## **Chemistry and Biochemistry School of Physical Sciences**

59-331/333 Feb. 4, 2000 Test #1 Time: 50 minutes

Answer all questions in the test booklet(s) provided. Answers written in pencil will be marked, but cannot be returned for remarking.

1. Give the <u>complete</u> mechanism for the Dieckmann reaction of the following diester. Please show **all** steps and **all** intermediates, and all small molecules given off or used during the reaction. Please also indicate which steps are reversible and which are (essentially) irreversible. (10 marks)

2. Indicate the structure of the expected major product from each of the following reactions. Include stereochemistry where it is relevant. Mechanisms are *not* necessary, but showing your work is likely to be a help. (5 for each letter, 40 marks total)

$$+ H \xrightarrow{\text{NaOH}_{(aq)}} A$$

a)

b)

c)
$$Ph \xrightarrow{O} \xrightarrow{O} \xrightarrow{NH} \xrightarrow{benzene} D \xrightarrow{1)^{Br}} \xrightarrow{Br} E$$

d)
$$\frac{H_2NCH_2Ph}{H^+_{(cat)}, \mathbf{D}} \quad \mathbf{F} \xrightarrow{2)} \quad \mathbf{Br} \quad \mathbf{G}$$
3)  $H_3O^+_{(aq)}$ 

**3.** Show by equation how you would prepare the products illustrated below from the indicated starting material. You may use *any* other reagents you deem to be fit. Show all reagents, conditions, and *intermediates that could be isolated.* Mechanisms are not necessary, but showing your work may be a help. (**10 marks each, 30 total)** 

a)  $CO_2Et$   $CO_2H$ 

**Bonus** The following rearrangement was observed during Oppolzer's longifolene synthesis. Propose a reasonable mechanism for this transformation.