

CHEM 310 Exam 4

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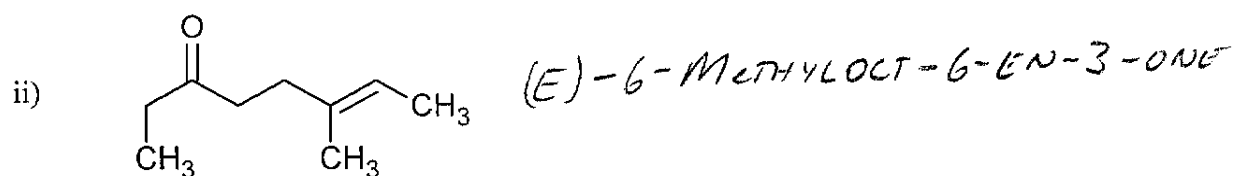
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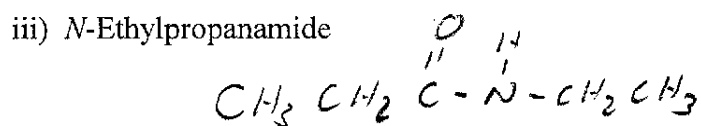
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Part 1: Nomenclature (¹⁶~~20~~ pts)

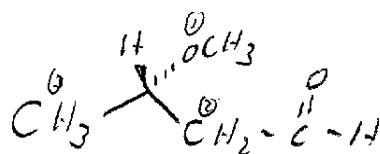
Write IUPAC names for the following compounds (indicate stereochemistry where required):



Draw structures corresponding to the following IUPAC names:

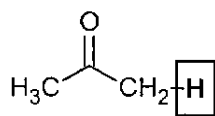


iv) (*S*)-3-Methoxybutanal

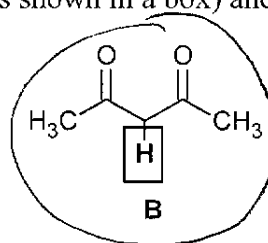


Part 2: General Concepts (²⁴~~20~~ pts)

i) Circle the stronger acid (the acidic proton is shown in a box) and explain your choice.



A

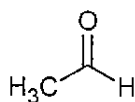


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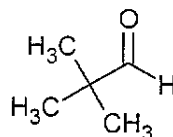
More resonance structures can be drawn for conjugate base (3 for B vs 2 for A)

∴ B produces more stable enolate & is thus more acidic than A

ii) Acetaldehyde (A) will undergo aldol condensation but pivaldehyde (B) will not. Explain.



A



B

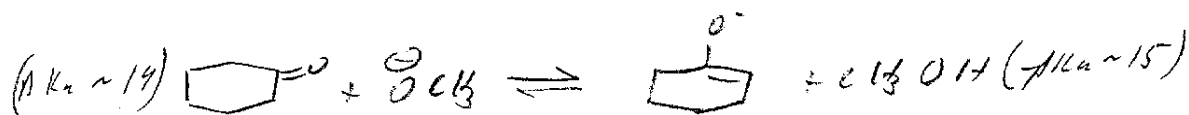
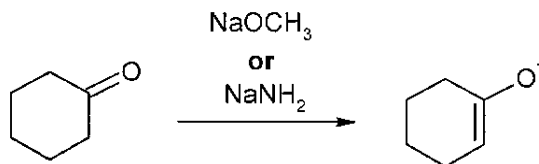
ALDOL CONDENSATION REQUIRES THE FORMATION OF AN ENOLATE ION.

A - HAS α-H'S & CAN FORM ENOLATE

B - HAS NO α-H'S AND THUS CANNOT FORM AN ENOLATE

The pKa's of ammonia (~35) and methanol (~15) will be helpful in answering the next two questions:

iii) In the reaction shown, which would be the better base to use to form the enolate of cyclohexanone (pKa ~ 19) – NaNH₂ or NaOCH₃? Why?



$\ominus\text{NH}_2$ IS STRONGER BASE - FAVORS PRODUCT ENOLATE AT EQUILIBRIUM.

$\therefore \ominus\text{NH}_2$ IS BETTER.

(USE OF $\ominus\text{OCH}_3$ ACTUALLY FAVORS REACTANTS AT EQ. - VERY LITTLE ENOLATE FORMS)

iv) In the reaction below, which compound is present in greater amount at equilibrium, 2,4-pentanedione (A, pKa = 9) or its enolate (B)? Justify your answer.



