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Written Exam Supramolecular Chemistry (OC VII) Fall 2006

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Problem 1:

- a) Propose a synthesis for 1, passing through intermediate 2. Indicate reagents and relevant reaction conditions for the various reactions.
- b) In MeCN, 1 complexes anions such as Cl⁻. Make a structural proposal for the most favorable binding geometry. How would you follow the complexation by simple spectroscopic means?

Problem 2:

The *Ugi* four-component reaction (U-4CR) provides a new versatile approach for the construction of macrobicyclic compounds such as cryptands. Propose a structure for the cryptand-type product obtained from **3-6**. Write down the mechanistic details for this reaction.

Problem 3:

In CDCl₃, bis-naphthyridine derivative **10** forms an elongated dimer which is stabilized by multiple hydrogen bonding. Draw a structure for the dimer, including the hydrogen bonds. What NMR-spectroscopic technique may have been used to prove the structure? In principle, **10** could also adopt two folded conformations which, however, were not observed. Make structural proposals for the two folded conformers.

Problem 4:

Receptor 7 complexes electron-deficient aromatic compounds, X-ray crystal structure analysis showing that the two anthracene moieties approach each other notably to wrap a guest molecule such as 1,2,4,5-tetracyanobenzene.

- a) What is the (ideal) C···C distance between the parallel anthracene units of the rectangular box adopted upon complexation of the arene?
- b) Propose a synthesis for intermediate 8, as well as a route from 9 (obtained from 8 by saponification and subsequent ether formation) to receptor 7. Indicate reagents and reaction conditions.