15% (1) Propose a mechanism for each of the following transformations that explains the observed regionselectivity and/or stereochemistry.

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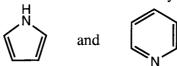
$$C_5$$

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$$C_7$$

10% (2) Given below are the observed epoxide ratios from epoxidations of the compounds A and B, respectively, with *m*-chloroperbenzoic acid (*m*CPBA) in CHCl₃. How do you explain the differences in stereoselectivity?

- 10% (3) Take an example to explain the following questions:
 - (a) Grignard reagens and in reactions with α, β -unsaturated carbonyl compounds
 - (b) Gilman reagens and in reactions with $\alpha.\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl compounds
 - 5% (4) How do you suppose accounts for the acidity or basicity for the following pair.



- 10% (5) *Trans*-1-chloro-2-methylcyclohexane, and *cis*-1-chloro-2-methylcyclohexane can undergo E2 eliminations. Explain the following observations:
 - (a) Is the more substituted alkene always necessarily the major product.
 - (b) Does *trans* isomer react faster than *cis* isomer?

(10%)(6). Outlined here is a synthesis of glyceraldehyde. What are the in-termediates A-C, and what stereoisomeric form of glyceraldehyde would you expect to obtain?

$$CH_2 = CHCH_2OH - \frac{PCC}{CH_2CI_2} A (C_3H_4O) - \frac{CH_3OH, HA}{CH_3OH, HA}$$

B
$$(C_5H_{10}O_2)$$
 $\xrightarrow{KMnO_4,OH^-}$ C $(C_5H_{12}O_4)$ $\xrightarrow{H_3O^+}$ glyceraldehyde

(10%)(7). When an aldehyde or a ketone is condensed with ethyl α -chloroacetate in the presence of sodium ethoxide, the product is an α , β -epoxy ester called a glycidic ester. The synthesis is called the Darzens condensation .

(a)Outline a reasonable mechanism for the Darzens condensation. (b)Hydrolysis of the epoxy ester leads to an epoxy acid that, on heating with pyridine, furnishes an aldehyde. What is happening here?

$$R \xrightarrow{R'} C \xrightarrow{C_5H_5N} R \xrightarrow{R'} CH \xrightarrow{C_5H_5N} R \xrightarrow{R'} CH + CO_2$$

(10%)(8). Using as starting materials propanoic acid, aniline, and 2-naphthol, propose a synthesis of naproanilide, a herbicide used in rice paddies in the Orient.

Naproanilide

(10%)(9). The widely used antioxidant and food preservative called BHA (butylated hydroxyanisole) is actually a mixture of 2-tert-butyl-4-methoxyphenol and 3-tert-butyl-4-methoxyphenol. BHA is synthesized from p-methoxyphenol and 2-methylpropene. (a) Suggest how this is done. (b) Another widely used antioxidant is BHT (butylated hydroxytoluene). BHT is actually 2,6-di-tert-butyl-4-methyl-phenol, and the raw materials used in its production are p-cresol and 2-methyl-propene. What reaction is used here?

(10%)(10).p-Chloronitrobenzene was allowed to react with sodium 2,6-di-tert-butylphenoxide with the intention of preparing the diphenyl ether 1. The product was not 1, but rather was an isomer of 1 that still possessed a phenolic hydroxyl group.

What was this product, and how can one account for its formation?