

1. Discuss the two major classification of Alcohols.
Give 2 examples each for each class.

Solution

Alcohols are divided into two (2) classes and they are as follows:

- A) Based on the number of hydroxy groups they possess - Based on this, they fall under 4 groups which are:
- a) Monohydric alcohols - they possess only one hydroxy group eg $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ (Ethanol)
 - b) Dihydric alcohols - They are also called glycols. They have two hydroxyl groups present in the molecular structure. eg $(\text{OH})\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_3$ (Propane-1,2-diol)
 - c) Trihydric alcohols - also called triols. They have three hydroxyl groups present in the structure.
 - d) Polyhydric alcohols - also called ~~polyols~~ polyols. They have more than three hydroxyl groups present in their structure eg. $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}(\text{OH})\text{CH}_3$ (Octane-2,3,4,5,6,7-hexanol)

B Based on the number of hydrogen atoms attached to the hydroxyl groups

- Based on this classification, they fall into 3 categories:

a) Primary alcohols: This is when the hydrogen atoms attached to the hydroxyl group ^{are} two or three in number. eg CH_3OH (Methanol),

$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$ (Ethanol). They carry the sign (1°)
b) Secondary alcohols: This is when the hydrogen atoms attached to the hydroxyl group is one in number eg $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$ (Ethanol) $\text{C}_3\text{H}_7\text{OH}$ (Propan-2-ol). They carry the sign (2°).

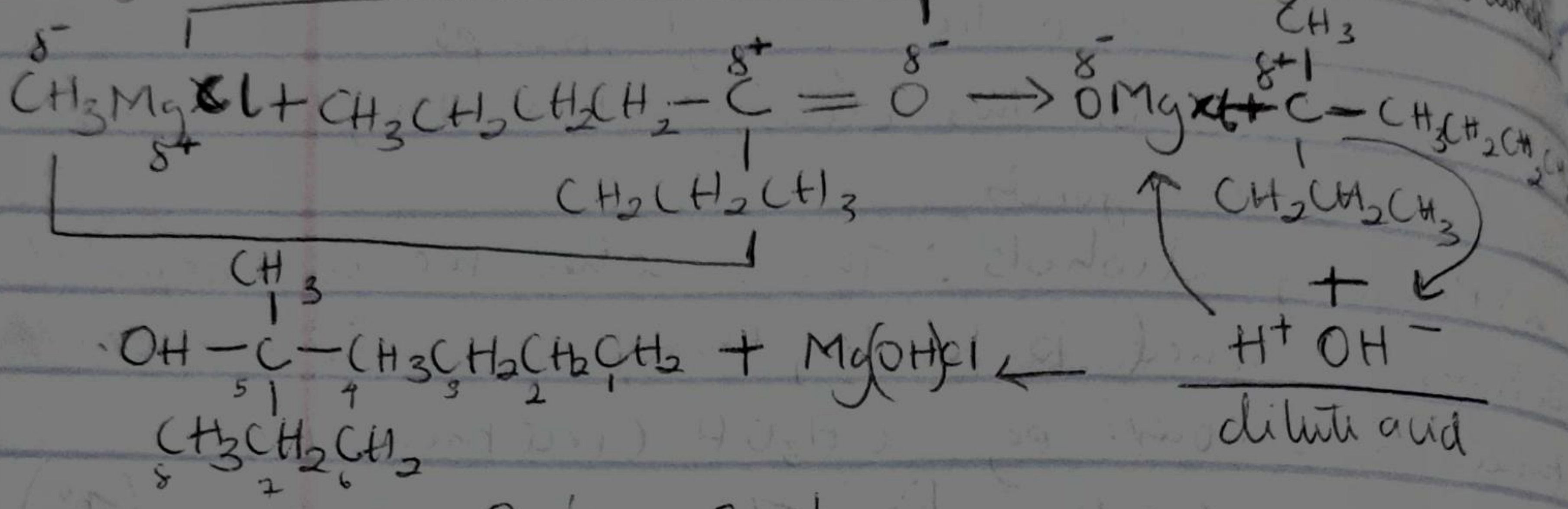
c) Tertiary alcohol - This is when there is no hydrogen atom is attached to the carbon atom bearing the hydroxyl group. eg $(\text{CH}_3)_3\text{C-OH}$, 2-Methylpropan-2-ol. (3°).

2. In the original synthesis of Alkyls react a named Grignard reagent with:

$\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{C}=\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$. (Show the reaction steps).

Solution

Grignard reagent \Rightarrow CH_3MgCl (Methylmagnesium chloride)



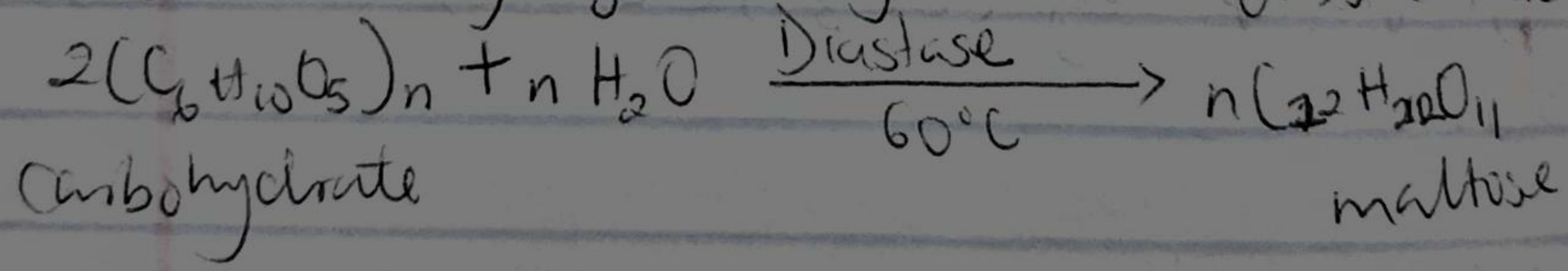
Octan-5-ol

3) Discuss the industrial manufacture of ethanol showing all reaction equations and necessary enzymes and temperature of reaction.

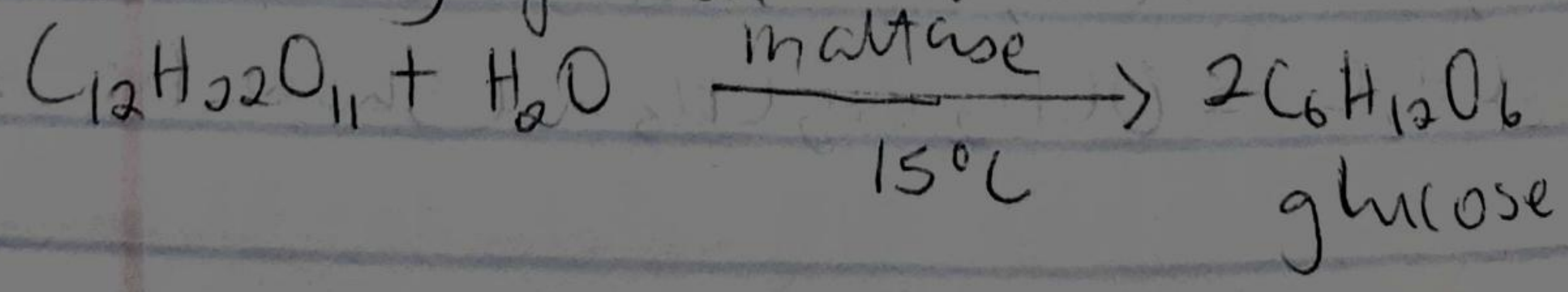
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Production of ethanol: Fermentation.

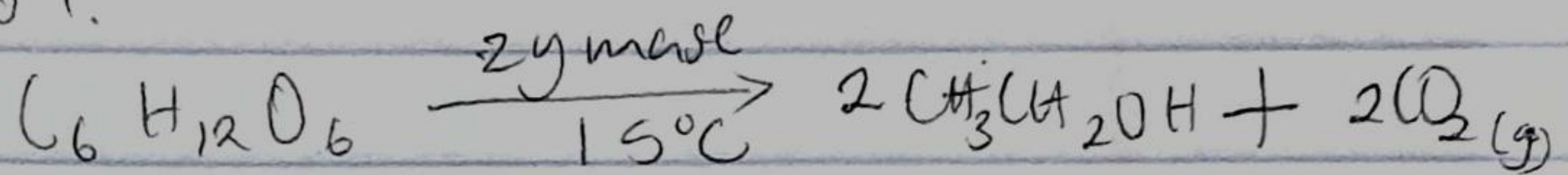
Step 1: Breaking of carbohydrates to disaccharides.



Step 2: Breaking of disaccharides to monosaccharides



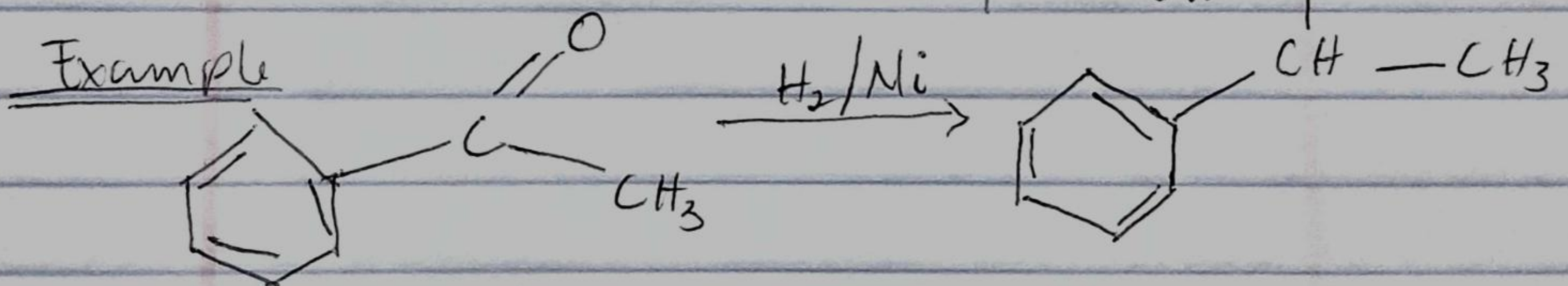
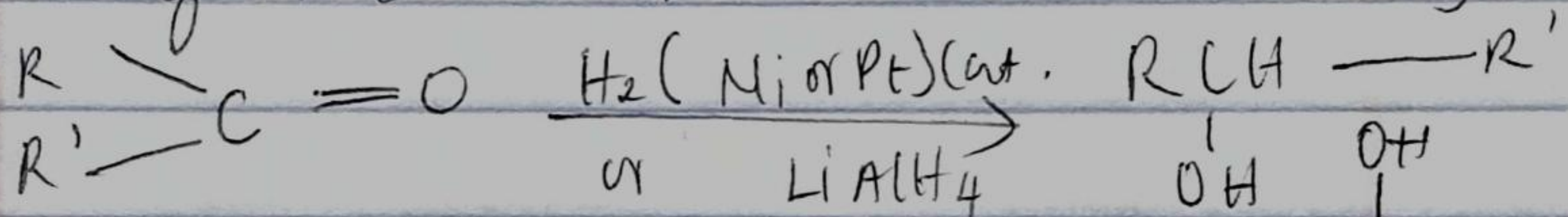
Step 3: Conversion of monosaccharide (glucose) to ethanol.



4) Determine the product obtained in the reduction of Alkaneone and Alkanal. Use a specific example for each and show the equation of reaction.

solution

a) Reduction of Alkaneone (ketone) (secondary alcohol)



b) Reduction of Aldehyde (Alkanal)

