

# Endocrine and Gastrointestinal Tract

## Section 1

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- 1 With regard to carbohydrate digestion:
  - a) salivary amylase works best at alkaline pH
  - b) approximately 40% of adult Europeans are lactose intolerant
  - c) oligosaccharidase deficiency results in osmotic diarrhoea
  - d) salivary amylase continues to digest carbohydrates in the stomach
  
- 2 Carbohydrate absorption:
  - a) all glucose, galactose and fructose is co-transported with Na by the SGLT-2 transporter into enterocytes
  - b) all glucose/galactose and fructose is transported across the basolateral membrane by GLUT2
  - c) fructose absorption is a secondary active transport mechanism
  - d) absorption is decreased by insulin
  
- 3 The liberation of proteins to free amino acids (final digestive step) occur in all of the following EXCEPT:
  - a) enterocyte cytoplasm
  - b) brush border
  - c) small intestine lumen
  - d) stomach
  
- 4 Steatorrhoea occurs with all of the following EXCEPT:
  - a) gastrinoma
  - b) congenital defect in gastric lipase
  - c) ileal disease with failure to reabsorb bile salts
  - d) exocrine pancreatic disease
  
- 5 Which is a water soluble vitamin?
  - a) D
  - b) B<sub>12</sub>
  - c) A
  - d) K
  - e) E

- 6 Which is not Na<sup>+</sup> dependent for absorption?
- thiamin
  - riboflavin
  - niacin
  - folate
  - biotin
- 7 Which is absorbed mainly in the colon?
- short chain fatty acids
  - calcium
  - vitamin K
  - oligosaccharides
- 8 Which is INCORRECT regarding nerve supply to the gut?
- the blood vessels are known to have enteric, parasympathetic and sympathetic innervation
  - the myenteric plexus lies between the longitudinal and circular muscle layers
  - parasympathetic supply is via vagal and sacral nerve
  - sympathetic supply is often inhibitory on cholinergic postganglionic fibres
- 9 Gastrin secretion is stimulated by all but:
- luminal peptides
  - vagal discharge
  - luminal acid
  - phenylalanine
- 10 The actions of gastrin include all but:
- insulin secretion in response to a carbohydrate meal
  - a trophic effect on colonic mucosa
  - a trophic effect on gastric mucosa
  - pepsin secretion
  - contraction of muscle at the gastro-oesophageal junction
- 11 Which is NOT an action of CCK?
- gallbladder contraction
  - increased gastric motility and emptying
  - glucagon secretion
  - secretion of pancreatic juice

- 12 Which hormone is most important in insulin secretion?
- gastrin
  - CCK
  - GIP
  - secretin
- 13 Which produces the majority of salivary volume?
- lingual glands
  - sublingual
  - parotid
  - submandibular
- 14 Which nerve is NOT involved in the efferent (motor) swallow reflex?
- trigeminal
  - vagus
  - facial
  - hypoglossal
- 15 Which is NOT part of the normal content of gastric juice?
- $\text{HPO}_4^{2-}$
  - mucus
  - lipase
  - amylase
- 16 Chief cells secrete:
- HCl
  - pepsinogen
  - intrinsic factor
  - $\text{HCO}_3^-$
- 17 Which stimulates parietal cell secretion?
- prostaglandins
  - aspirin
  - vinegar
  - acetylcholine

- 18 Regarding bilirubin:
- a) unconjugated bilirubin is more soluble than conjugated
  - b) all conjugated bilirubin is excreted via the intestine
  - c) bile duct obstruction causes jaundice secondary to unconjugated hyperbilirubinaemia
  - d) haemolytic anaemia may cause ?????? hyperbilirubinaemia
- 19 Which form of intestinal smooth muscle contraction does NOT occur in normal health?
- a) peristalsis
  - b) weak antiperistalsis
  - c) peristaltic rushes
  - d) tonic contractions
  - e) segmental contractions
- 20 In the adrenal medulla:
- a) epinephrine is formed by the hydroxylation and decarboxylation of tyrosine
  - b) 10% of the cells are the epinephrine-secreting type
  - c) plasma norepinephrine levels are generally unchanged after adrenalectomy
  - d) catecholamine  $t_{1/2}$  is 10 minutes in the circulation
  - e) norepinephrine and epinephrine are stored in granules with APT and chromagranin C
- 21 In the adrenal cortex:
- a) the zona glomerulosa has 17 alpha-hydroxylase and no aldosterone synthase
  - b) all the cholesterol is synthesised from acetate
  - c) zona fasciculata makes up 10% of the mass of the adrenal gland
  - d) angiotensin II binds to receptors in the zona reticularis
  - e) ATCH increases the synthesis of all 5 P450 cytochromes involved in the formation of adrenocortical hormones
- 22 Regarding the islets of Langerhans:
- a) D cells secrete pancreatic polypeptide
  - b) A cells are the most common
  - c) they are most plentiful in the body of the pancreas
  - d) blood from the islets drain into the hepatic portal vein
  - e) B cell secretion of glucagon occurs by exocytosis

