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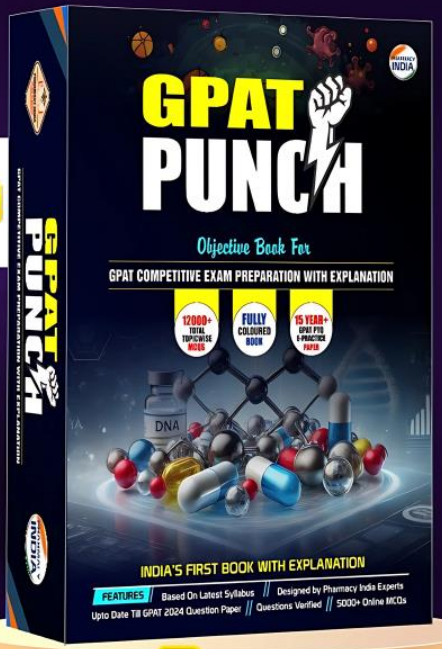
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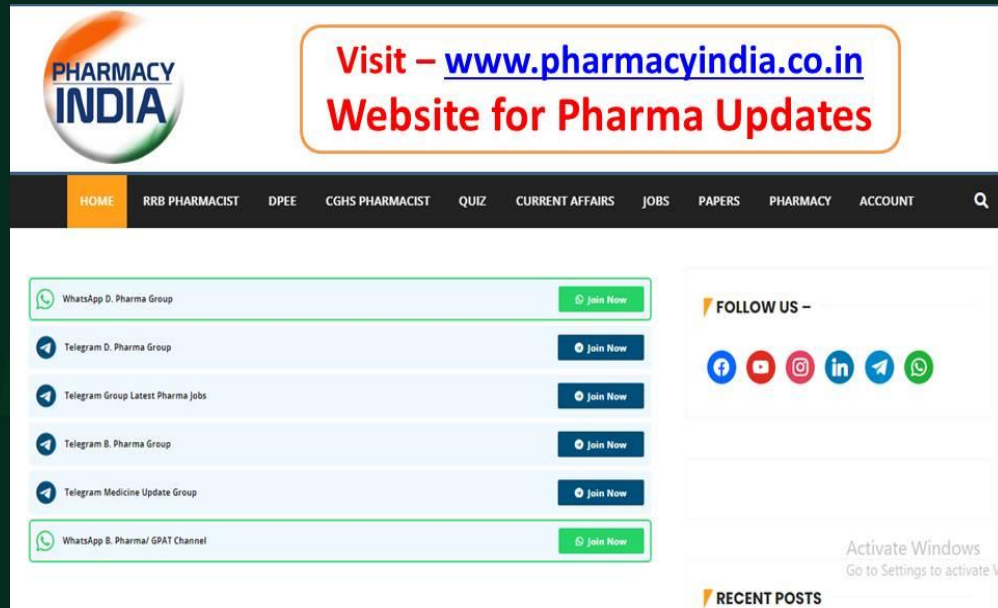
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SUPPOSITORIES

1.

**Sarong SpA semiautomatic equipment is used for the
[GPAT – 2023 SHIFT – II]**

- (a) Filling and packaging line for topical pharmaceutical aerosols**
- (b) Filling of hard gelatin capsule**
- (c) Production of suppositories**
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- **Explanation:**

Sarong SpA is known for manufacturing semi-automatic and automatic equipment specifically designed for the production and filling of suppositories. This equipment is used to handle the precise filling and cooling processes required in suppository production.

2.

Given below are two statements, one is labelled as Assertion [A] and the other is labelled as Reason [R]

Assertion [A]: In the manufacturing of glycono-gelatin suppositories, overfilling of mould is necessary

Reason [R]: Glycono-gelatin bases contract very little on cooling and the excess cannot be neatly removed

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In light of the above statements, choose the correct answer from the options given below [GPAT – 2022]

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- **Explanation:**

- **Assertion [A]:** In the manufacturing of **glycero-gelatin suppositories**, **overfilling the mold** is **not necessarily required**. While it's true that these bases contract very little upon cooling, the key reason for overfilling is not because excess material cannot be removed neatly, but to compensate for any minimal shrinkage. However, careful molding is usually used to avoid excess.
- **Reason [R]:** **Glycero-gelatin bases contract very little on cooling**, and this statement is true. These bases indeed have very minimal contraction, so there is **less need for overfilling**, but if overfilling is done, the excess can be removed with minimal issues.

The **assertion** is **false** because overfilling is not strictly necessary, while the **reason** is true, making option **(d)** correct.

3.

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- **Explanation:**

- When preparing **suppositories** containing **morphine hydrochloride** and **Theobroma oil**, the **displacement value** of the **active ingredient (morphine hydrochloride)** is **ignored** in this context.
- **Displacement value** is used to account for the volume displacement caused by the active ingredient. In the case of suppositories, it helps adjust the **base material** (here, **Theobroma oil**) to account for the volume that will be occupied by the active ingredient.

- However, since the question states that **Theobroma oil** is used as the base, and no specific information is given about considering the volume displacement of Theobroma oil or another excipient, it is typical to **ignore the displacement value of morphine hydrochloride** because Theobroma oil will accommodate it directly.
- Therefore, the focus is on **preparing** the required amount of **Theobroma oil** and ensuring it forms a proper base, without adjustments for the **displacement of morphine hydrochloride**.

4.

In case of suppositories base, SFI stands for [GPAT – 2019]

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. Explanation:

Solid-fat index (SFI):

- One can determine the **solidification and melting ranges** of fatty bases as well as the **molding character**, surface feel and hardness of the bases.
- The solid content at room temperature could determine suppository hardness. Since skin temperature is **about 32° C**, one can predict that would be **dry to touch from a solid** content **over 30%** at that temperature.

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• **Explanation:**

Displacement value. A drug property which should be considered during the formulation of suspension suppositories, where the **drug is dispersed in the molten base**, is the displacement value. The displacement value is the **mass of drug that displaces 1 g of base**, and it allows calculation of the required amount of base in the suppository formulation.

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Bougies are [GPAT – 2015]

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Explanation:

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Polymorphism	Cocoa Butter
Film former used in the formation of nail lacquer	Nitro cellulose, ethyl cellulose, vinyl polymers
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EXAMPLES OF SUPPOSITORY BASE

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DIFFERENT POLYMORPHOUS FORM OF COCA BUTTER

POLYMORPH	M.P.°C	DESCRIPTION
α - form	24	Obtained by suddenly cooling melted coca butter at 0°C
β - form	28-31	Crystallizes out from liquified coca butter on stirring at 18-23°C
β - form	34-35	Most stable form for making suppositories
γ - form	18	Obtained by rapid cooling to liquefied cocoa butter at refrigeration temperature

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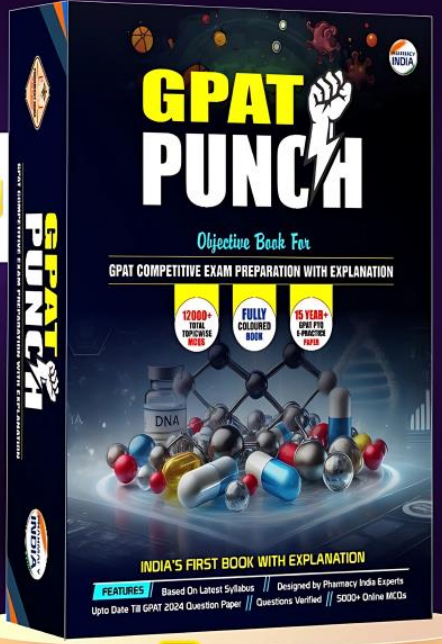
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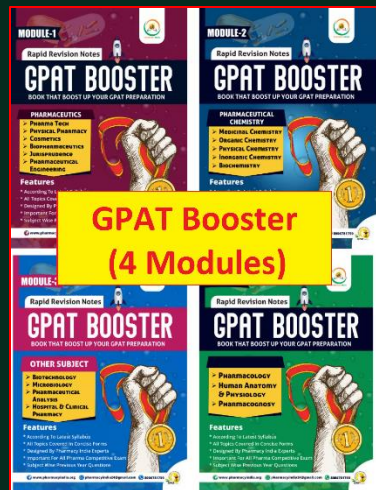
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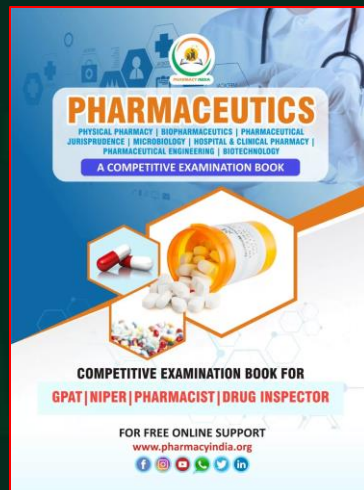
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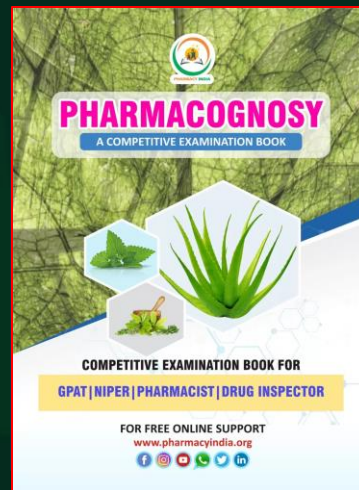
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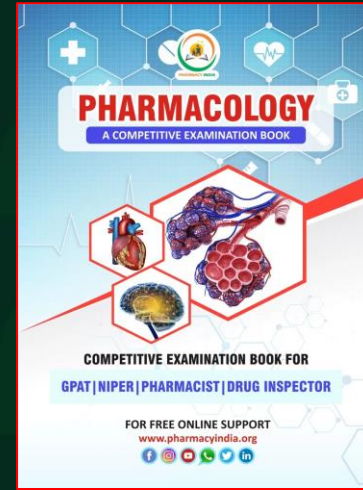
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Explanation:

Theobroma oil (also known as **cocoa butter**) – once a very commonly used base – is no longer used because of its many disadvantages, such as its **polymorphic behaviour**, **insufficient contraction during cooling**, **low softening point**, chemical instability, poor water absorptive power and high cost.

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Explanation:

- **Hand Rolling (a):** **Hand rolling** is an **obsolete method** of preparing suppositories where the **suppository base** and **drug** are manually rolled into a **cylindrical shape**. This method is no longer widely used due to its inefficiency and lack of precision in shaping suppositories.
- **Fusion method (b):** The **fusion method** is still a commonly used method for **preparing suppositories**. It involves melting the suppository base, mixing in the drug, and then cooling the mixture in molds to form the suppositories.

- **Cold compression (c):** The **cold compression method** is also still in use. In this method, the **drug and base are mixed and then compressed into molds at room temperature**, which is particularly useful for bases that do not require heat to melt.

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Synthetic fat bases with a high degree of hydrogenation and high stearate contents, and therefore a higher solid content at room temperature, are usually more brittle. Fracturing of the suppository made with such bases is often induced by rapid chilling (shock cooling) of the melted bases in an extremely cold mold.

- 16. Which of the following is second step in fusion method**
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Explanation:

- In the **fusion method** for preparing suppositories, the general steps are as follows:
 1. **Melting the suppository base.**
 2. **Dispersing or dissolving the drug in the melted base** (second step).
 3. **Pouring** the mixture into **molds**.
 4. Allowing the **melt to congeal**.
 5. Removing the formed suppositories from the mold.
- Therefore, the correct answer is **(d) Dispersing or dissolving the drug in the melted base.**

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Explanation:

- **Oleum Theobromae**, also known as **theobroma oil or cocoa butter**, was introduced to American pharmacists by **A.B. Taylor in 1852** as a suitable base for suppositories.
- Its recommendation was based on its unique properties, which made it an ideal medium for delivering medications in this form.
- **Cocoa butter** is a **natural fat** derived from **cocoa beans**, possessing a solid consistency at room temperature and melting at **body temperature**, which allows for the easy release of the active ingredient once inside the body.

19. Weight of rectal suppository for adults is

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Explanation:

- Urethral suppositories, sometimes called bougies, are pencil-shaped and pointed at one extremity.
- Urethral suppositories intended for males weigh about 4 g each and are 100 to 150 mm long; for females, they are 2 g each and usually 60 to 75 mm in length.

