Chem 332 Exam 3 May 8, 2003 Prof. Fox 50 minutes 250 points

The exam is open book,
Open notes. Models are permitted
Show your work in detail

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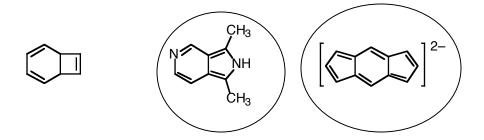
1. Provide structures of A - E. 7 points for each correct answer

(total 35 pts)

OMe Na/NH<sub>3</sub> D 
$$H_3O^+$$
 E  $C_{10}H_{10}O$  IR: 1715 cm<sup>-1</sup>

OMe OMe

2 (a) Circle the compounds that are aromatic. 7 points for each correct answer (total 21 points)



2 (b) Compound **F** is extremely reactive and unstable, whereas compound **G** is exceptionally stable and unreactive. Use your knowledge of resonance and aromaticity to explain why. (34 points)



recall that the double bonds of carbonyl compounds have significant contributions from a polar resonance form in which the oxygen bears negative charge and the carbon a positive charge

when we consider such resonance forms of  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{G}$ , we see that  $\mathbf{F}$  has a contributer from an anti-aromatic (4n) cyclopentadienyl cation (4 electrons), whereas  $\mathbf{G}$  has a contribution from a very stable and aromatic (4n+2) tropylium ion (6 electrons)

G

4 electrons and anti-aromatic

6 electrons and anti-aromatic

3. Provide a synthesis of **H** using benzene and any other starting materials that contain 5 carbons or less.

## 4. Provide a detailed arrow pushing mechanism.

(50 pts)

5. Provide a detailed arrow pushing mechanism. Hint: the most acidic proton of I is positioned between the two chlorines. (50 points)

$$\begin{array}{c} Li^{+} \\ Cl \\ Cl \\ (+PhH) \end{array}$$