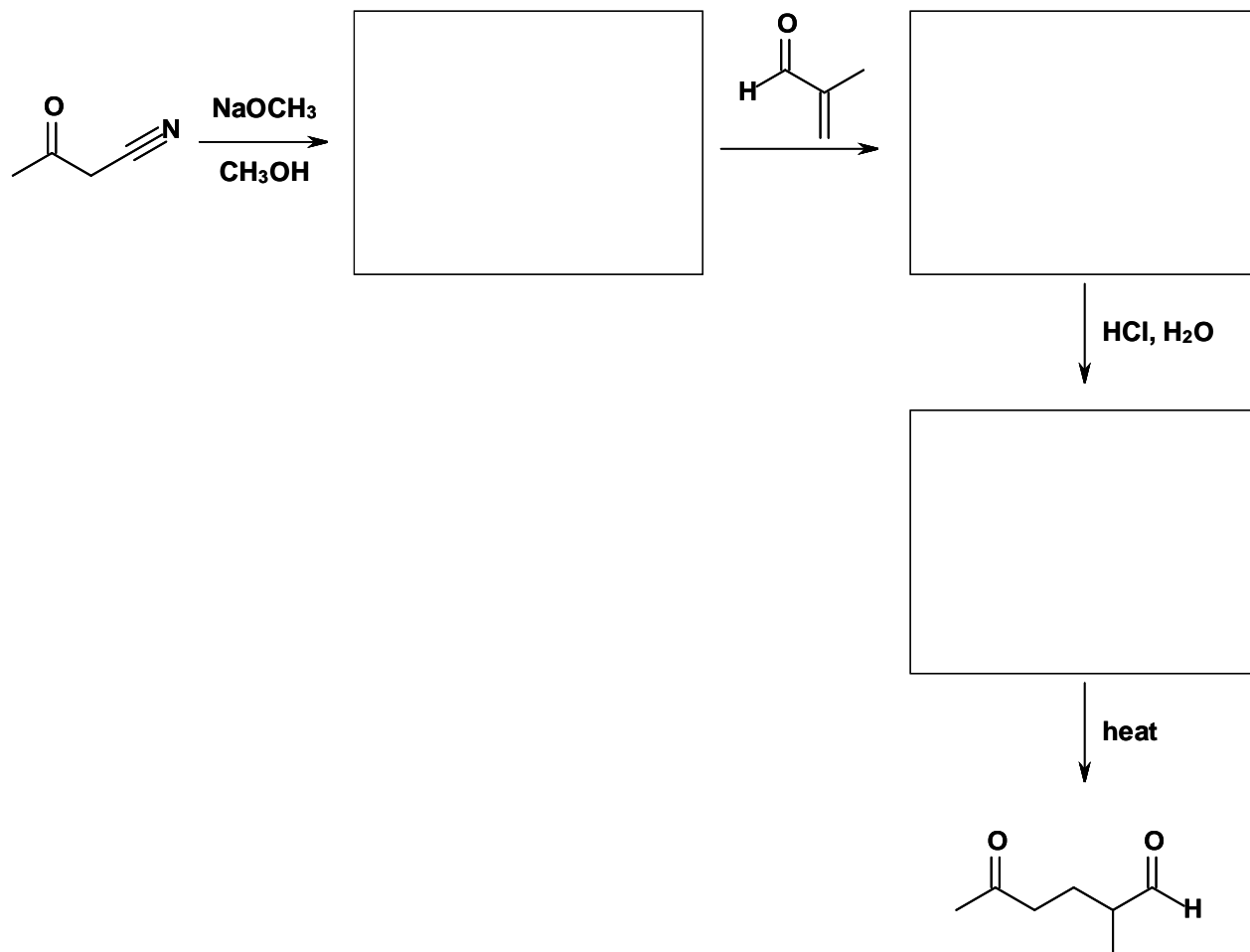
3. Explain why an a^3 synthon is usually a better choice than a d^3 synthon. **[4 marks]**
Your answer should include an example of each.

4. The first synthesis we worked through in problem set was that of rofecoxib (Vioxx[®]). One of the key disconnections used in one of the syntheses is shown below (the thick dark line).



- There are two possible pairs of synthons generated by this disconnection. **[6 marks]**
- (a) Identify each pair of synthons (clearly indicating which side of the disconnection corresponds to each synthon). **[4 marks]**
- (b) Which of the pairs of synthons is preferable? Why? **[2 marks]**

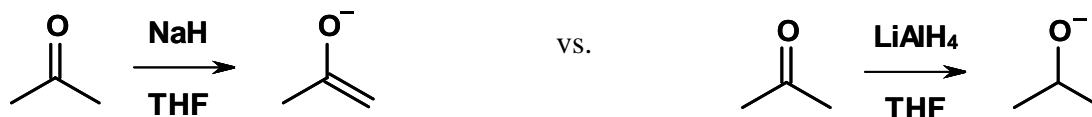
5. Consider the following sequence of reactions. [6 marks]
There is no work-up done between reactions.



- (a) Draw the product of each step in the appropriate box. [3 marks]
 (b) What was the purpose of the $-\text{CN}$ group? [3 marks]

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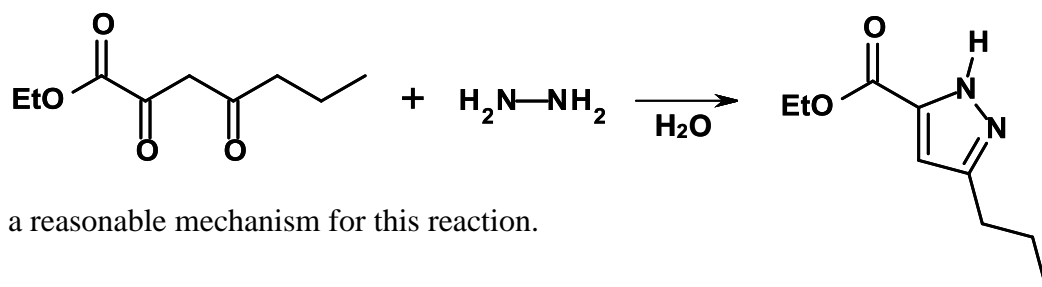
6. Use an argument based on hard/soft principles to explain why NaH and LiAlH₄ react differently with acetone: [6 marks]



Your answer should include a mechanism for each of the reactions shown above.

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7. One of the first steps in the synthesis of sildenafil (Viagra[®]) is shown below. [8 marks]



Propose a reasonable mechanism for this reaction.

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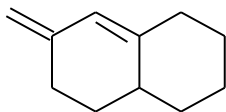
8. How would you make each of the molecules below? **[15 marks]**

Your answers should take the form of a retrosynthetic analysis followed by chemical equations for the reactions in the synthesis itself. Show all required reagents, and number steps within a reaction if order of addition is important.

You may use any reagents that you could reasonably expect to be commercially available and that contain no more than 6 carbon atoms. (Exception: Reagents may contain one or more benzene rings in addition to the 6 carbon limit.)

If you are suggesting a multi-step synthesis, write an equation for each step.

(a)



[5 marks]

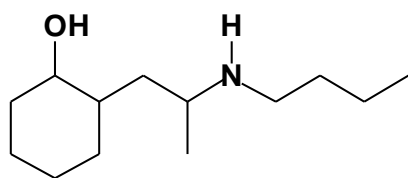
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(b)



[10 marks]

