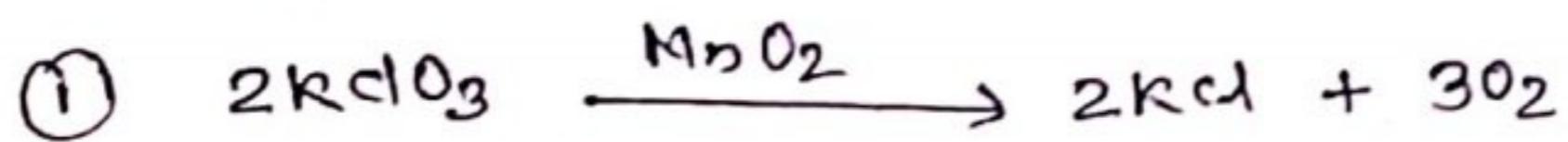


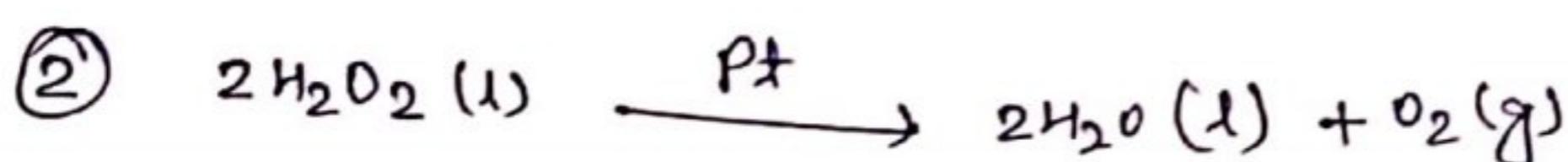
Catalyst :-

A substance which alters the rate of a chemical reaction itself remaining chemically unchanged at the end of the reaction is called catalyst and this process is called catalysis.

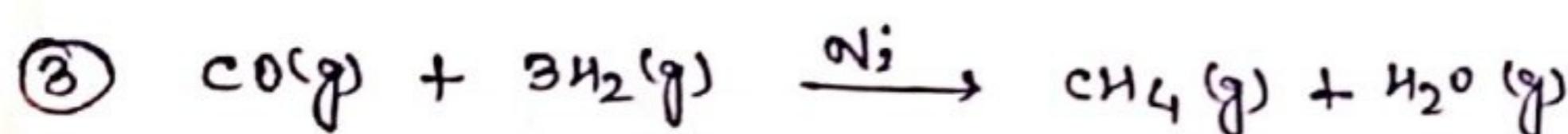
for examples -



Here, MnO_2 acts as catalyst.



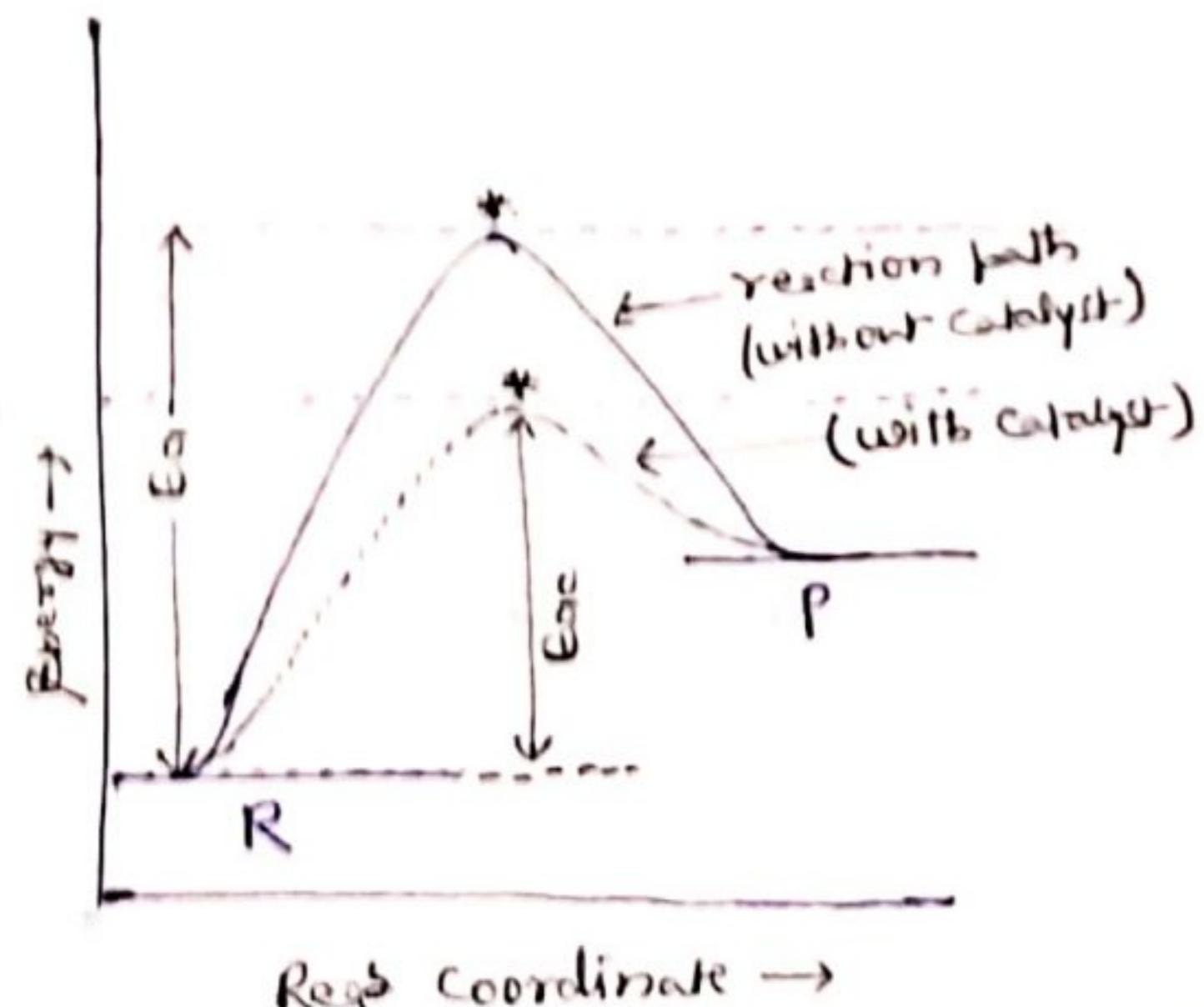
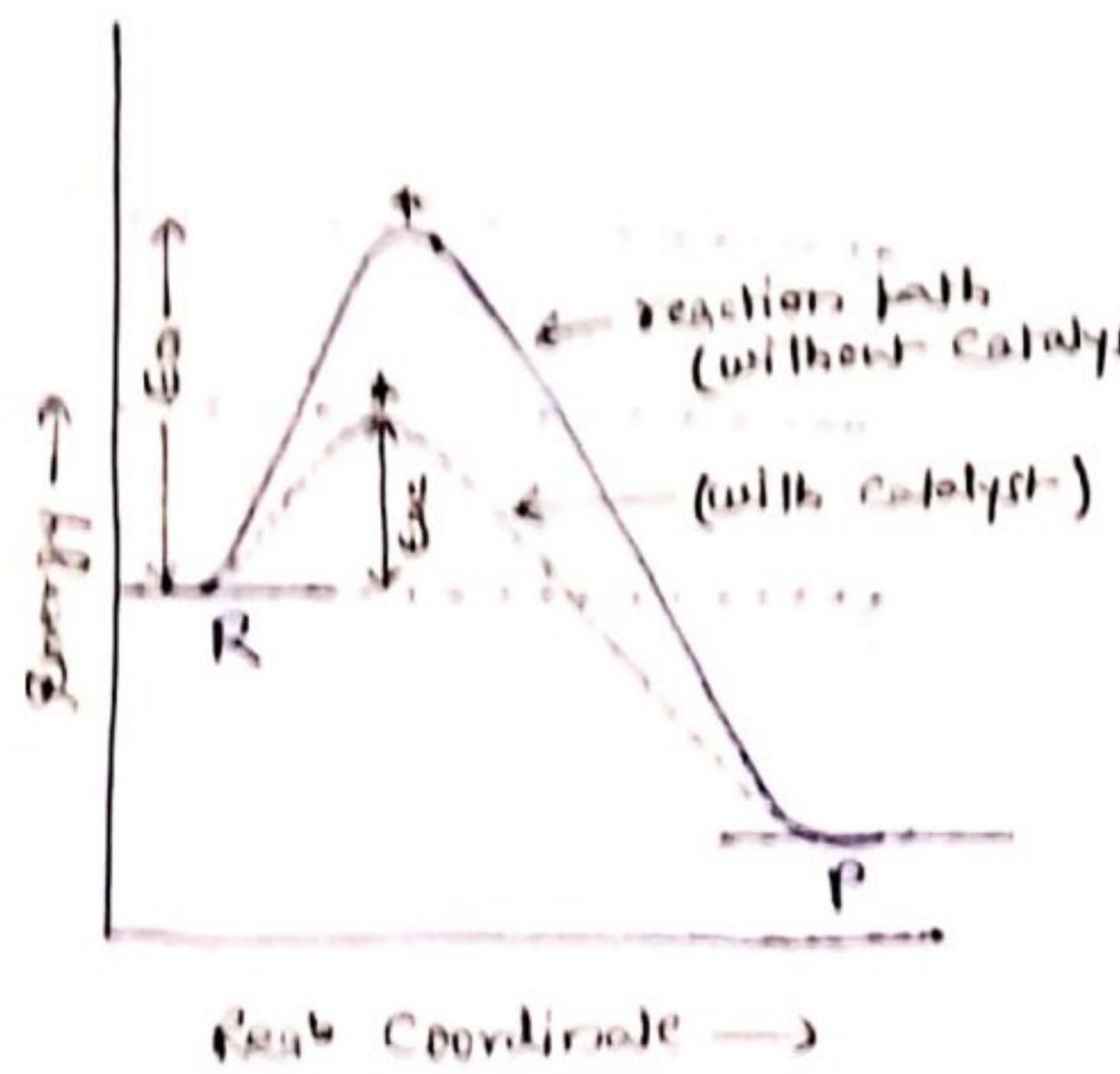
Here, Pt acts as catalyst.



Here, Ni acts as catalyst.

* Effect of catalyst on Rate of reaction:-

According to intermediate complex formation theory, the reactants first combine with the catalyst and form an intermediate complex. The complex formed is short lived and decomposes to yield product and catalyst. In the presence of catalyst the reaction proceeds through a new path of low activation energy. The reactant molecules are to cross a low energy barrier to form the products. More reactant molecules can cross this low energy barrier to form the products. This increases the rate of reaction.



$E_{a\text{u}}$ = Activation energy,
without catalyst

$E_{a\text{c}}$ = Activation energy
with catalyst

4. Types of catalyst :-

① Homogeneous catalysts :-

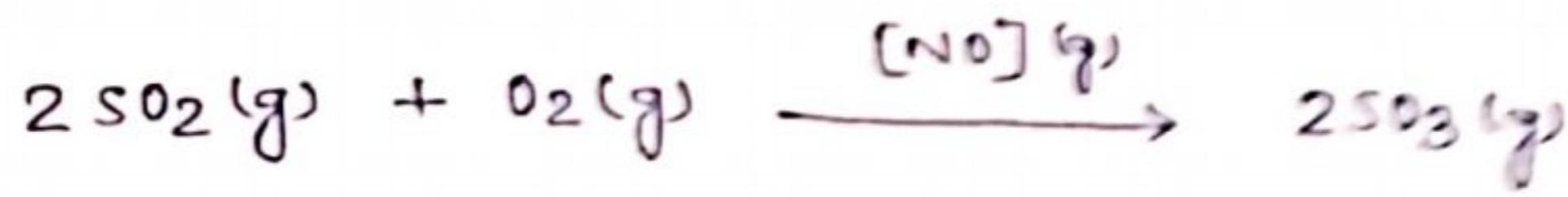
The catalyst in the same phase as the reactants and is evenly distributed throughout, are called Homogeneous catalyst and this process is called Homogeneous catalysis.

This type of catalysis can occur in the gas phase or in the liquid phase.

for examples -

① Oxidation of sulphur dioxide -

When sulphur dioxide is oxidised to sulphur trioxide, nitric oxide acts as catalyst.