A
pKa = 9

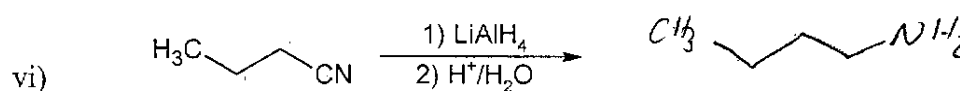
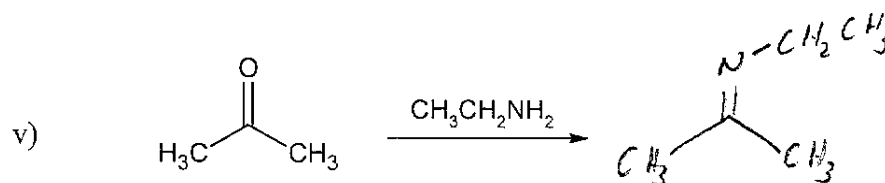
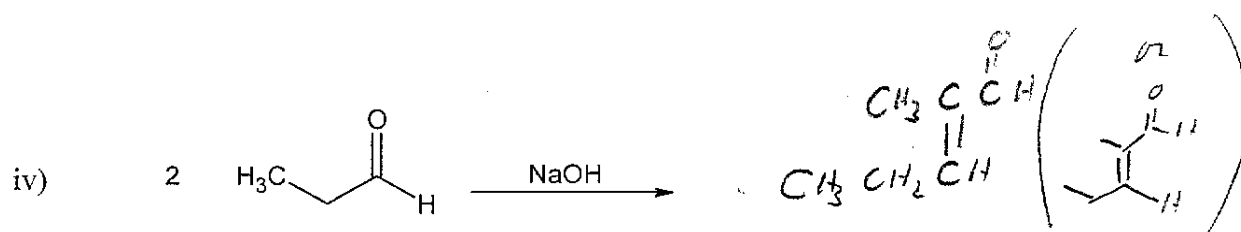
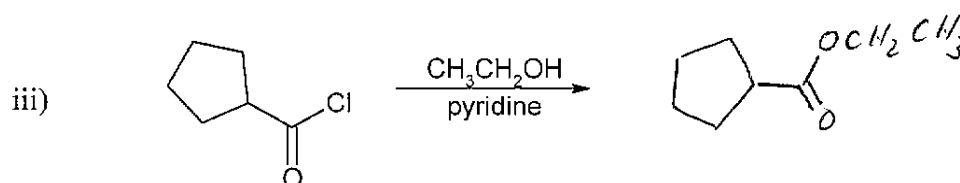
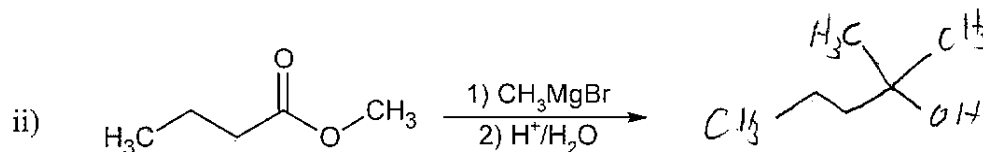
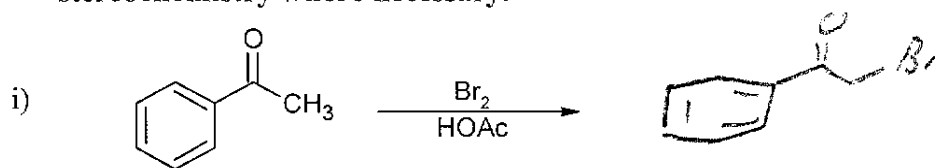
B

pKa ~ 15

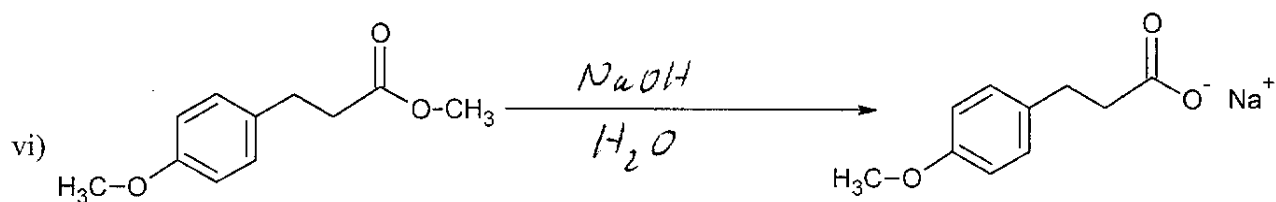
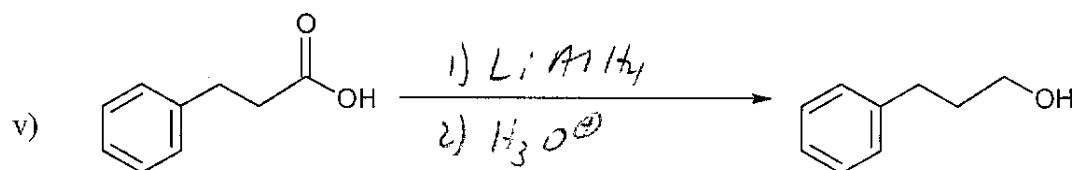
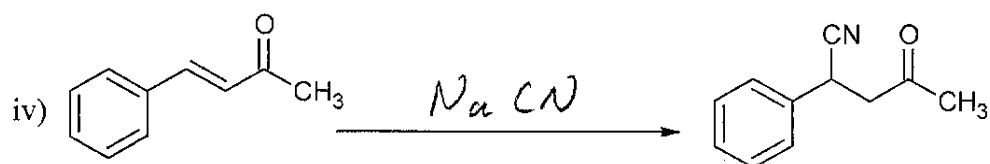
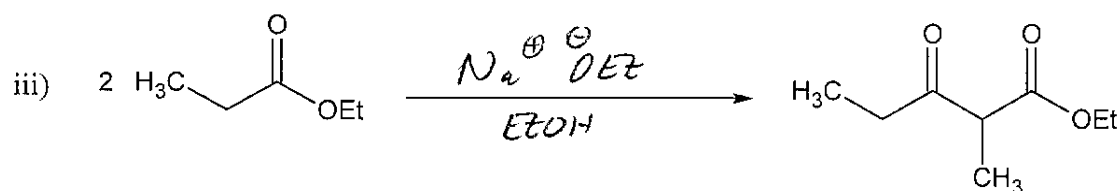
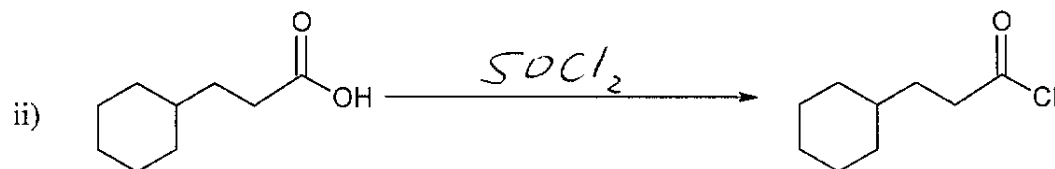
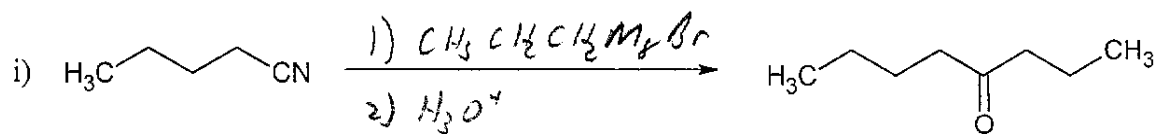
A IS STRONGER ACID THAN CH₃OH, \therefore THIS RXN FAVORS PRODUCTS AT EQUILIBRIUM.

Part 3: Reactions (36 pts):

3a. Provide the major organic product(s) of the following reactions. Indicate stereochemistry where necessary.



