## 51C Practice Problems 3 Spring, 2019

1. Provide a synthesis of the following carboxylic acids from the given starting materials:

a. 
$$?$$
OH
O

b.  $CH_3CH = CH_2$ 
 $?$ 
 $CH_3CO_2H$ 
 $?$ 
 $CH_3CO_2H$ 

2. Compare the following acidities. Which carboxylic acid would you expect to be the most acidic in each pair? Give a *brief* explanation of your reasoning.

a. 
$$O$$
 OH  $O$  O

3. Rank in order of decreasing electrophilicity (1 = best electrophile):

4. Predict the products for the following reactions and show a mechanism for their formation.

a. 
$$\begin{array}{c}
 & 1. \operatorname{LiAlD_4} \\
 & 1 \\
 & 1 \\
 & 1
\end{array}$$
b. 
$$\begin{array}{c}
 & 1. \operatorname{LiAlD_4} \\
 & 2. \operatorname{H_2O}
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 & A \\
 & \\
 & CH_3OD
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 & B
\end{array}$$

5. Predict the products from the following reactions. Show the mechanism for reaction of  $LiAlH_4$  with the ester:

