MicroCal VP ITC Training Quiz

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Read the following before the MicroCal VP-ITC training:

- VP-ITC Microcalorimeter User's Manual
- Essential reading for any ITC user (Foster lab website)
- 1. What basic thermodynamic parameters can be obtained from an ITC experiment?
- 2. What is the temperature range in which the VP-ITC instrument can be operated?
- 3. What should the reference cell be filled with?
- 4. What are the volumes of cell and syringe samples required for running an experiment on the VP-ITC?
- 5. How can you achieve buffer matching between the titrant and analyte?
- 6. What is the C value, and what is a good range of values for obtaining an accurate K_d ?
- 7. If the macromolecule in the cell has n binding sites and a concentration of [M], what should the ligand concentration in the syringe be?
- 8. During the experiment, when does the VP-ITC start rotating the syringe (stirring stage)?
- 9. What should the final molar ratio between the ligand and macromolecule be?
- 10. What are some of the possible reasons for the measured stoichiometric ratio "n" not matching with the expected value?