Sulphur
dioxide

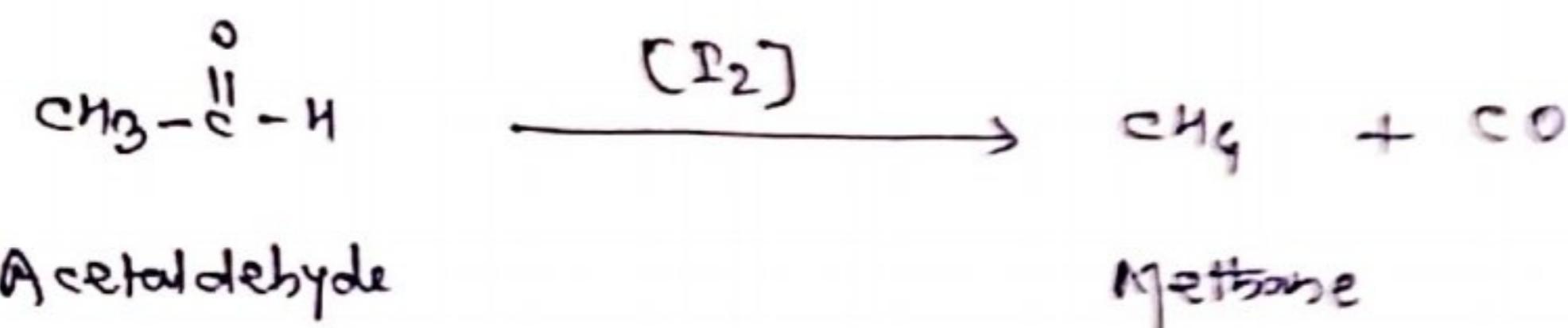
Sulphur trioxide

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② Decomposition of acetaldehyde :-

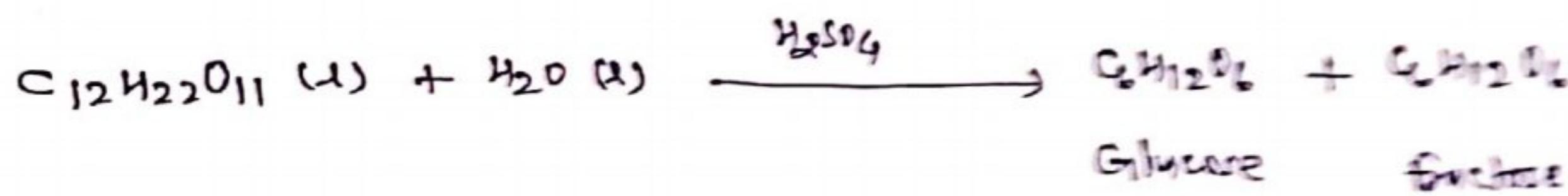
When acetaldehyde is decomposed with I_2 in H_2O ,

I_2 acts as catalyst.



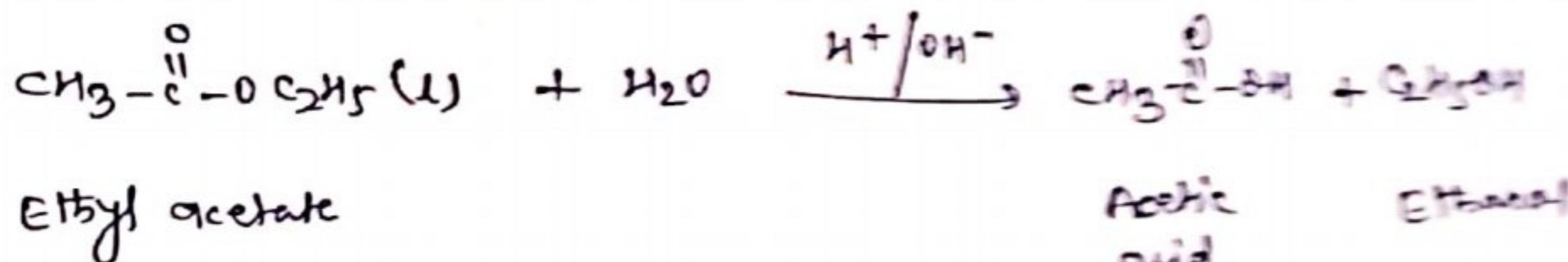
③ Hydrolysis of Cane Sugar :-

In this case sugar is hydrolysed, mineral acid (H₂SO₄) acts as catalyst.



Q) Hydrolysis of an Ester :-

When ethyl acetate (ester) is hydrolysed, acid acts as catalyst.



⑤ Decomposition of Hydrogen per oxide :-

When Hydrogen peroxide is decomposed, Iodide ion (I^-) acts as catalyst.

