

Mixtures of Compounds & Elements

Classification & Separation



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Chemical Separations

Types of Mixtures

- δ Mixtures have variable composition of two or more components.
- δ A homogeneous mixture is a solution (for example, vinegar: water + acetic acid, or steel & bronze: solid metals)
- δ A heterogeneous mixture is, to the naked eye, clearly not uniform (for example, a bottle of ranch dressing with two layers: water + oil, or two solids: iron and sulfur)

Separating Mixtures

• **Filtration:** Separation of components in a mixture based upon differences in particle size. Examples: particles from air, coffee from grounds.

• **Crystallization:**

Separation based upon differences in solubility of components in a mixture. Example: rock candy

• **Distillation:**

Separation based upon differences in boiling of components in a homogeneous mixture. Example: gasoline from crude oil

Separating Mixtures

• **Extraction:** Separation based upon differences in a compound's solubility between two different solvents, typically immiscible liquids. Examples: gasoline (hydrocarbons) and water.

• **Chromatography:** Separation based upon differences a compound's solubility in a solvent versus a stationary phase. Examples: paper chromatography, thin layer (TLC), column, gas-liquid (GC); liquid-liquid: (HPLC), reverse phase.

QUESTION

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- B. The coffee in the cup is a compound because it has a set ratio of components that make it the same throughout.
- C. The coffee in the cup is both a compound and a solution.
- D. It looks the same throughout like a true solution, yet it always has the same amount of each component.
- E. The coffee in the cup is a heterogeneous solution not homogeneous because it contains distinct, different compounds dissolved to make coffee.

Answer

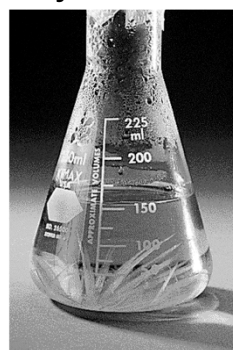
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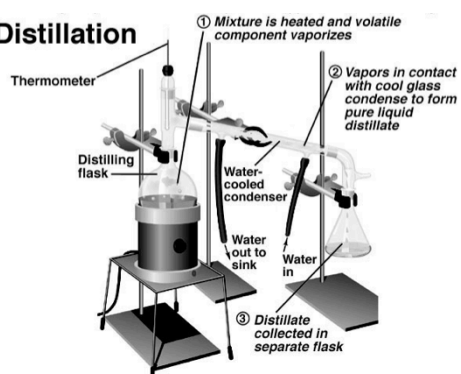
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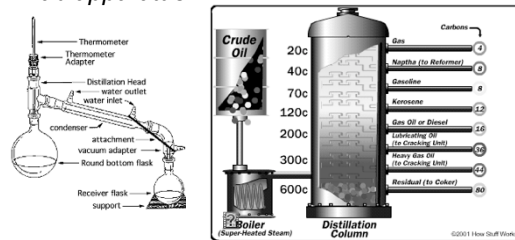
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Distillation



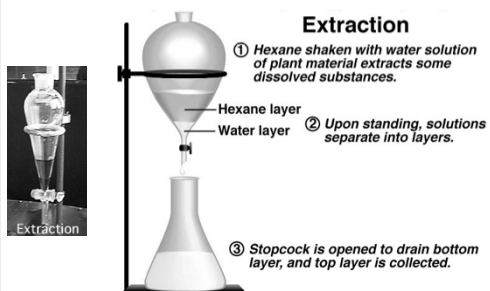
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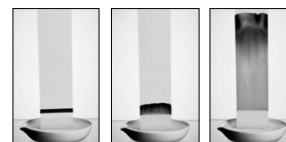
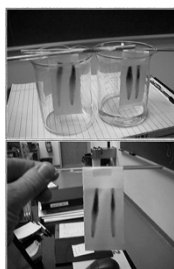
Oil Refining:

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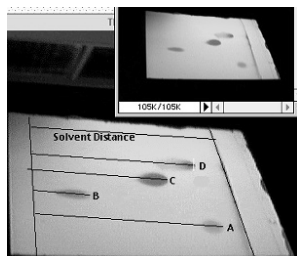
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Paper Chromatography

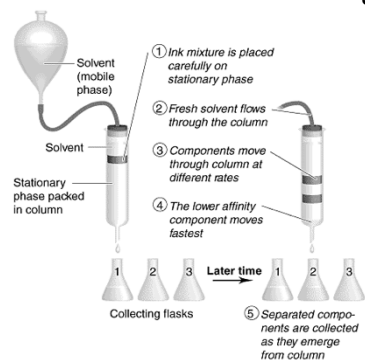


Thin Layer Chromatography



Stationary phase: silica or alumina

Procedure for Column Chromatography



Principle of Gas-Liquid Chromatography

