Chem 30A-Week 9

Warm-up Exercise

Which pair reacts faster in a S_N2 reaction with a hydroxide ion?

- a. CH₃Br or CH₃I
- b. CH₃CH₂I in EtOH or DMSO
- c. H2CCHCH2Br or H2CCHBr

Which reagent in the pair is more nucleophilic?

- d. BF₃ or F
- e. $(CH_3)_3P$ or $(CH_3)_3N$
- f. H₂O or CH₃COO

Order each set of compounds with respect to S_N1 reactivity

- g. (CH₃)₃C-Cl
- Ph-C(CH₃)₂Cl
- CH₃CH₂C(NH₂)HCH₃

- h. (CH₃)₃C-F
- $(CH_3)_3C-Br$
- (CH₃)₃C-OH

- i. Ph-CH₂Br
- PhCH(CH₃)Br
- (Ph)₃CBr

Substitution

1. Give two starting materials for the following reaction

2. Which way would you use to make cyclohexyl methyl ether using a S_N 2 reaction?

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3. What is the product of the intramolecular S_N2 reaction of 4-bromo-butanol with sodium methoxide (base)?

b. Given the above reaction: how would you make 1,4-dioxane from a di-halide starting material?

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1,4-dioxane

Substitution vs. Elimination

4. The synthetic sequences shown here are all unlikely to occur as written. What is wrong with each?

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Substitution vs. Elimination

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6. Propose a mechanism:

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Hint: 2 possible products

10. Explain why t-butanol will not react with potassium chloride, but will react with concentrated HCl to form 2-chloro-2-methylpropane.