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Test #2 50 minutes

1. Explain in terms of mechanistic pictures (include structures) why the addition

MeLi +
$$X$$

1) add in THF

2) H_2O
 H_3C
 MeO
 Me
 Me
 Me
 Me

reaction shown below will work for substrate 1 but fail for substrates 2. Show all intermediates. (10)

2. Indicate the structure of the major expected product of each of the following transformations. Include the product stereochemistry where it applies. Mechanisms are not necessary, but may be a help. (45)

Br
$$OEt$$
 + H OEt O

a.

b.

$$O = \underbrace{\begin{array}{c}OMe\\O\end{array}}_{O} \xrightarrow{NaBH_4} \mathbf{B}$$

C.

d.

$$\xrightarrow{\text{CH}_2=\text{O}, \text{ H}^+(\text{cat})} \quad \text{E} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{1) CH}_3\text{I}} \quad \text{F} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{Et}_2\text{O}} \quad \text{G}$$

e.

3. Show by equation how you would prepare the products illustrated from the given starting material. You may use any other reagent you deem fit. Show all reagents, conditions, and isolable intermediates. Mechanisms again are not necessary, but may be a help. (40)

a.

b.

C.

d.

Bonus As was mentioned class, the conversion of an alkylborane to an alcohol is a mechanistically interesting process. Propose a reasonable mechanism for this; don't forget that this process goes with *retention* of configuration.