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THERE ARE 5 PROBLEMS WORTH 10-15 POINTS EACH ON THIS EXAM.

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2. (10 points)_____

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4. (10 points)_____

5. (15 points)_____

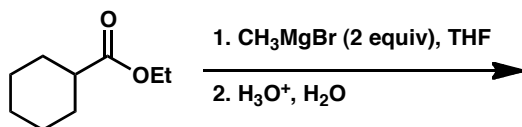
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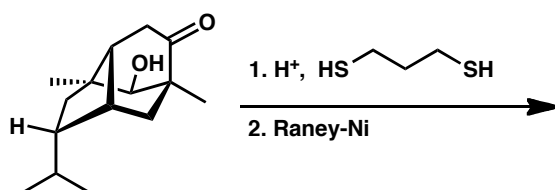
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1. Predict the major organic products of the following reactions or sequences. (2 points each)

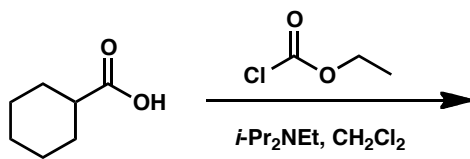
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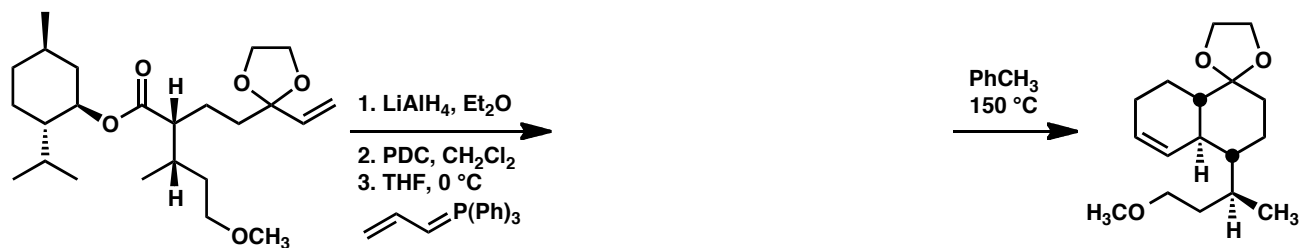
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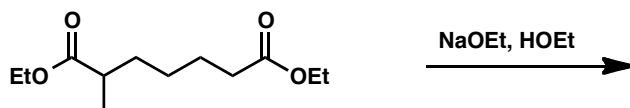


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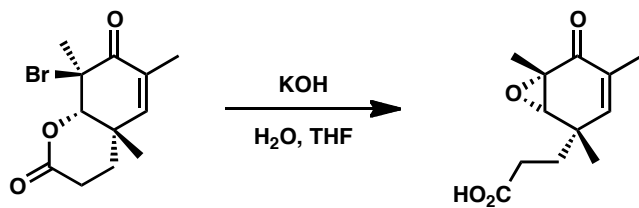
HINT:
heating the product
in PhCH_3 at 150°C
leads to this compound

e.

