

Question 5

The magnitude of the surface tension of liquid depends on the attractive forces between the molecules. Arrange the following in increasing order of surface tension: Water, alcohol ($\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$) and hexane [$\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{CH}_3$].

Answer:

H-bonding is stronger in water than alcohol, so water has strong intermolecular attraction than alcohol. Increasing order of surface tension is – Hexane < alcohol < water.