Chemguide - answers

ALCOHOLS: MANUFACTURE

1. a) $CH_2 = CH_2 + H_2O$ \leftarrow CH_3CH_2OH

(If you have included state symbols, they should all be (g).)

b) The mixture is cooled and the condensed water and ethanol mixture is fractionally distilled.

- c) (i) phosphoric(V) acid coated onto silicon dioxide (silica)
 - (ii) 60-70 atmospheres
 - (iii) 300°C

d) (i) propan-2-ol:
$$CH_3CHCH_3$$

OH
(ii) butan-2-ol: $CH_3CH_2CHCH_3$
OH

(The name or structure is OK.)

2. a) Any starchy crop - for example, maize (corn), wheat, barley, potatoes

b) $C_6H_{12}O_6 \longrightarrow 2CH_3CH_2OH + 2CO_2$

(There is no reason why you shouldn't write the ethanol in this equation as C₂H₅OH if you want to.)

c) Fractional distillation

d) Uses gentle conditions; uses renewable resources.

e) Much faster.