Spring 2013 Due: 2/4/13

- 1. Write a mechanism that explains the formation of tetrahydrofuran (THF) from the reaction of 4-chloro-1-butanol and aqueous sodium hydroxide.
- 2. Outlined below is a synthesis of the gypsy moth sex attractant **E**. Give the structure of the gypsy moth sex attractant **E** and of the intermediates, **A-D**, in the synthesis.

HC 
$$\equiv$$
 CNa  $\stackrel{\text{1-bromo-5-methylhexane}}{\longrightarrow}$  A (C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>16</sub>)  $\stackrel{\text{NaNH}_2}{\text{liq. NH}_3}$  B (C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>15</sub>Na)  $\stackrel{\text{I}}{\longrightarrow}$   $\stackrel{\text{II}}{\longrightarrow}$   $\stackrel{\text{II}}{$ 

3. Synthesize the following ether using the Williamson ether synthesis.

4. Draw the expected product of a Sharpless asymmetric epoxidation of the following allylic alcohol using (+)-diethyl tartrate as the chiral catalyst.