

## Ch. 19 Ald/Ketones, Part 4 & Ch. 20 Carb. Acids, Part 1 – Practice Problems

Provide the reagents needed to transform the given starting material into the desired product.

Match the functional groups to the correct names.

Which is the stronger acid? Explain briefly.

$$H_2$$
O  $CH_3$ — $C$ —OH water acetic acid

Provide curved arrows for the following proton-transfer reaction.

Determine the direction of the equilibrium (forward or reverse favored?).

What predictions can you make about the relative  $K_a$  and  $pK_a$  values of the two acids shown below? Justify your answers.

Which reagents would be best to achieve the following synthesis?

A) 1) Mg

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- 2) 0
- 3)  $H_3O^+$

- C) 1) Mg
  - 2) 0
  - 3)  $H_3O^+$
- - 2) Mg
  - 3) 0
  - 4) H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>, heat

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  - 3) 0
  - 4) H<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>, heat

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- A) 1) TMSCl, base
  - 2) CH<sub>3</sub>ONa
  - 3) H<sub>2</sub>/Pd
  - 4) TBAF
  - 5) PCC

- B) 1) PCC
  - 2) NaBH<sub>4</sub>, MeOH
  - 3) NaH
  - 4) CH<sub>3</sub>I

- C) 1) TMSCl, base
  - 2) LiAlH<sub>4</sub>; wkup
  - 3) NaH
  - 4) CH<sub>3</sub>I
  - 5) TBAF
  - 6) PCC

- D) 1) CH<sub>3</sub>OH, TsOH
  - 2) PCC
  - 3)  $H_3O+$
  - 4) CH<sub>3</sub>ONa
  - 5) H<sub>2</sub>/Pd

- E) 1) NaBH<sub>4</sub>, MeOH
  - 2) NaH
  - 3) CH<sub>3</sub>I
  - 4) PCC

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Match the functional groups to the correct names.

$R \longrightarrow R$	R NH <sub>2</sub>	ROR	R O ⊝	R−0 <sup>©</sup>
A) ether	amide	ether	carboxylic acid	alcohol
B) anhydride	amide	ester	carboxylate	alkoxide
C) anhydride	amine	ester	carboxylate	alkoxide
D) ether	amine	ether	carboxylate	alcohol
E) anhydride	amide	ester	carboxylic acid	alkoxide

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- A) Because this is more stable:  $H-O^{\bigcirc}$  water is the stronger acid.
- B) Because this is more stable: H-O-H water is the weaker acid.
- C) Because this is more stable:  $CH_3 COO$  acetic acid is the stronger acid.
- D) Because this is more stable: CH<sub>3</sub>-C-OH acetic acid is the weaker acid.
- E) It's impossible to predict acid strength without  $pK_a$  data.

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Provide curved arrows for the following proton-transfer reaction.

Determine the direction of the equilibrium (forward or reverse favored?).

- A) Forward, because acetate is the weaker base.
- B) Forward, because hydroxide is the weaker base.
- C) Reverse, because acetate is the stronger base.
- D) Reverse, because hydroxide is the stronger base.

What predictions can you make about the relative  $K_a$  and  $pK_a$  values of the two acids shown below? Justify your answers.

- A) X has the larger  $K_a$  and the larger  $pK_{a}$ .
- B) **X** has the larger  $K_a$  and the smaller  $pK_{a.}$
- C) **Y** has the larger  $K_a$  and the larger  $pK_{a.}$
- D) Y has the larger  $K_a$  and the smaller  $pK_{a}$ .