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40 QUESTIONS
WITH DETAILED EXPLANATION



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- Chlorobutanol
- Methyl paraben
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- Phenol
- Phenyl mercuric acetate
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SOLID	SOLID	SOLID SOL	COLOURED GLASSES & GEM STONES
SOLID	LIQUID	SOL	PAINTS , CELL FLUIDS , INK , GOLD SOL , PROTEINS
SOLID	GAS	AEROSOL	SMOKE , DUST
LIQUID	SOLID	GEL	CHEESE , BUTTER , JELLIES , BOOT POLISH
LIQUID	LIQUID	EMULSION	MILK , HAIR CREAM
LIQUID	GAS	AEROSOL	FOG , MIST , CLOUD , INSECTICIDE SPRAYS
GAS	SOLID	SOLID SOL	PUMICE STONE , FOAM RUBBER
GAS	LIQUID	FOAM	FROTH , WHIPPED CREAM , SOAP SUDS

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PROPORTION	OIL	WATER	GUM	METHOD
Fixed Oil (Castor Oil, Cod liver Oil, Olive Oil, Almond Oil)	4	2	1	F (4:2:1) Dry/ Wet gum method
Mineral Oil (Paraffin Oil)	3	2	1	M (3:2:1) Bottle method
Volatile Oil (Turpentine Oil, Sandal wood Oil, Cinnamon Oil)	2	2	1	V (2:2:1) Bottle method
Oleo Resin (Balsam of peru)	1	2	1	O (1:2:1)

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Phase inversion

- In phase inversion, o/w type emulsion changes into w/o type and vice versa.
- Brought about by changing the phase volume ratio, temperature change or by addition of electrolyte.
- When stoichiometric amount of CaCl_2 is added to an emulsion stabilized with sodium alginate, it will change nature from w/o to o/w.

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If the degradation rate and temperature are linearly related, the prediction of shelf life can be approximated by the Arrhenius equation.

$$K = Ae^{-E_a/RT}$$

In the Arrhenius equation,

k is the reaction-rate constant,

A represents the frequency at which atoms and molecules collide in a way that leads to a reaction,

E is the activation energy for the reaction,

R is the ideal gas constant (8.314 joules per kelvin per mole), and

T is the absolute temperature.

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Phase Inversion Temperature

A surfactant's phase inversion temperature (PIT) is the point at which a surfactant-oil-water (SOW) system switches from an oil-in-water (O/W) emulsion to a water-in-oil (W/O) emulsion, and vice versa. It's a crucial process parameter in emulsification.

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☐ Identification test

Test	O/W emulsion	W/O emulsion
Color	Usually white	Takes the color of oil
Feel on skin	Non-greasy	Greasy
Dye solubility test	Water soluble dye(amaranth) Continous phase – coloured Oil soluble dye(sudan III) Globules – coloured	Water soluble dye(amaranth) Globules – coloured Oil soluble dye(sudan III) Continous phase – coloured
Bottling paper test	Wet the bottling paper	Does not wet the blotting paper
Conductivity test	Conducts current	Does not conduct current
Direction of creaming	Upward movement	Downward movement
Fluorescence test	Exhibits dot pattern fluorescence	Exhibits fluorescence throughout the emulsion
CoCl₂ /Filter paper test	Filter paper changes from blue to pink	No change

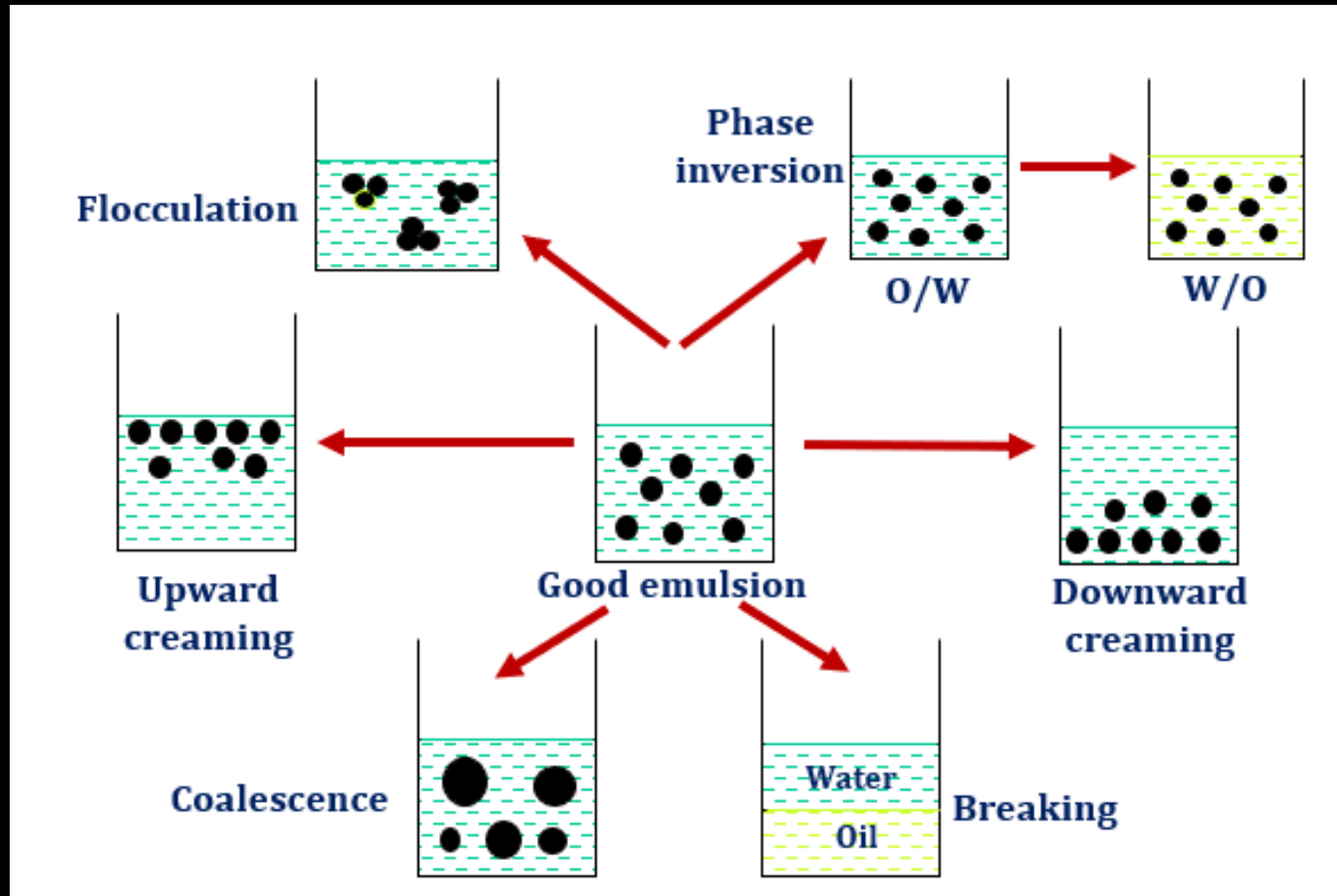
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- Mechanical Stirrer
- Homogenizers
- Ultrasonifiers
- Colloidal Mills

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Viscosity Enhancers

- Viscosity enhancers are avoided for the preparation of parenterals, owing to their high viscosity.
- Viscosity enhancers are prepared by hydrocolloids such as methyl cellulose, Sodium CMC, HPMC, or bentonite etc. produces high viscosity at low concentration.



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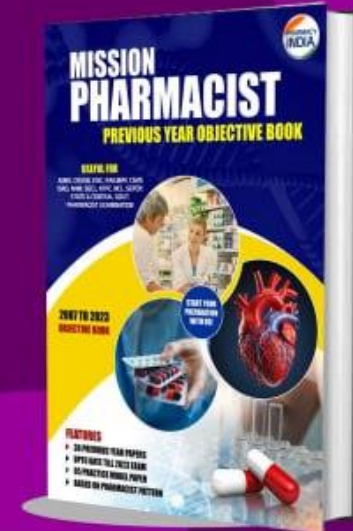
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- They moisten, soothe and lubricate the surface of your eye, making it feel more comfortable.

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Ointments contain medicaments which are generally dissolved/suspended/emulsified in the base.	They contain large amount of finely powdered solids such as starch, zinc oxide, calcium carbonates etc.
They are soft semisolid preparations.	They are very thick and stiff.
They are greasier.	They are less greasy.
They are simply applied on the skin.	They are generally applied with to the spatula or spread on lint.
They are used as protective or emollient for the skin.	They form a protective coating area where it is applied.

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Certain chemical reactions are involved in the preparation of several ointments. For example, iodine ointment. Iodine may be present in free form or in combined form with the ointment base.

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- It is a purified mixture of solid hydrocarbons obtained from petrolatum. It is colourless or white translucent, odour- less, tasteless wax like substance. It is used to harden or soften the ointment base.

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Additives used in Ointments

- Methyl paraben or propyl paraben may be incorporated as preservative to prevent the microbial growth in ointment during its storage for a long period.
- To prevent the loss of moisture from the preparation, the humectant such as, glycerin, propylene glycol or sorbitol may be added.
- Perfumes may also be incorporated to the ointments to give pleasant odour to it. Sometimes a perfume blend is added to the ointment to produce an ointment having a required pleasant odour.
- Antioxidants are needed to be incorporated with ointments, whenever there are chances of oxidative decomposition of the ingredients.
- Chelating agents can be included to prevent the catalytic oxidative degradation of trace elements.



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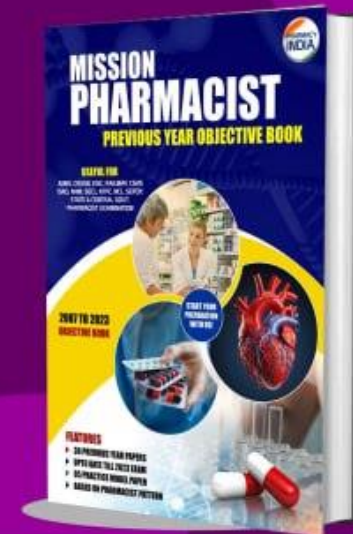
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Prepare and dispense 100 g of compound benzoic acid ointment (Whitfield's ointment).

- Benzoic acid, in fine powder - 6g
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- Emulsifying ointment - 91g

Direction: Apply the ointment to the affected area.

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- Ointments are homogeneous, semi-solid preparations intended for external application to the skin or mucous membranes.
- They are used as emollients or for the application of active ingredients to the skin for protective, therapeutic, or prophylactic purposes and where a degree of occlusion is desired.
- It is an example of neutral mixture.

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Prepare and dispense 50 g of iodine ointment, non staining B.P.C.

- Iodine - 50 g
- Arachis oil - 150 ml
- Yellow soft paraffin a sufficient quantity Make an ointment.

Direction: To be rubbed on the affected part three times a day

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Ointment classified according to properties based on penetration

(i) Epidermic ointments: These ointments are meant for action on epidermis and produce local effect. They are not absorbed. These types of ointments are mainly used as protectives, antiseptic- tics, local anti-infectives and parasiticides.

(ii) Endodermic ointments: These ointments are meant for action on deeper layers of cutaneous tissues. They are partially absorbed and act as emollients, stimulants and local irritants.

(iii) Diadermic ointments: These ointments are meant for deep penetration and release the medicaments that pass through the skin and produce systemic effects.

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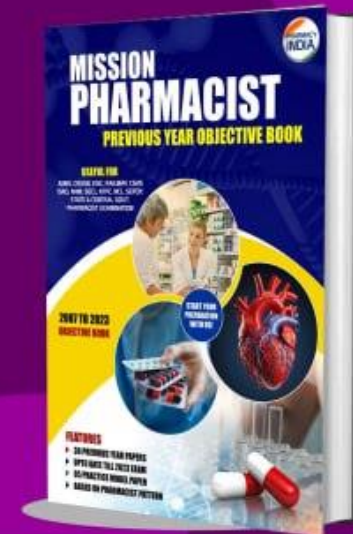
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- **Dimethicone is a silicone oil that is also known as polydimethylsiloxane (PDMS).**
- **It has viscoelastic properties.**

32. Ceresin is

- (a) Synchro waxes
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- **Ceresin wax is a purified form of ozokerite, a naturally occurring mineral wax. It's a waxy mixture of hydrocarbons that's similar to paraffin wax, but harder and with a higher melting point.**

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- Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO) is a solvent that can enhance the skin's permeability and act as a penetration enhancer for topical drugs and other substances.
- It can increase the diffusion of substances through the stratum corneum, promote transport into local blood vessels, and trigger the formation of deposits in the dermis.

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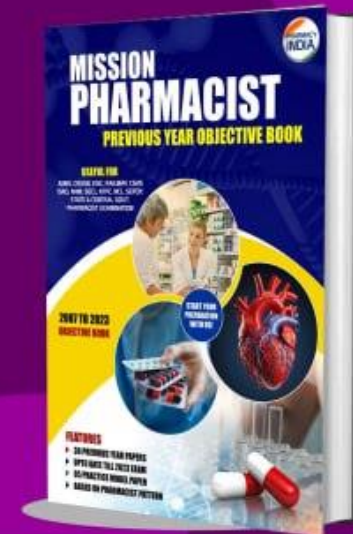
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