Basic Organic Chemistry Quiz

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| **1.** **Which of the following types of reactions involves R-X, Li, CuI, and R'-X?** |

Clemmenson ReductionCorey-Posner , Whitesides-House synthesisFriedel-Crafts AlkylationGrignard synthesis |

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| **2.** **In the type of reaction involving R-X, Li, CuI, and R'-X?; R'-X must NOT be which of the following?** |

PrimarySecondary cycloalkylMethylTertiary |

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| **3.** **Grignard reagents react with ketones to form which of the following?** |

Tertiary alcoholsSecondary alcoholsPrimary alcoholsCarboxylic acids |

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| **4.** **Which of the following is a Huckel number?** |

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| **5.** **Which of the following are reagents used in the nitration of benzene?** |

Concentrated NO3Dilute solutions of NO3 and H2SO4Conc. HNO3 and conc. H2SO4Ammonia |

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| **6.** **Which of the following is NOT associated with oxidation?** |

PCCLiAlH4Jones ReagentHot KMnO4 |

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| **7.** **Which of the following will reduce an aldehyde but not a carboxylic acid?** |

NaBH4H2, Pt catalystLiAlH4PCC |

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| **8.** **If branching of the side chain in the product is a problem in Friedel-Crafts alkylation, how can a product with an unbranched side chain be reached?** |

Use Cl2 instead of AlCl3It can't--the more stable carbocation cannot be avoidedFriedel-Crafts acylation followed by Clemmenson reductionTreat the product with a strong acid |

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| **9.** **A methyl group on benzene is considered which of the following?** |

Ortho-para director, deactivatingOrtho-para director, activatingMeta director, activatingMeta director, deactivating |

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| **10.** **When an alcohol is exposed to an acid, what is the first thing that always happens?** |

Protonation of the hydroxyl groupA double bond formsAn acid-base reactionIt becomes a diol |

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| **1.** Which of the following types of reactions involves R-X, Li, CuI, and R'-X?  |

**Your Answer:** [No Answer] The correct answer was Corey-Posner , Whitesides-House synthesis If you picked Grignard synthesis, close, but not exactly. Grignard syntheses make {alcohols;} Corey-Posner syntheses make new carbon-carbon bonds.

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| **26%** of players have answered correctly. |  |

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| **2.** In the type of reaction involving R-X, Li, CuI, and {R'-X?;} R'-X must NOT be which of the following?  |

**Your Answer:** [No Answer] The correct answer was Tertiary By the way, I was nice and didn't throw in secondary by itself without the cycloalkyl part. :)

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| **3.** Grignard reagents react with ketones to form which of the following?  |

**Your Answer:** [No Answer] The correct answer was Tertiary alcohols A ketone already has two R groups, the Grignard adds a third, and protonation removes the MgX to form a hydroxyl group.

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| **4.** Which of the following is a Huckel number?  |

**Your Answer:** [No Answer] The correct answer was 10 The Huckel rule is: 4n + 2. 8-2=6, 12-2=10, and 16-2=14, none of which can be divided by four to produce a whole number. {10-2=8;} 8 divided by 4 is {2;} therefore, 10 is a Huckel number.

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| **5.** Which of the following are reagents used in the nitration of benzene?  |

**Your Answer:** [No Answer] The correct answer was Conc. HNO3 and conc. H2SO4 The sulfuric acid aids in production of the electrophile, O=N(+)=O (sorry, hard to show structure here). The acids must be concentrated, or the reaction will not work!

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| **6.** Which of the following is NOT associated with oxidation?  |

**Your Answer:** [No Answer] The correct answer was LiAlH4 LiAlH4 (LAH) is a reducing agent, the others all oxidize alcohols to carbonyl compounds.

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| **7.** Which of the following will reduce an aldehyde but not a carboxylic acid?  |

**Your Answer:** [No Answer] The correct answer was NaBH4 LAH will reduce the aldehyde AND the carboxylic acid, H2, Pt catalyst will reduce neither functional group, and PCC is an oxidizing agent, not a reducing agent.

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| **8.** If branching of the side chain in the product is a problem in Friedel-Crafts alkylation, how can a product with an unbranched side chain be reached?  |

**Your Answer:** [No Answer] The correct answer was Friedel-Crafts acylation followed by Clemmenson reduction Ok, this one was obvious--none of the incorrect answers make any sense. (While the tertiary carbocation cannot be avoided in Friedel-Crafts alkylation, there is definitely still a way to synthesize the desired product--never give up!)

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| **9.** A methyl group on benzene is considered which of the following?  |

**Your Answer:** [No Answer] The correct answer was Ortho-para director, activating The methyl group directs substituents to either the ortho (1,2) or para (1,4) position, not the meta (1,3), which is generally less stable. The methyl group also causes the compound to be more reactive than benzene itself, so it is an activating group.

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| **10.** When an alcohol is exposed to an acid, what is the first thing that always happens?  |

**Your Answer:** An acid-base reaction The correct answer was Protonation of the hydroxyl group Protonation is always the first step because OH is a poor leaving group, and (+)OH2 is a good leaving group. The elimination can only occur after protonation, thus forming the double bond.

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