## **WORKSHOP**, Chapter 18

## Carboxylic Acids and Derivatives

- 1. Specify the member of each of the following pairs that is more acidic. Explain your choice in words and with the help of structures.
  - a. CH<sub>3</sub>COOH vs FCH<sub>2</sub>COOH
  - b. CF<sub>3</sub>COOH vs CCl<sub>3</sub>COOH
  - c. CH<sub>2</sub>=CHCH<sub>2</sub>COOH vs HC≡CCH<sub>2</sub>COOH
  - d. N≡C-CH<sub>2</sub>COOH vs HC≡CCH<sub>2</sub>COOH

2. The ester shown is labeled with oxygen-18 as indicated (\* $O=^{18}O$ ). Give a mechanism consistent with the labeling results shown when the ester is hydrolyzed in unlabeled water at pH = 2.

$$H_2SO_4$$
,  $H_2O$  (xs) OH  $H_0^*$ 

3. Design a synthesis of each of the molecules using the following stipulations.

Synthesis A: The Carboxylic Acid has to be added via Grignard reaction

Synthesis B: The Carboxylic Acid has to be made from the hydrolysis of a nitrile

Synthesis C: an acid catalyzed hydrolysis of an ester