CHEMISTRY STUDY MATERIALS FOR CLASS 10 (NCERT Based notes of Chapter -04)

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CARBON AND ITS COMPOUND

CHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF ETHANOL

Oxidation : Ethanol is oxidized to ethanoic acid with alkaline KMnO₄ or acidified

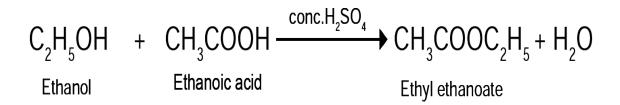
 $K_2Cr_2O_7$



During this reaction, orange colour of $K_2Cr_2O_7$ changes to green.

Therefore, this reaction can be used for the **identification of alcohols**.

(i) Esterificaiton : Ethanol reacts with ethanoic acid in the presence of conc. H_2SO_4 (catalyst) to form ethyl ethanoate and water. The compound formed by the reaction of an alcohol with carboxylic acid is known as ester (fruity smelling compound) and the reaction is called esterification.



(ii)Dehydrogenation : When the vapour of ethanol is passed over reduced copper catalyst at 573 K, it is dehydrogenated to acetaldehyde.

$$\begin{array}{c} CH_{3}CH_{2}OH \xrightarrow{Cu} \\ \hline 573 \text{ K} \end{array} \xrightarrow{CH_{3}CHO+H_{2}} \\ \text{Ethanol} \end{array} \xrightarrow{Cu} CH_{3}CHO+H_{2} \\ \text{Acetadehyde} \end{array}$$

USES OF ETHANOL

- > As an anti-freeze in automobile radiators.
- > As a preservative for biological specimen.
- > As an antiseptic to sterilize wounds in hospitals.
- > As a solvent for drugs, oils, fats, perfumes, dyes, etc.
- In the preparation of methylated spirit (mixture of 95% of ethanol and 5% of methanol), rectified spirit (mixture of 95.5% of ethanol and 4.5% of water), power alcohol (mixture of petrol and ethanol) and denatured sprit (ethanol mixed with pyridine).
- \succ In cough and digestive syrups.

EVIL EFFECTS OF CONSUMING ALCOHOL

- If ethanol is consumed, it tends to slow down metabolism of our body and depresses the central nervous system.
- It causes mental depression and emotional disorder.
- It affects our health by causing ulcer, high blood pressure, cancer, brain and liver damage.
- Nearly 40% accidents are due to drunken drive.
- Unlike ethanol, intake of methanol in very small quantities can cause death.
- Methanol is oxidized to methanal (formaldehyde) in the liver and methanal reacts rapidly with the components of cells.
- Methanal causes the protoplasm to get coagulated, in the same way an egg is coagulated by cooking. Methanol also affects the optic nerve, causing blindness.