51C Practice Problems 5 Spring 2019

1. Circle the compound in each of the following pairs that is expected to be the most reactive towards nucleophilic attack at the carbonyl:

a.
$$CH_3$$
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2. Predict the products and/or reagents in the following reactions. All of these problems have been on previous exams.

a.
$$^{13}\text{CO}_2$$
 $\xrightarrow{1.\text{CH}_3\text{MgBr}}$ C \xrightarrow{D} $C\text{H}_3$ $\xrightarrow{13}$ C C

b.
$$H_3C$$
 OH $\frac{1.\text{LiAlH}_4}{2.\text{H}_3\text{O}^+}$

c.
$$\leftarrow$$
 NHNH₂ \rightarrow NHNH₂ \rightarrow 5.0

d. Br
$$\frac{1. \text{ Ph}_3 \text{P}}{2. \text{ } n\text{-BuLi}}$$

$$3. \qquad \text{O}$$

3. The following ketone (acetone) undergoes reversible hydrate formation. When this reversible reaction is done in labeled water with a trace of acid, labeled acetone can be formed. Provide a mechanism for the conversion of acetone into labeled acetone.

4. Give a detailed mechanism for the following reaction, then provide a mechanism for the reverse reaction.

Forward:

Reverse: