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Assignment

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

Answer

Alkanols are classified based on two categories;

- A. Based on their hydroxyl (OH) group.
- B. Based on the carbon holding their hydroxyl (OH) group.
- A. Classification based on their hydroxyl (OH) group:
 - Monohydric Alkanol: An alkanol with one hydroxyl (OH) group.
 e.g Ethanol (CH₃CH₂OH) Methanol (CH₃OH)
- ii. **Dihydric Alkanol:** An alkanol with two hydroxyl (OH) group. e.g;

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$CH_2 - CH_2$	$CH_3 - CH - CH - CH_3$
Ethane-1.2-diol	2.3-butanediol
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iii. Trihydric Alkanol: An alkanol with three hydroxyl (OH) group.

e.g; OH $CH_2 - CH - CH$ H - CH - CH $OH - CH - CH - CH - CH_2 - CH - CH_3$ $OH - OH - CH - CH - CH_2 - CH - CH_3$ OH - OH - OH OH - OH - OH OH - OH - OH OH - OH - OHOH - OH - OH

B. Classification based on the carbon holding the OH group:

i. **Primary Alkanol:** An Alkanol with one alkyl group attached to the carbon bearing the OH.

ii. **Secondary Alkanol:** An Alkanol with two alkyl group attached to the carbon bearing the OH.

$\begin{array}{ccccccc} H & H & H & H \\ & & & & & & \\ H - C - C - C - C - C - H \\ & & & & \\ H & OH & H & H \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{ccc} H & H & H \\ & & & \\ H - C - C - C - C - H \\ & & \\ H & OH & H \end{array}$
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Butan-2-ol	Propan-2-ol

iii. **Tertiary Alkanol:** An Alkanol with three alkyl group attached to the carbon bearing the OH.

e.g;

2. In the Grignard synthesis of Alkanols react a named Grignard reagent with CH₃CH₂CH₂CH₂C=OCH₂CH₂CH₃. Show the reaction steps.

Answer

Grignard reagent is an organometallic compound (R-MgX) that is used in the synthesis of wide arrays of organic compounds including alkanols.



The compound above (Octan-4-one) is a ketone. It will react with a Grignard reagent e.g ethyl magnesium bromide (C_2H_5MgBr) to give a tertiary alkanol.



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

Answer

Ethanol is manufactured industrially by the fermentation of starch in the presence of suitable microorganism which produces the enzymes that act as a catalyst.

Starch is a polysaccharide carbohydrate and is an important source of ethanol. Usually, potato, rice, maize or barley are used as source of starch. Potato is mostly used.

Extraction of Starch

The crushed potato is steamed at 140° to 150° under pressure to prepare starch solution known as MASH.

Germination

Before hydrolysis, starch first undergo germination at 10^oC to 13^oC for few days. This germinated starch is called MALT.

Hydrolysis of Starch

Starch is hydrolyzed to maltose by an enzyme known as diastase

 $\begin{array}{rcl} 2(C_6H_{10}O_5) + nH_20 & \rightarrow & n(C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}) \\ Starch & maltose \end{array}$

Fermentation

Finally, yeast is added to maltose. Yeast secrete two enzymes; maltase (coverts maltose to glucose) and zymase (convert glucose to ethanol).

 $\begin{array}{c} C_{12}H_{12}O_{11} + H_2O & \xrightarrow{Maltase} & 2C_6H_{12}O_6\\ Maltose & Glucose \end{array}$

 $\begin{array}{ccc} C_{6}H_{12}O_{6} & \xrightarrow{Zymase} & C_{2}H_{5}OH + 2CO_{2} \\ \hline Glucose & Ethanol \end{array}$

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

Answer

Reduction of alkanone or ketone gives a secondary alkanol while reduction of an alkanal or aldehyde gives a primary alkanol.

Reduction of alkanone e.g acetone

The reducing agent used is Lithium aluminum hydride (LiAlH₄) or Sodiumborohydride (NaBH₄).