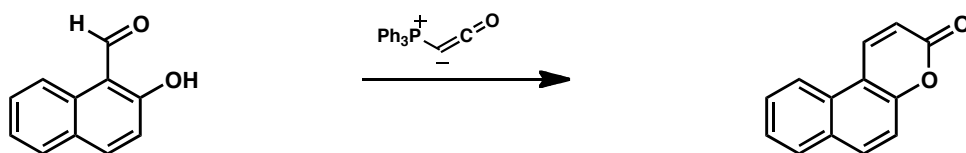


2. Propose a mechanism for the following reactions. (5 points each)

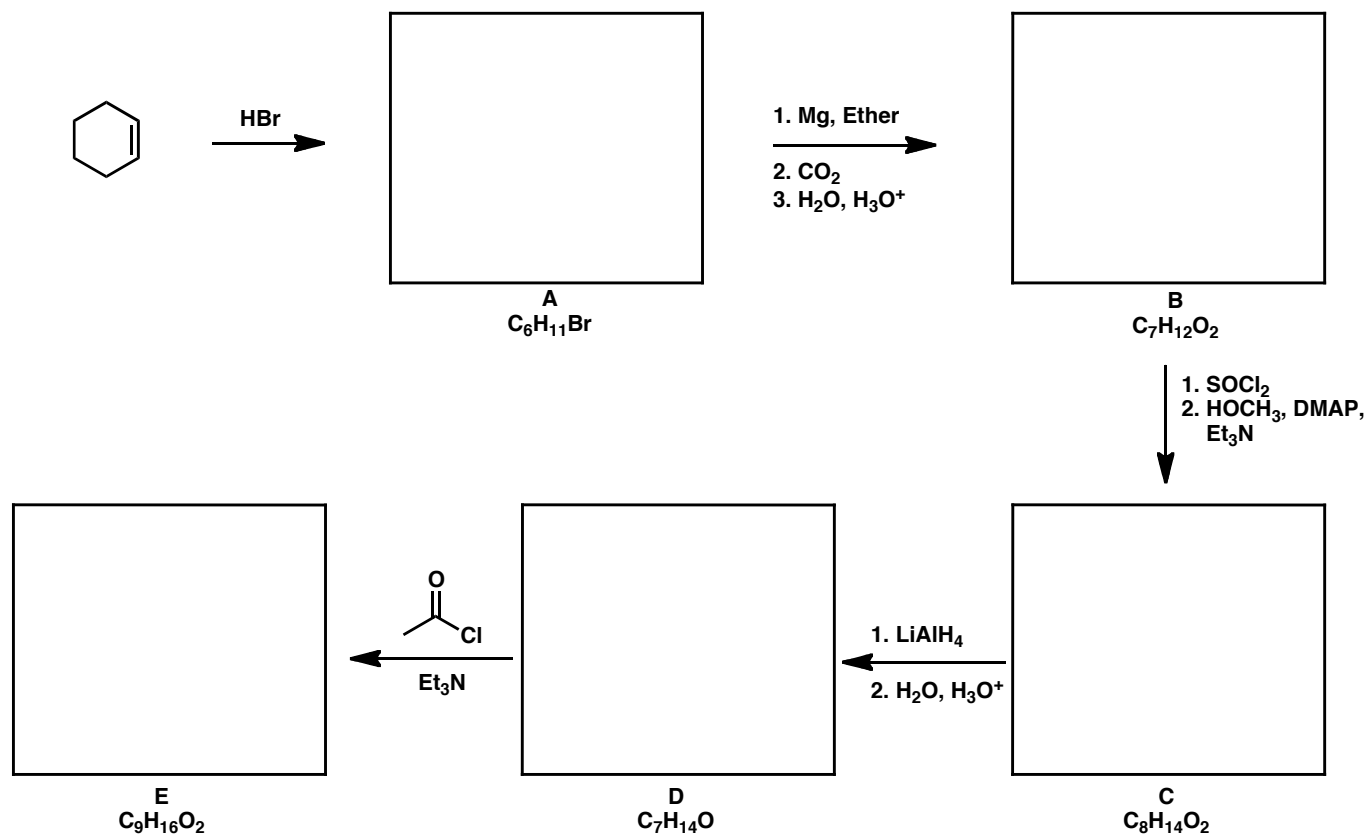
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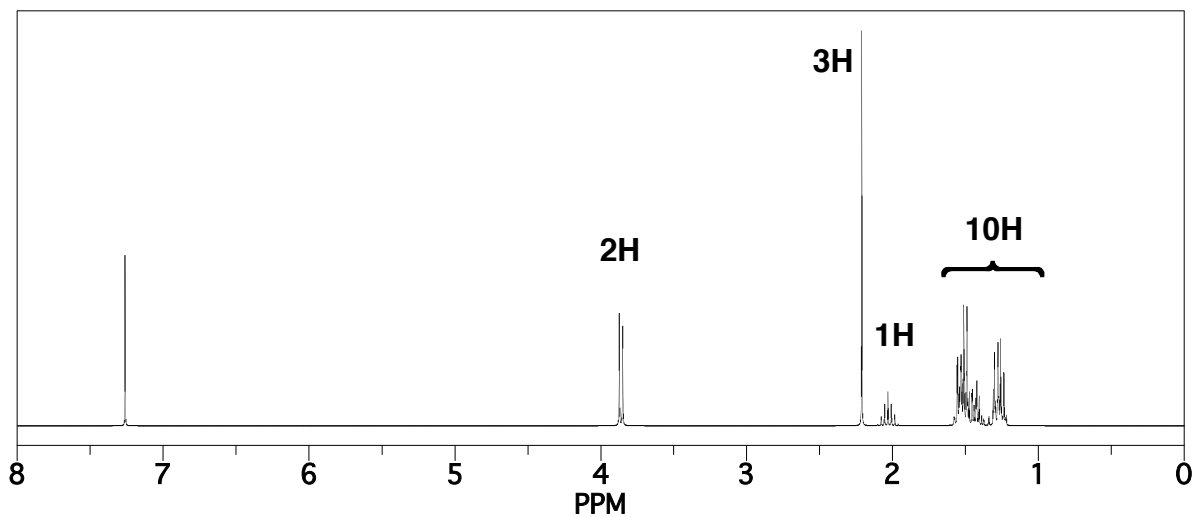
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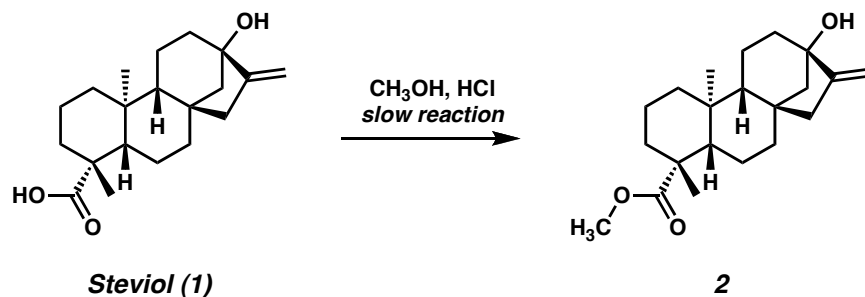
3. Provide the missing products in this multi-step synthesis scheme (15 points).



Hint: Below is the ^1H NMR spectrum of compound **E** acquired in CDCl_3 .



4. Glycoside derivatives of the terpene steviol (1) are naturally occurring molecules that have an extremely sweet taste and are used in a variety of soft drinks and other products as low calorie sweeteners. The conversion of steviol (1) to its methyl ester 2 is a slow reaction under acid catalyzed esterification reaction conditions. Why would you expect this to be so? Under what conditions would you expect a rapid reaction to occur? Provide reagents and draw a mechanism for the successful reaction. (10 points)



5. We have discussed the so-called “Weinreb amide” a number of times this term. Show how you could use such an approach to prepare aldehyde **4** from carboxylic acid **3**. Explain mechanistically how the Weinreb amide functions and how the chemistry observed differs from what would occur using a standard amide. Finally, propose a synthesis of hydroxyester **5** (15 points).

