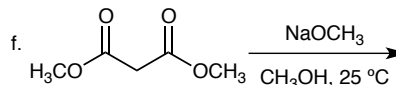
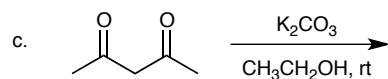
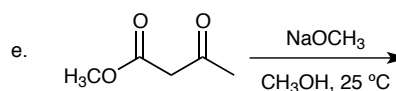
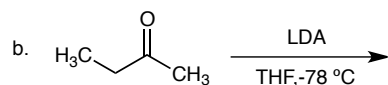
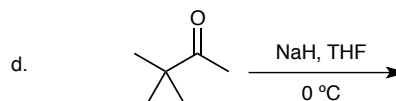
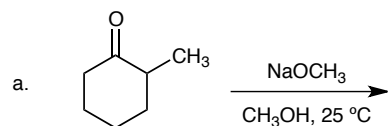


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1. Draw the *major* enolate expected for each set of conditions.

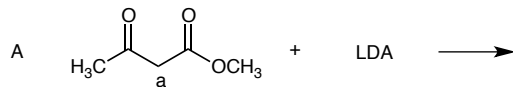


2. Draw the *major* product when each enolate above reacts with benzaldehyde. Assume all Aldols proceed to the  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated carbonyl.

3. Draw the *major* product when each enolate above reacts with allyl bromide (3-bromo-1-propene).

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4. **First**, draw the conjugate acids and bases for each reaction. You must consider the *most* acidic proton in each acid. **Second**, use  $pK_a$  values found in your textbook (e.g., table 22.1) to calculate the  $K_{eq}$  for each reaction. It is not necessary to find exact  $pK_a$ s (e.g, assume the  $pK_a$  for all B-ketoesters is 11.0).



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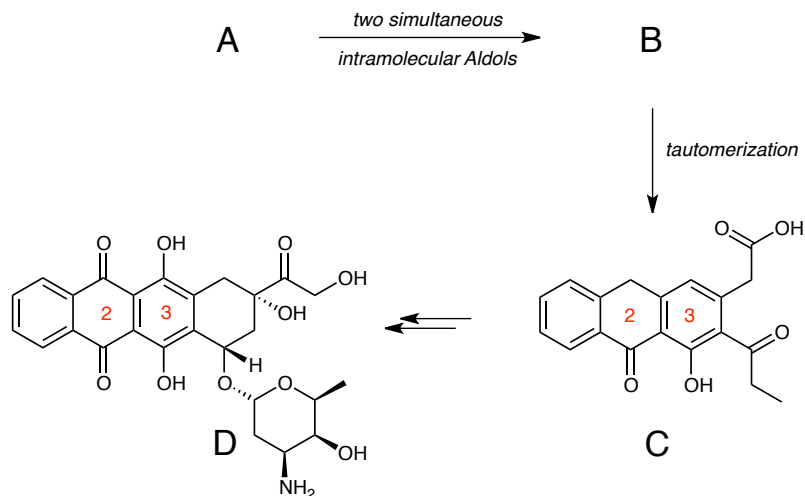
5. Based on  $pK_a$  values, which is a stronger acid, a or b? Explain. Draw resonance structures to support your argument.

6. Based on  $pK_a$  values, which is a stronger acid, c or d? Explain. Draw resonance structures to support your argument.

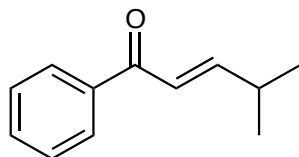
7. Based on  $pK_a$  values, which is a stronger acid, d or e? Explain.

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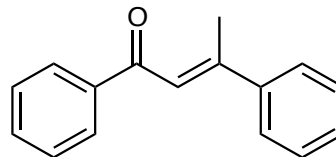
8. Doxyrubicin (trade: Doxil<sup>®</sup>) is a chemotherapeutic agent used to treat cancers such as leukemia, Hodgkins, bladder and ovarian. It is biosynthesized by Streptomyces bacteria strains from polyketide precursors. Polyketide **A** undergoes two simultaneous intramolecular Aldol condensations to form two  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketones. Tautomerization of the  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketone to the enol provides the aromatic ring 3 in **C**. Draw the structures of **A** and **B**.



