Chemistry 1310/2370 - Synthetic Organic Chemistry

Problem Set 1: Due Date 9/23/09

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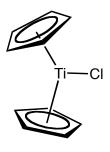
- A. Propose syntheses for the following compounds (include reagents):
 - a) Indigo, from aniline and using a Strecker synthesis as the first step.

b) $\alpha\text{-}Terpineol,$ from ethyl cyanoacetate and using malonic ester, Claisen condensation, Grignard, and Fischer esterification reactions	

B. Write structures for **A** through **D**:

Me₂C=O + HCN
$$\longrightarrow$$
 A $\xrightarrow{H_3O^+}$ B $\xrightarrow{H_2SO_4}$ C $\xrightarrow{1. BH_3/THF}$ D

C. Determine the oxidation state, the d-electron count, and the total electron count of the titanocene chloride.



D. In the following sequence, insert the names of the organometallic mechanisms:

$$R_{1} \xrightarrow{?} R_{1} \xrightarrow{M_{1}} R_{1} \xrightarrow{?} R_{1} \xrightarrow{M_{2}} R_{1} \xrightarrow{R_{1}} Ar$$

E. Provide a mechanism for the Heck coupling of (Z)- β -methylstyrene with 2-bromofuran. Pay particular attention to the stereochemistry of the intermediates and the product.