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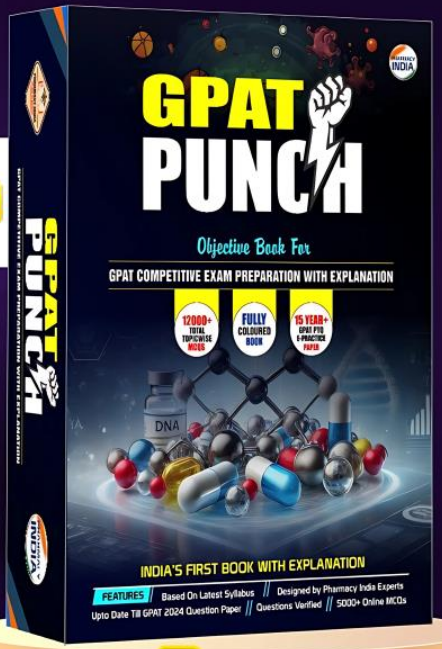
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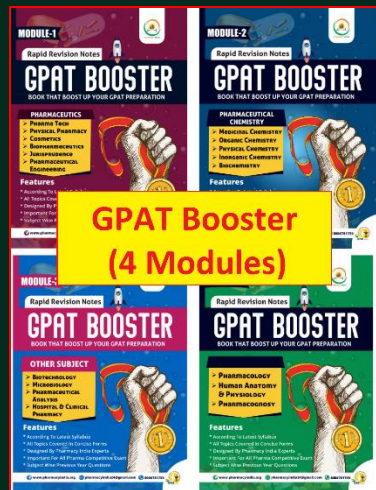
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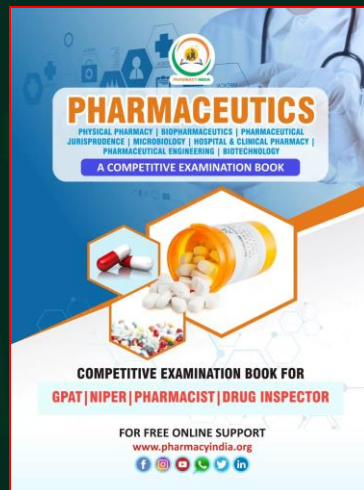
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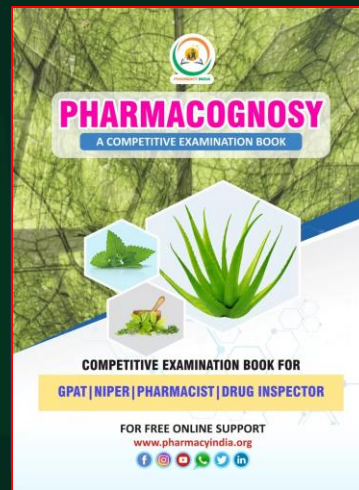
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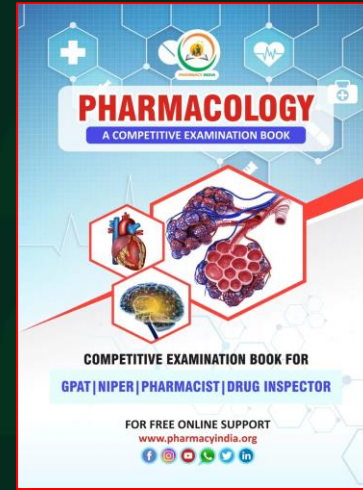
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Explanation:

Saponification Value:

- “The number of milligrams of KOH (Potassium hydroxide) required to neutralize the free fatty acids and saponify the ester contained in 1 g of a fat.”
- From saponification value we can know the type of glyceride present (mono-, di- or tri-) and also amount present.

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- It is the number of grams of Iodine that reacts with 100 g of fat or other unsaturated material.
- The possibility of decomposition by moisture, acids, oxygen (which leads to rancidity of fats) increases with higher iodine value.

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- Rudolfo et al. reported blood levels resulting from the oral, rectal, and intravenous administration of theophylline derivatives.
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- Enesco and coworkers made a comparative study on the absorption time of six drugs, namely sodium salicylate, chloral hydrate, methylene blue, atropine, morphine, and sodium iodide.
- The first five drugs are absorbed rectally more quickly and at therapeutically more effective levels than with oral administration.
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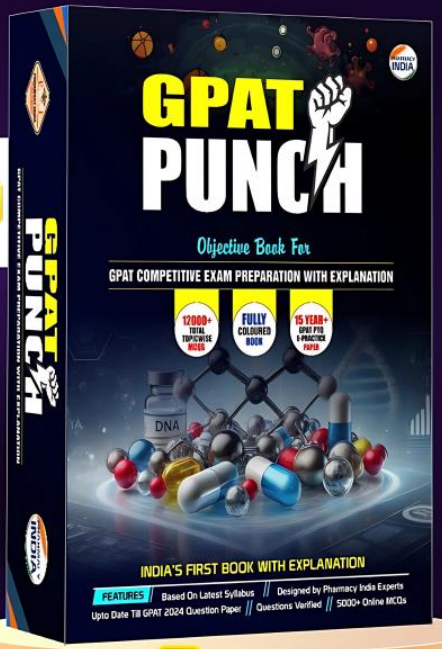
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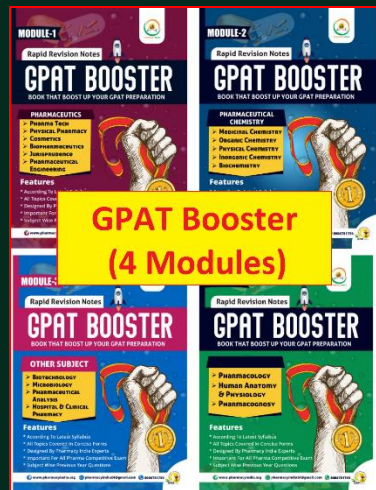
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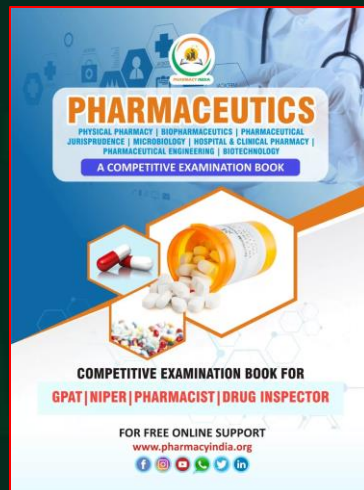
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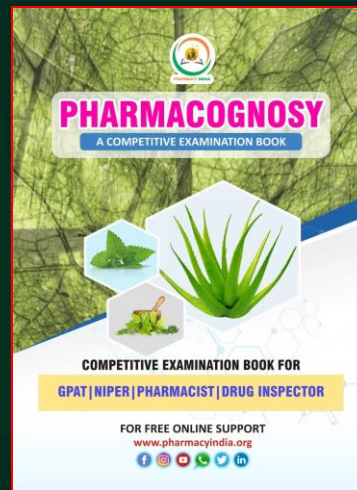


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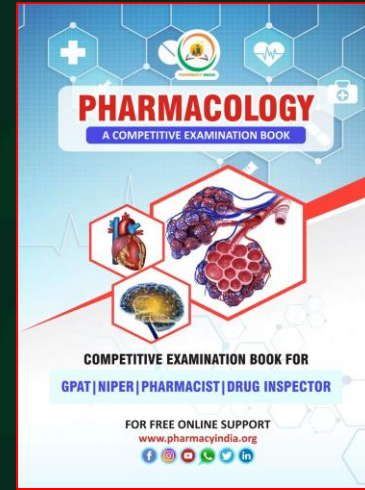
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Explanation:

- Fat-type suppository bases are produced from a variety of materials, either synthetic or natural in origin.
- For example, such vegetable oils as coconut or palm kernel oil are modified by esterification, hydrogenation, and fractionation at different melting ranges to obtain the desired product.
- An inexpensive method involves hydrogenation of corn oil to reduce unsaturation and so increase the percentage of solid triglycerides at room temperature.
- The triglycerides with lower melting points are then removed by solvent extraction or by pressing. Manufacturers of fats and oils refer to this type of product as a “hard butter.”

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Glycerin Suppositories

- The glycerin is heated in a suitable container to **about 120°C**.
- The **sodium stearate** is dissolved, with **gentle stirring**, in the heated glycerin, after which the **purified water** is added and mixed, and the hot mixture is immediately poured into a suitable mold.

- In addition to the above official preparation, **USP XX** also provided an **unofficial formula for glycerated gelatin** suppositories:

Drug and purified water 10 g

Gelatin 20 g

Glycerin 70 g

- This formula is most often used in vaginal suppositories, where local application of **antimicrobial agents** is intended.

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- Glycerinated gelatin suppositories do not melt at body temperature, but rather dissolve in the secretions of the body cavity in which they are inserted.
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Explanation:

Water in Suppositories

- Use of water as a **solvent** for incorporating substances in suppository bases should be avoided for the following reasons:
- Water **accelerates** the **oxidation of fats**.
- If the water **evaporates**, the dissolved substances **crystallize out**.
- Unless the water is present at a level significantly higher than that required for dissolving the drug, the water has little value in facilitating drug absorption.

- **Absorption from water-containing suppositories** is enhanced only if an oil-in-water emulsion exists with **more than 50% of the water** in the external phase.
- Reactions between ingredients contained in suppositories are more likely to occur in the presence of water.
- Sometimes, anhydrous chemicals are used to avoid this possibility.
- The incorporation of water or other substances that might be contaminated with bacterial or fungal growth necessitates the **addition of bacteriostatic agents** such as the **parabens**.

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Hygroscopicity

- Glycerinated gelatin suppositories lose moisture by **evaporation** in **dry climates** and **absorb moisture** under conditions of high humidity.
- **Polyethylene glycol bases** are also **hygroscopic**. The rate of moisture change in **polyethylene glycol** bases depends not only on humidity and temperature, but also on the chain length of the molecule.
- As the molecular weight of these, **ethylene oxide polymers increases**, the hygroscopicity decreases, with a significant drop for the **4000 and the 6000 series**.

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Incompatibilities

- Polyethylene glycol bases were found to be incompatible with silver salts, tannic acid, aminopyrine, quinine, ichthammol, aspirin, benzocaine, iodochlorhydroxyquin, and sulfonamides.
- Many chemicals have a tendency to crystallize out of polyethylene glycol, e.g. sodium barbital, salicylic acid, and camphor.
- Higher concentrations of salicylic acid soften polyethylene glycol to an ointment-like consistency, and aspirin complexes with it.
- Penicillin G, although stable in cocoa butter and other fatty bases, was found to decompose in polyethylene glycol bases. Fatty bases with significant hydroxyl values may react with acidic ingredients.

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The following approaches may be taken to overcome the problems caused by use of low viscosity bases:

- Use a base with a **more narrow melting range** that is closer to body temperature.
- The inclusion of **approximately 2% aluminum monostearate** not only **increases the viscosity of the fat base** considerably, but also aids in maintaining a homogeneous suspension of insoluble materials. **Cetyl, stearyl, or myristyl alcohols or stearic acid** are added to improve the consistency of suppositories.

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Brittleness

- Suppositories made from **cocoa butter** are quite **elastic** and **do not fracture** readily.
- **Synthetic fat bases** with a **high degree of hydrogenation** and **high stearate contents**, and therefore a higher solid content at room temperature, are usually more brittle. Fracturing of the suppository made with such bases is often induced by **rapid chilling (shock cooling)** of the melted bases in an extremely cold mold.

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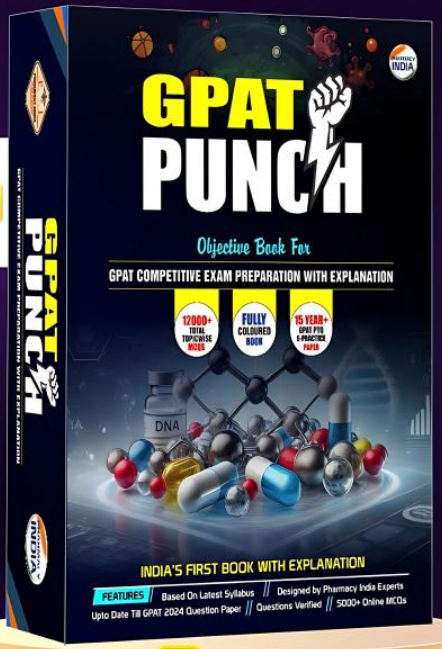
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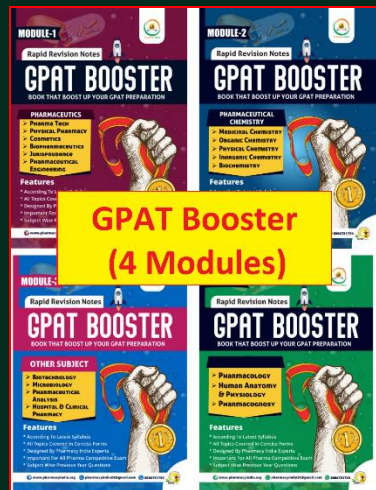
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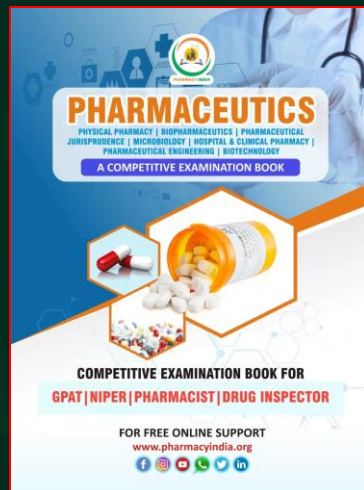
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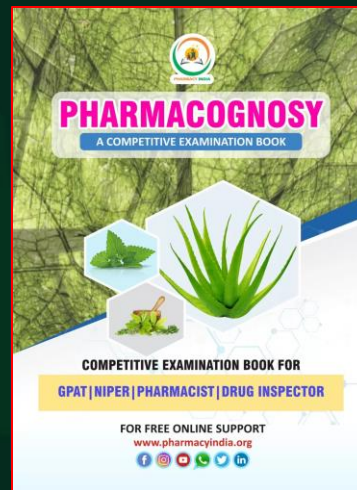
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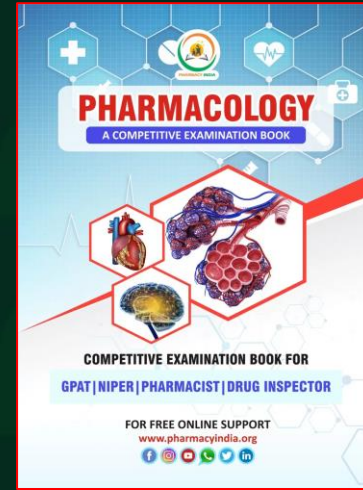
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- To overcome this difficulty, the temperature differential between melted base and mold should be as small as possible. Addition of a small amount of Tween 80, Tween 85, fatty acid monoglycerides, castor oil, glycerin, or propylene glycol imparts plasticity to a fat and renders it less brittle.

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- To calculate the amount of drug per suppository, the density of the base must be known. The volume of the mold cavity is fixed, and therefore, the weight of the individual suppository depends on the density of the mass.
- Knowledge of the suppository weight can be obtained from a given mold and density of the chosen base; the active ingredients can then be added to the bulk base in such an amount that the exact quantity of drug is present in each molded suppository.

- If **volume contraction** occurs in the **mold during cooling**, additional compensation must be made to obtain the proper suppository weight. Thus, density alone cannot be the sole criterion for **calculating suppository weight per fixed volume mold**.

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Which of the following is an example of a mold release agent?

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- (b) Tincture of green soap
- (c) Sodium stearate
- (d) Tween 80

Explanation:

Lubricants or Mold Release Agents

- Cocoa butter adheres to suppository molds because of its low volume contraction. These suppositories are difficult to remove from the molds, and various mold lubricants or release agents must be used to overcome this difficulty.
- Mineral oil, an aqueous solution of sodium lauryl sulfate, various silicones, alcohol, and tincture of green soap are examples of agents employed for this purpose.
- They are applied by wiping, brushing, or spraying. The release of suppositories from damaged molds was improved by coating the cavities with polytetrafluoroethylene (Teflon).

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The amount of base that is replaced by active ingredients in the suppository formulation can be calculated. The replacement factor, f , is derived from the following equation:

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where, E is weight of pure base suppositories, G is weight of suppositories with $X\%$ active ingredient.

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Explanation:

Cocoa butter suppositories in storage sometimes “bloom”, i.e. form a white powdery deposit on the surface. This is unsightly and usually can be avoided if the suppositories are wrapped in foil, and stored at uniform cool or refrigerator temperatures.

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Explanation:

- **Fat base suppositories** have been shown to harden for a period of time after manufacture.
- This **upward shift in melting range** is due to slow crystallization to the more stable polymorphic forms of the base.
- Depending on **the initial melting range** and the formula of the suppository, this phenomenon may affect the melting of the suppository and **subsequent drug absorption rates**.

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- The **softening time test** and **differential scanning calorimetry** can be used as **stability-indicating test** methods to predict problems of this sort.
- Storage immediately after manufacture at an **elevated temperature** below the melting range speeds up the aging process. Since the hardening phenomenon is a finite process, this tempering approach can **minimize** further changes in melting range, which may be worth the addition to manufacturing cycle time.

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Melting Range Test

- This test is also called the **macromelting range test** and is a measure of the time it takes for the **entire suppository to melt** when immersed in a constant temperature (**37°C**) **water bath**.
- In contrast, the **micromelting range test** is the **melting range** measured in capillary tubes for the fat base only.
- The suppository melting point apparatus by **ERWEKA®** consists of a **graduated tube like glass test chamber**.

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Softening Time Tests of Suppositories

- Softening time test apparatus consists of a U-tube partially submersed in a constant-temperature water bath.
- A constriction on one side holds the suppository in place in the tube.
- A glass rod is placed on top of the suppository, and the time for the rod to pass through to the constriction is recorded as the “softening time”.
- This can be carried out at various temperatures from 35.5 to 37°C, as a quality control check and can also be studied as a measure of physical stability over time.

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Breaking Test

- The breaking test is designed as a **method for measuring the fragility or brittleness of suppositories.**
- The apparatus used for the test consists of a **double-wall chamber** in which the test suppository is placed.
- **Water at 37°C** is **pumped through** the **double walls** of the **chamber**, and the suppository, contained in the dry inner chamber, supports a disc to which a rod is attached.

- The other end of the rod consists of another disc to which weights are applied. The test is conducted by placing 600 g on the platform.
- At 1 min intervals, 200 g weights are added, and the weight at which the suppository collapses is the breaking point, or the force that determines the fragility or brittleness characteristics of the suppository.

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Drug Release Rates

General approximate drug release rates as they relate to the drug and base characteristics are summarized as follows:

Drug:Base Characteristics	Approximate Drug Release Rate
Oil-soluble drug: Oily base	Slow release; poor escaping tendency
Water-soluble drug: Oily base	Rapid release
Oil-soluble drug: Water-miscible base	Moderate release
Water-miscible drug: Water-miscible base	Moderate release; based on diffusion; all water soluble

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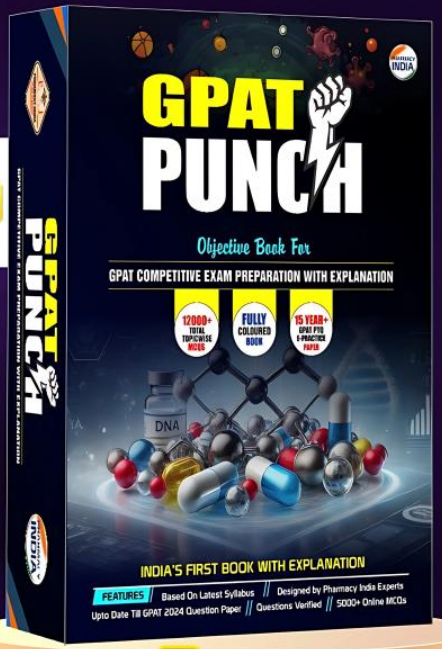
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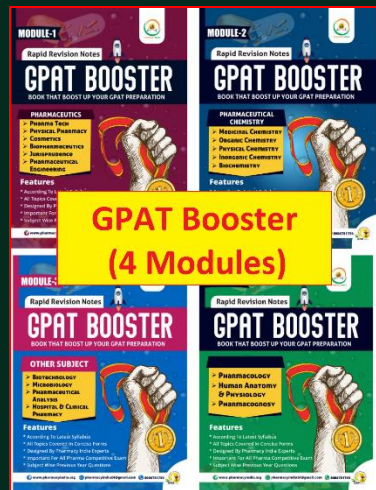
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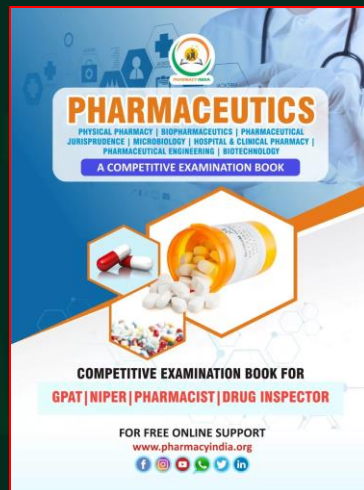
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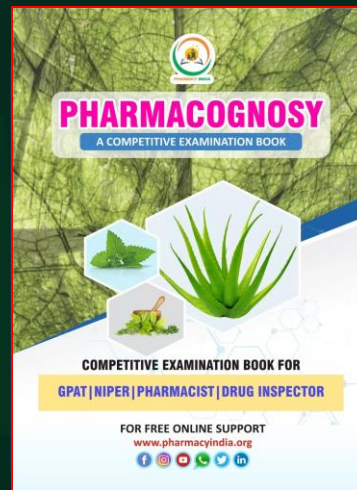
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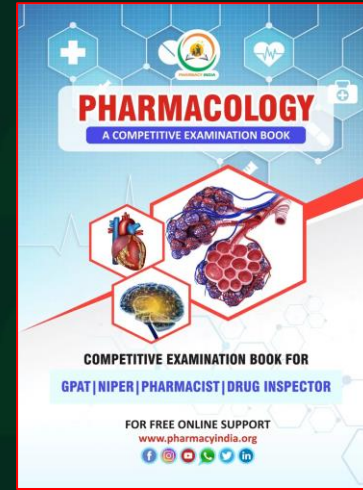
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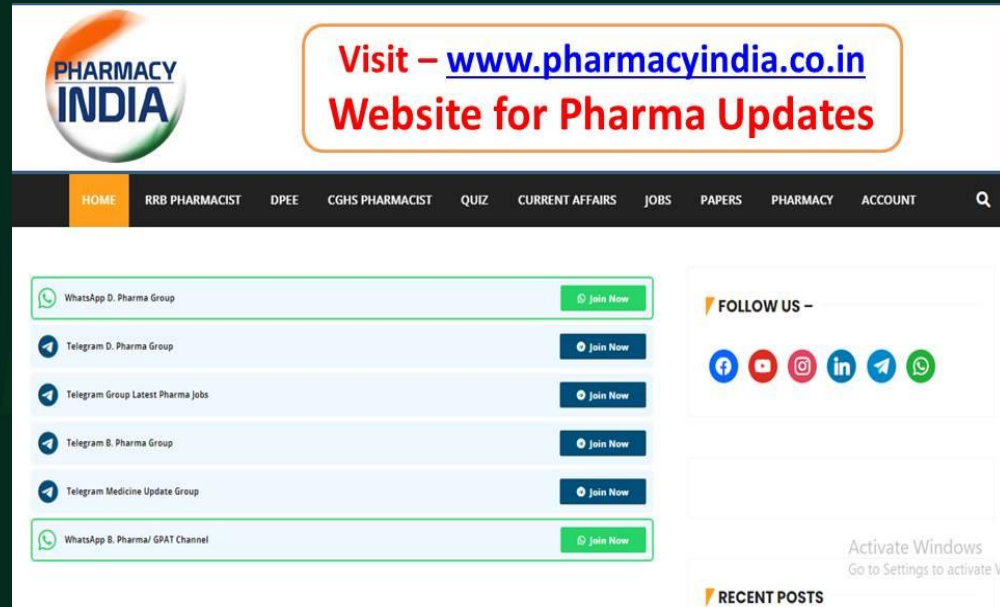
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