9. A junior chemist was attempting to make the  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketone **1** by a mixed Aldol condensation. He instead obtained a mixture of **1** and **2**, which made his boss very unhappy. When asked what conditions were employed, the chemist told his boss that he dissolved the starting materials in ethanol and then added sodium ethoxide at 25 °C. The boss shook her head disapprovingly and told the junior chemist that he had two days to figure it out or he was fired. **First**, determine what carbonyl compounds he started with. **Second**, propose four changes that should be made to obtain **1** as the major product. **Third**, explain what effect each change is having on the reaction energy profile.



(E)-4-methyl-1-phenylpent-2-en-1-one (**1**)



(E)-1,3-diphenylbut-2-en-1-one (**2**)

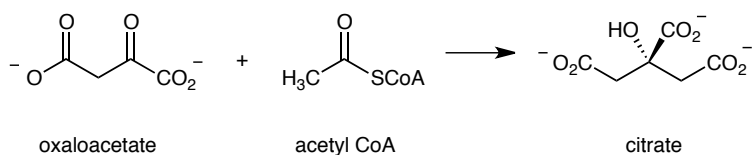
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10. When optically active (R)-2-methylcyclohexanone is treated with either aqueous acid or base, racemization occurs. **First**, state the meaning of racemization. **Second**, explain why this occurs. **Third**, draw a mechanism that supports your argument.

11. Optically active (S)-3-methylcyclohexanone does not undergo racemization like above? Why?

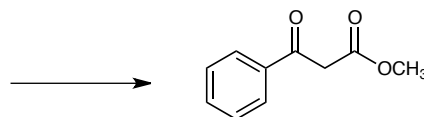
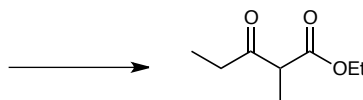
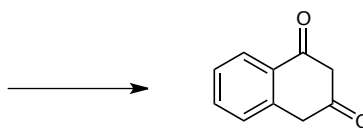
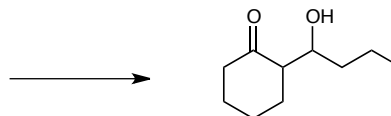
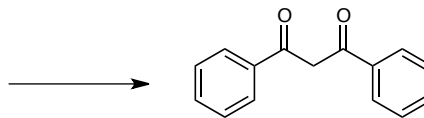
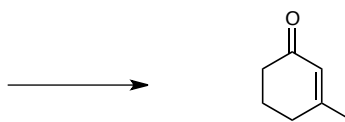
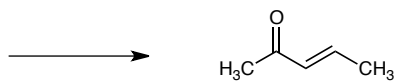
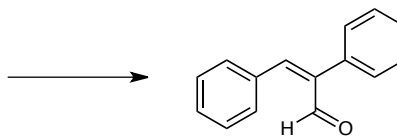
12. (R)-2-phenylpropanoic acid is treated with PBr<sub>3</sub> and Br<sub>2</sub> to give the α-bromoacid (Hell-Volhard-Zelinski reaction). Is the product optically active? Why or why not?

13. The first step in the citric acid cycle (Kreb's cycle) of metabolism is the reaction of oxaloacetate with acetyl CoA to give citrate. Propose a mechanism using base or acid catalysis as needed.



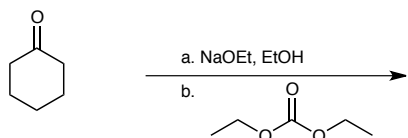
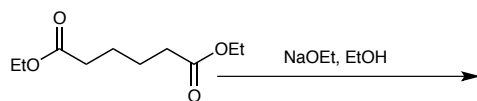
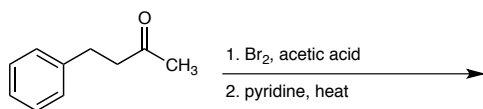
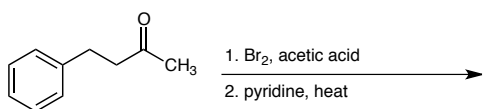
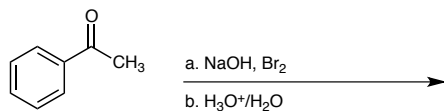
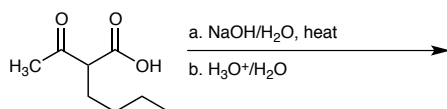
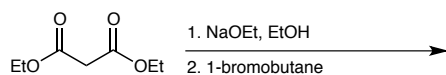
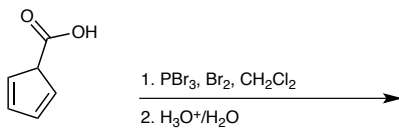
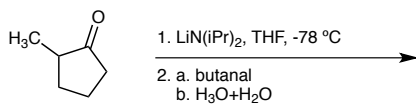
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14. Draw the reactants required to make each Aldol or Claisen product.



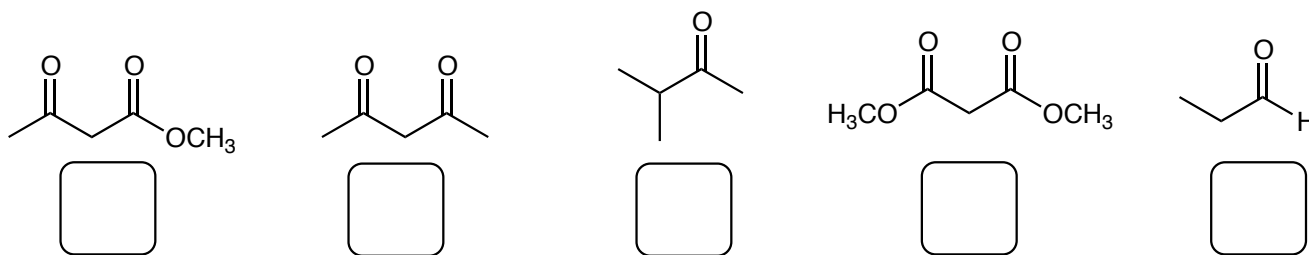
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15. Draw the *major* product for each transformation.



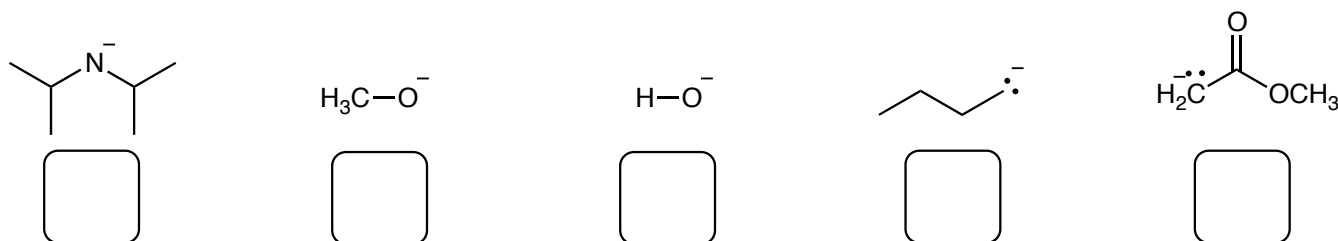
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16. Rank in order of increasing acidity (1 = weakest acid, largest pKa; 5 = strongest acid, smallest pKa).



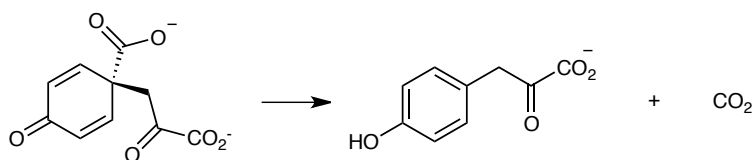
What was your reasoning?:

17. Rank in order of increasing basicity. (1 = weakest base; 5 = strongest base).



What was your reasoning?:

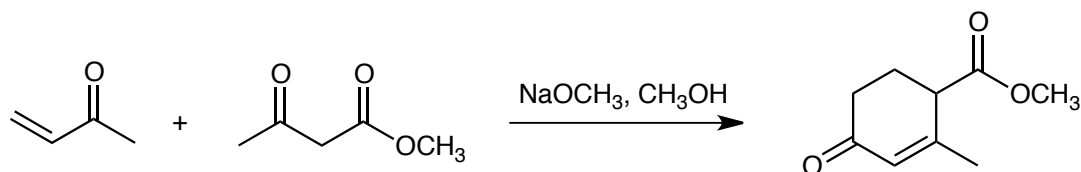
18. Using curved arrows, propose a mechanism for the following reaction, one of the steps in the biosynthesis of the amino acid tyrosine.



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19. Draw the complete mechanism for each transformation.

A. Robinson-Annulation



B. Acetoacetic Ester Synthesis

