The reaction, $C_2H_6O(l) + 3O_2(g) \rightarrow 2CO_2(g) + 3H_2O(g)$, is the combustion of ethanol. What occurs as the reaction proceeds?

- a. a precipitate is formed
- b. light and heat are given off
- c. a new odor is given off
- d. the solution bubbles

Solution:

The correct answer is (b). Ethanol burns with a smokeless blue flame, without forming precipitate during this process. Also, it does not emit any new odor during burning and solution does not bubble.

Answer:

The correct answer is (b).

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