## KEY

## Massachusetts Institute of Technology

## Final Exam

| Question 1 | /10 points |
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| Question 2 | / 15 points |
| Question 3 | /30 points |
| Question 4 | /10 points |
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| Question 8 | /12 points |
| Question 9 | / 10 points |
| Question 10 | /12 points |
| Question 11 | /12 points |
| Question 12 | /12 points |
| Question 13 | /12 points |
| Question 14 | /14 points |
| Question 15 | /16 points |
| TOTAL | /200 points |

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Name (signed) $\qquad$

There are 18 pages (2-19) of questions in this exam.

1. (10 points total) Write an arrow-pushing mechanism for the reaction below.

Note: Aste risk $(*)={ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$.





Solution must account for ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ in formaldyde, otherwise no more than 5 pts should be awarded.
2. ( $\mathbf{1 5}$ points total) Compound $\mathbf{A}$ is prepared from $\mathbf{B}$ and $\mathbf{C}$ and has the spectroscopic data listed below. Draw the structure of $\mathbf{A}$ in the box provided, and write an arrow-pushing mechanism for its formation from $\mathbf{B}$ and $\mathbf{C}$ in the space below.


Figure by MIT OCW.
3. ( 30 points total, 1 point per box) For the following 15 structures, write the number of chemically non-equivalent (number of "different types") of hydrogens and carbons in the appropriate boxes below. (Be careful to put the numbers in the correct boxes - we can't read your mind, i.e. wrong numbers will receive no credit - no exceptions.)


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## \# non-equivalent $\mathrm{H} \quad$ \# non-equivalent C

f.



3
g.


h.


i.

j.



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4. (10 points) An alcohol (R-OH) was treated with sodium hydride and 1-bromo-2-butyne to give compound $\mathbf{D}$ (molecular weight $=166.10$ ). Using the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR data listed below, determine the structure of the product and the starting alcohol. Draw the structures in the boxes provided.


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5. (10 points) At room temperature, compound $\mathbf{E}$ is converted to compound $\mathbf{F}$ in high yield. Using the data provided, determine the structure of $\mathbf{F}$ (and draw the structure in the box provided), and write an arrow-pushing mechanism for its formation from $\mathbf{E}$.


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6. (15 points) Propose a synthesis of $\mathbf{G}$ from $\mathbf{H}$, maleic anhydride, and benzyl bromide $(\mathrm{BnBr}=$ $\mathrm{PhCH}_{2} \mathrm{Br}$ ). (All of the substituents on the five-membered ring in $\mathbf{G}$ are cis to one another, and your synthesis must establish this relative configuration.) Your synthesis must use $\mathbf{H}$, maleic anhydride, and BnBr . You may use any other reagents in addition to these. Write your synthesis neatly in the forward direction, and for each transformation, write the reagents necessary over the arrow.


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(7) (2 points for each box; 10 points total) Please provide the indicated information. If you use a base or an acid, please specify whether a "catalytic amount", " 1 equivalent", etc. is required.


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(8) (12 points) Please provide an efficient synthesis of the indicated target compound. All of the carbon of the target compound must come from methyl acetate.


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(9) (10 points) The Strecker reaction, followed by a hydrolysis reaction, is an excellent method for synthesizing amino acids, which are the building blocks of proteins. Provide the best mechanism for this process. Please show all arrow pushing. Note: You do NOT have to draw the mechanism for the hydrolysis reaction.


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(10) (12 points) Provide the structure of A and the best mechanism for both of the illustrated transformations. Please show all arrow pushing.


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(11) (12 points) Provide the best mechanism for the illustrated process. Please show all arrow processing.


Initiation (4 points):

AlBN:


2 Points


Total 4 Points
Propagation (8 points; please draw this in standard mechanism from, not as a sum/series of equations):


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(12) (12 points) Provide the best mechanism for the illustrated process. Please show all arrow pushing. Your mechanism should rationalize why the reaction proceeds with complete retention of stereochemistry.





+8 pts if double inversion mechanism involving $\mathrm{NO}_{2}$ as nucleophile

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(13) (10 points) Please provide a detailed mechanism for the illustrated transformation. Show all arrow pushing. ( $\mathrm{Bn}=\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}$ )
Hint \#1: Number your carbons! Hint \#2: PhSH is catalystic!


## Initiation:




## Propagation:



Figure by MIT OCW.
(14) (10 points) Compound $\mathbf{A}$ is converted to $\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$, and $\mathbf{D}$ upon heating. The reaction is accelerated by irradiation. Provide the structures of $\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C}$, and $\mathbf{D}$, and provide the mechanisms by which they are formed (please show all arrow pushing).


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(15) (16 points total) In an amazing process, Nature transforms squalene oxide into steroids (as a single stereoisomer!). For each of the process illustrated below, provide the best mechanism. Please show all arrow pushing.


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+2 for each step: Protonation opening of epoxide each cation $\pi$ - Cyclization * if no errors
-2 if show wrong connectivity after cation $\pi-$ Cyclic.
(b) (6 points) Intermediate 1 into lanosterol:



* or show stepwise $\overline{\mathrm{C}} \oplus$ charges !
-1 if show deprotonation in same step at alkyl shift.
-1 if show formation of double bond $\overline{\mathrm{s}}$ deprotonation, but show arrow
-2 for every $\underline{\underline{1,3}}$ shift
-1 for every $\underline{\underline{2}}$ missing mech. arrows

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