CHEM 633: Advanced Organic Chem: Physical Problem Set 2. Due 9/22/16. *Do <u>not</u> look up references until after you have turned in the problem set!*

1. Using FMO arguments, please explain why the *Z* acid conformation is more stable than then *E* conformation.



2. Please predict the lowest energy conformation of 2-chlorotetrahydropyran. Explain your answer using pictures and less than 10 words.



3. Where is the methyl group in the lowest energy conformation of ketal **1**? Please use Newman projections to clearly illustrate the position of the methyl group. Also, please explain your reasoning. You may use steric, electronic and/or stereoelectronic arguments.



4. *ortho*-Silylaryl triflates, such as **2**, are useful substrates for generating benzyne intermediates. Larock et al. found that *meta*-substituted product **3** was the only observed product in the addition of benzyl amine to **2**. In contrast, Akai et al. observed that *ortho*-substituted aniline **5** was the major product in the reaction of **4**.



(a) Please draw a reasonable arrow-pushing mechanism for the transformation of 2 to 3.

(b) Please rationalize the observed regiochemistry in both of these reactions. Specifically address why *meta* substitution is favored in one case and *ortho* in the other.

5. Are the following molecules chiral? Circle the ones that are chiral.



6. (a) Please draw the 4 possible products from the reaction of 2-methylcyclohexanone and methyl magnesium bromide.



(b) What are the stereochemical relationships between these products?

7. The temperature-dependent ratio of isomers of 1,3-di-*tert*-butylcyclohexane has been examined at equilibrium (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1960**, *82*, 2393).



- (a) Are the cis and trans conformations enantiomers or diastereomers?
- (b) Determine ΔH° and ΔS° for this process in kcal/mol and eu, respectively. Please attach your Excel worksheet and graph to the end of your problem set.

(c) Compare the measured value of ΔS° with those determined for other alkyl substituents by NMR spectroscopy (Me = -0.03 eu, Et = 0.64, *i*-Pr = 2.31), and provide an explanation for the sign and magnitude of the observed value in the *t*-Bu case.

8. Propose an arrow-pushing mechanism for the following transformation.



9. Propose an arrow-pushing mechanism for the following transformation.





10. Please circle which side of the following equilibria will be favored. Please report the relevant pK_a 's and give K_{eq} for both equations.



11. (a) The reaction of benzylamine and methyl methylacrylate results exclusively in the formation of product **3**. Please explain the selectively for product **3** over **4**.







12. (Grossman, Ch 2, #4) Draw reasonable arrow-pushing mechanisms for the following reactions.



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