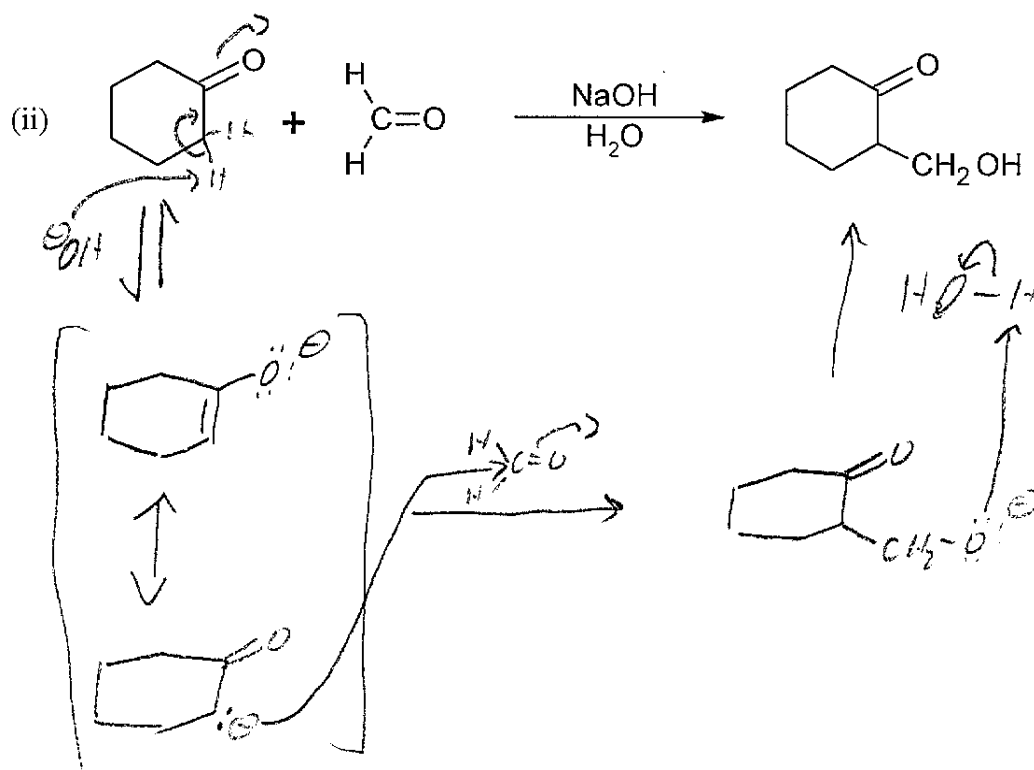
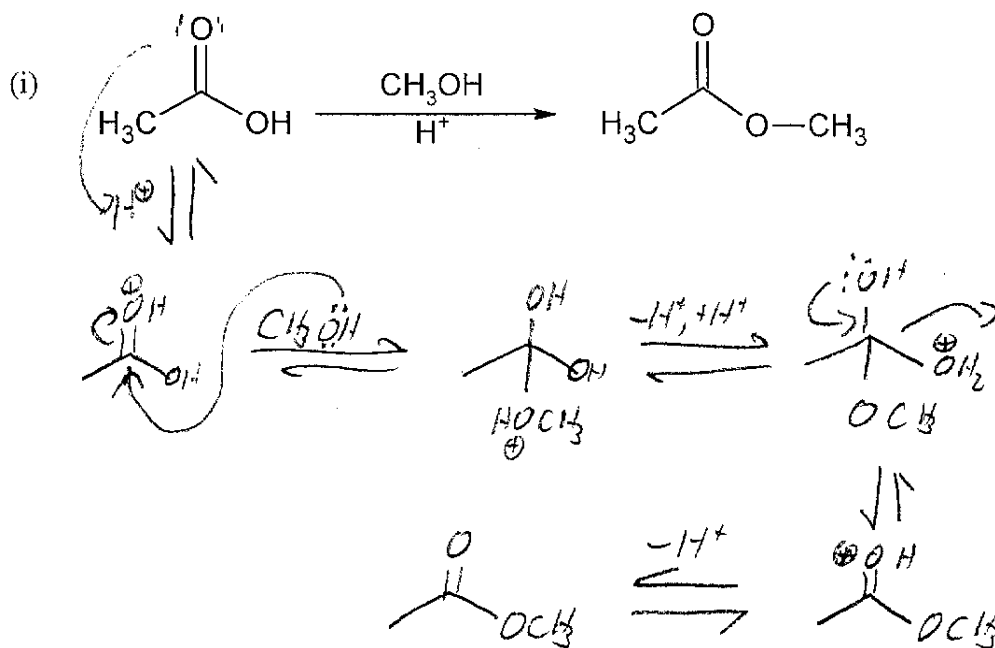
3b. Provide the reagents necessary to accomplish the following transformations:



Part 4: Mechanisms (12 pts)

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Draw arrow-pushing mechanism for the following reactions:



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Part 5: Synthesis (10 pts)

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Provide a synthesis of each of the following compounds starting from the indicated compound and any other reagents you may need:

