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1) CLASSIFICATION OF ALCOHOLS

a. It is based on the number of hydrogen atoms attached to the carbon atom with the hydroxyl group. If the number of hydrogen atoms attached to the carbon atom bearing the OH group is three or two, it is a PRIMARY ALCOHOL. If it is one hydrogen atom, it is a SECONDARY ATOM. ~~If the hydrogen atom is~~ If there is no hydrogen atom, it is a TERTIARY ATOM.

E.g. $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ — Primary alcohol (1°)

ethanol.

b. Based on the number of hydroxyl group present.

Monohydric alcohol — One OH group

Dihydric " — Two OH groups

Trihydric " — Three OH groups

Polyhydric " — More than three OH groups.

E.g. $\text{OHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ — Dihydric alcohol

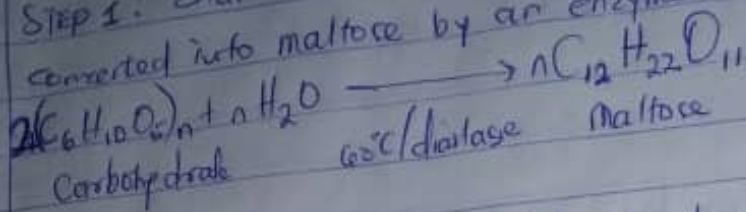
Ethane-1,2-diol.

2) SOLUBILITY OF ALCOHOLS

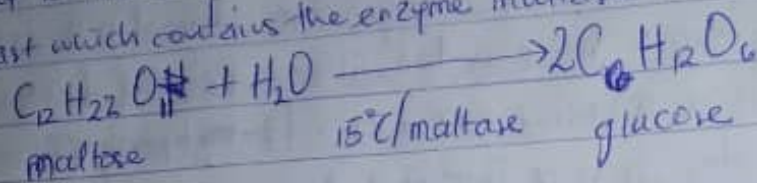
a. IN WATER: Lower alcohols with up to three carbon atoms in their molecules are soluble in water. The water solubility decreases with increasing relative mass.

b. IN ORGANIC SOLVENTS: All monohydric alcohols are soluble in organic solvents.

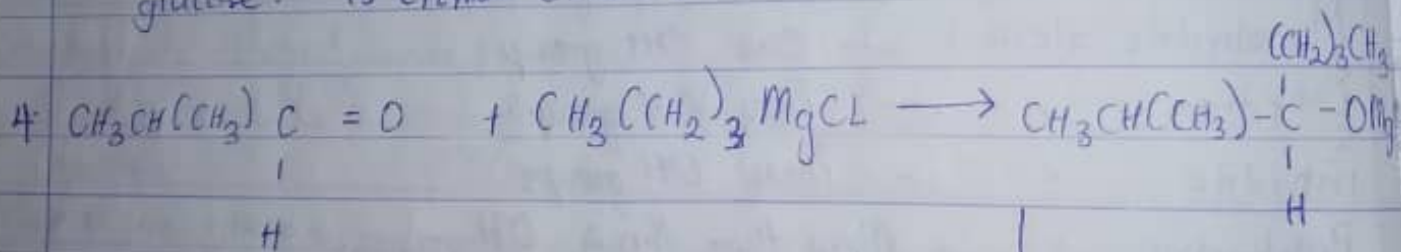
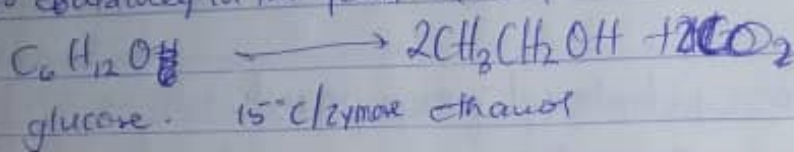
3. PRODUCTION OF ETHANOL.
 STEP 1: Starch containing materials (e.g. potatoes, cereals, rice) are converted into maltose by an enzyme diastase contained in the malt.



STEP 2: The maltose is ~~now~~ broken down to glucose on addition of yeast which contains the enzyme maltase.



STEP 3: The glucose is converted into alcohol by an enzyme, Zymase which is also contained in the yeast added.



2-methyl heptan-3-ol.

