WORKSHOP, Chapter 15

Alcohol Reactions and Syntheses

1. Compounds A, B, and C all have the molecular formula $C_5H_{12}O$. All three compounds were treated independently to two oxidation reactions (conditions X and Y).

These were the results of the reactions.

Compound E has the ¹H NMR structure of

Draw all the possible structures of compounds A, B, C, D, E and F. What are conditions X and Y?

2. Design a racemic synthesis of 1,1,4-trideuteropentane-1,4-diol and 4-deuteropentane-1,4-diol starting from

HO D HO D OH
$$C_5H_8O_3$$
 HO D OH

1,1,4-trideuteropentane-1,4-diol

4-deuteropentane-1,4-diol

3. Show how to prepare each of the two compounds below using Grignard coupling reactions for the C-C bond-forming steps. All the carbons in the products must originate from benzene or alcohols having three or fewer carbon atoms. You may use any needed reagents or solvents.

4. Design a synthesis of 2,2,6,6-tetramethyltetrahydro-2H-pyran starting from acetaldehyde. You can use any reagents needed.