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## Optional Problem Set 8: Radicals

1. Please provide a detailed mechanism for the formation of each of the illustrated products.

$$\begin{array}{c|c} \text{Me} & \text{Me} & \text{Me} \\ \hline \\ \text{O} & \hline \\ \text{100 °C} & \\ \hline \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \text{Me} & \text{Me} \\ \\ \text{Me} \\ \end{array} \\ + \\ \begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \\ \text{Me} \\ \\ \text{Me} \\ \end{array}$$

**2.** The decarbonylation of the two labeled pentenals shown below has been studied.

- a) Please provide a mechanism for the formation of each of the four products.
- b) For each reaction, explain the effect of the concentration on the product distribution.
- **3.** Please provide a mechanism for the illustrated reaction. Show the initiation and propagation steps.

**4.** Please provide a mechanism for the formation of each product, and rationalize the predominant formation of **A**.

**5.** Please provide a mechanism for the illustrated transformation.

**6.** Identify **A** and **B**, and provide a mechanism for their formation.

O O O CCI<sub>4</sub>
AIBN, 
$$\Delta$$

C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>CI<sub>3</sub>NS + C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>7</sub>CI + CO<sub>2</sub>

A B
(3 vinyl H's in <sup>1</sup>H NMR)

**7.** Please provide a mechanism for the illustrated transformation.

**8.** Please provide a mechanism for the illustrated transformation.