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Which of the following are components of a basic buffer? (Select all that apply)
☐ Weak base☐ Strong acid
Conjugate acid
Strong base
What is a buffer solution?
○ A solution that changes pH easily
○ A solution that resists changes in pH
○ A solution with a neutral pH
A solution that only contains strong acids
In which industries are buffer solutions commonly used? (Select all that apply)
Pharmaceuticals
☐ Agriculture
☐ Food and Beverage
☐ Textile
How does a buffer solution maintain its pH?
O By diluting itself
O By neutralizing added acids or bases
O By evaporating water
By changing temperature
Which of the following statements about buffer solutions are true? (Select all that apply)
☐ Buffers can be made from strong acids and bases
☐ Buffers resist changes in pH

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Which of the following is NOT a characteristic of a buffer solution?
○ It can resist pH changes
It is made from strong acids and bases
It has a limited capacity
It is used in biological systems
Which of the following is a component of an acidic buffer?
○ Strong acid and its salt
○ Weak acid and its conjugate base
○ Strong base and its salt
Weak base and its conjugate acid
Which of the following factors affect the buffer capacity? (Select all that apply)
Concentration of buffer components
☐ Temperature
☐ Ionic strength
Proximity of pH to pKa
Describe the process of preparing a buffer solution with a desired pH.
○ Mix strong acids and bases
Mix a weak acid/base with its conjugate salt
○ Use only distilled water
Adjust the temperature
Explain how the pKa of a weak acid affects the pH of a buffer solution.
○ It has no effect on pH
It determines the pH at which the acid and its conjugate base are in equilibrium
○ It only affects strong acids
○ It is irrelevant to buffer solutions

☐ Buffers are effective only at pH 7

☐ Buffers can be used in fermentation processes

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Buffers are used in which of the following biological processes? (Select all that apply)



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□ Digestion□ Respiration□ Photosynthesis□ Protein synthesis
Using the Henderson-Hasselbalch equation, calculate the pH of a buffer solution with a pKa of 4.75, where the concentration of the conjugate base is 0.1 M and the concentration of the acid is 0.1 M.
○ 4.25
○ 4.75
○ 5.00
○ 5.25
Discuss why buffers are crucial in maintaining the pH of blood.
○ They increase blood acidity
They maintain pH within a narrow range
They have no effect on pH
○ They only work at pH 7
What challenges might arise when using buffers in industrial applications?
Buffers are always effective
Maintaining buffer capacity can be challenging
Buffers are inexpensive to produce
Buffers are not used in industry
Explain the role of a conjugate base in an acidic buffer solution.
○ It increases the acidity of the solution
It neutralizes added acids
○ It decreases the pH
O It has no effect on pH
Describe what is meant by buffer capacity and what factors influence it.
○ It is the same for all buffers
It is the amount of acid or base a buffer can neutralize
It is not influenced by concentration
◯ It is only relevant at pH 7

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What is the effective pH range of a buffer solution?
 Within one pH unit above or below the pKa Between pH 1 and 14 Only at pH 7 Between pH 0 and 1
What variables are used in the Henderson-Hasselbalch equation? (Select all that apply)
□ pH
□ pKa
Concentration of conjugate base
Concentration of strong acid
What happens to the buffer capacity when the concentration of buffer components is increased?
○ It decreases
O It remains the same
O It increases
O It becomes unpredictable
Which equation is used to calculate the pH of a buffer solution?
○ Arrhenius Equation
O Henderson-Hasselbalch Equation
O Nernst Equation
○ Van't Hoff Equation