## CHEM 5.12 Prof. B. Imperiali PROBLEM SET #7 (this really is PS#7 and the last one was actually PS#6!) Due in Friday April 11th at 4 pm

1. (3 points total) a. For the following compounds estimate the  $pK_a$  of the hydrogen indicated by the arrow and rank the compounds from the MOST acidic to the LEAST acidic.



b. You need to selecte a base to deprotonate ethyne. Using the information derived above -what base would you select if you could choose the conjugate base of any of the acidic species shown above?







4. (6 points) Provide a detailed stepwise mechanism to account for the following reactions.

3. (8 points) Design syntheses of compounds I and II.

The pool of carbon-containing starting materials that you can use are shown in the square brackets. You may use any other common reagents. A clear retrosynthetic analysis will help you plan the synthesis

