

Biogen Specific Teaching Material

Buffer and Media Preparation – How to Prepare a Solution





Questions & Answers

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1. What do you call a substance that does not 'like' water?

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1. A substance that does not 'like' water is one that is hydrophobic.

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2. A substance which has both hydrophilic and hydrophobic parts, and is both soluble in water and is hydrophobic, is called.....

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2. A substance which has both hydrophilic and hydrophobic parts, and is both soluble in water and is hydrophobic, is called amphipathic.

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3. What is a solution in a pharmaceutical context?

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3. It is when a solvent, into which one or more components are added to solutes, become completely soluble.

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4. What happens when compounds with higher density than water are added to water?

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4. When a compounds with higher density than water are added to water, density increases.

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5. "M", which expresses the moles of solute per litre of solution, stands for which word?

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5. M stands for Molarity.

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6. When a solvent becomes insoluble, what does it create?

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6. It creates a suspension.

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7. When preparing a 1M NaCl solution, at which step do we add a small volume of distilled, deionized water?

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7. We add a small volume of distilled, deionized water at step 3.

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8. Molarity (or "M") is expressed in terms of litres of solvent.
(true or false?)

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8. False. It is expressed in terms of liters of solution.

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9. When media and buffers are added to a solvent, which are the only components to remain insoluble?

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9. The cells are the only components. (and certain components of the cells.)

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10. Define solubility.

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10. The maximum amount of a solute that can be dissolved in a solvent before the solute separates and/or precipitates.

Thank you for your attention!

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