CHE 173

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Specific Objectives for Quiz 7

- 1. Understand the nature of the C-M bond in organometallic compounds.
- 2. Know how to prepare organolithium compounds and Grignard reagents.
- 3. Understand that organolithium compounds and Grignard reagents are good sources of nucleophilic carbon species, but that they're also Bronsted basic and will react with Bronsted acids (protons, H⁺).
- 4. Be able to synthesize a given alcohol from the reaction of an organometallic compound with a carbonyl compound (aldehyde or ketone).
- 5. Be able to show the mechanism for the reaction of an organometallic compound with a carbonyl compound (aldehyde or ketone).
- 6. Understand what is meant by "retrosynthetic analysis" and be able to apply this reasoning process in synthesis problems.
- 7. Understand how to synthesize alkanes using organocopper reagents and alkyl halides, aryl halides and vinylhalides.
- 8. Be able to show the synthesis of cyclopropane compounds from the reaction of organozinc reagents with alkenes (Simmons-Smith reaction).
- 9. Be able to apply the above reactions (as well as other reactions you've already learned) in multi-step synthesis problems.