- 23 Which factor stimulates insulin secretion?
- thiazide diuretics
  - phenytoin
  - theophylline
  - $\beta$  blockers
  - epinephrine
- 24 Thyroid hormones increase the oxygen consumption of:
- lymph nodes
  - spleen
  - brain
  - anterior pituitary gland
  - liver
- 25 The action of gastrin includes all EXCEPT:
- stimulation of insulin secretion after a carbohydrate meal
  - stimulation of gastric acid secretion
  - stimulation of gastric motility
  - contraction of gastro-oesophageal junction musculature
  - stimulation of growth of large intestine mucosa
- 26 Regarding protein metabolism, which statement is CORRECT?
- increases the respiratory quotient to values  $> 1.0$
  - has a specific dynamic action (SDA) of approximately 10%
  - endogenous protein breakdown is inhibited by glucagon
  - creatinine excretion is not depressed in starvation
  - $\text{NH}_4^+$  formed during transamination of amino acids is excreted in the urine as urea
- 27 Regarding fat metabolism, which statement is CORRECT?
- ketone bodies accumulate in DKA due to a lack of acetyl-CoA substrate
  - fatty acids are transported in the plasma bound to lipoprotein complexes
  - cholesterol is transported from extra-hepatic cells to the liver by high-density lipoproteins (HDLs) in the endogenous pathway
  - eicosanoids are synthesised from cholesterol
  - simvastatin reduces plasma cholesterol levels by increasing hepatic biliary excretion
- 28 Thyroxine:
- is mostly bound to albumin in the plasma, since this has the largest capacity
  - is 2-5 times more potent than triiodothyronine ( $\text{T}_3$ )
  - stimulates TSH release
  - $\sim 33\%$  is deiodinated in the liver to  $\text{T}_3$
  - does not cross the placenta

- 29 Insulin:
- a) binds to GLUT 1-5 receptors in the peripheral tissues
  - b) deficiency results in increased gluconeogenesis
  - c) has a plasma half-life of 2-3 hours
  - d) is secreted by the pancreatic A cells
  - e) average secretion is around 40U/day
- 30 With respect to calcium metabolism / bone formation:
- a) osteoclasts secrete alkaline phosphatase
  - b) osteoblasts are haemopoietic derivatives of monocyte lineage
  - c)  $1,25(\text{OH})_2 \text{D}_3$  and PTH stimulate both osteoblasts and osteoclasts
  - d) oestrogens are thought to be protective of osteoporosis as their main effect is osteoblasts stimulation
  - e) the plasmic calcium may be markedly elevated in "disuse" osteoporosis
- 31 All of the following, except one, inhibit insulin secretion. Which is it?
- a) somatostatin
  - b) thiazide diuretics
  - c) propranolol
  - d) insulin
  - e) glucagon
- 32 All but one of the following compounds releases large amounts of energy on breakdown:
- a) cAMP
  - b) ATP
  - c) creatine phosphate
  - d) ADP
  - e) coenzyme A
- 33 Which is TRUE?
- a) adenosine triphosphate is a low energy phosphate
  - b) reduction involves loss of hydrogen or electrons
  - c) oxidative phosphorylation occurs in the endoplasmic reticulum
  - d) ATP is precursor of cyclic AMP
  - e) ADP has no feedback on oxidative phosphorylation
- 34 Small intestine:
- a) the ligament of Treitz the jejunum becomes the ileum
  - b) the distance pylorus to ileocecal valve in living humans is 700cm
  - c) malabsorption syndrome may develop if 25% of the small intestine is removed
  - d) colonic peristalsis is the first smooth muscle action of the GIT to return after abdominal operation
  - e) deficiency of gluten hydrolase causes coeliac disease

- 35 Regarding thyroid hormones:
- little  $T_3$  is produced peripherally by deiodination  $T_4$
  - albumin has more capacity to bind thyroid hormones than TBG
  - TBG has less affinity for thyroid hormone than albumin
  - thyroid hormones stimulate lipogenesis
  - $RT_3$  is slightly less active than  $T_4$
- 36 A calorie is:
- standard unit of heat energy necessary to raise the temperature of 1L of water  $1^\circ$  from  $15-16^\circ\text{C}$
  - standard unit of heat energy necessary to raise the temperature of 1gm of mercury  $1^\circ$  from  $17-18^\circ\text{C}$
  - the standard unit of heat energy necessary to raise the temperature of 1gm of water  $1^\circ$  from  $17-18^\circ\text{C}$
  - the standard unit of heat energy necessary to raise the temperature of 1gm of water  $1^\circ$  from  $15-16^\circ\text{C}$
  - the standard unit of heat energy necessary to raise the temperature of 1gm of water  $1^\circ$  from  $15-16^\circ\text{F}$
- 37 Regarding the respiratory quotient:
- it is the ratio of  $\text{CO}_2$  to  $\text{O}_2$  at any time
  - RQ of fat is 0.8
  - increases with hyperventilation
  - increases in metabolic alkalosis
  - RQ of carbohydrate is 1.0
- 38 Regarding basal metabolic rate:
- it is higher in women
  - it is determined at rest within 12 hours after the last meal
  - increases by 18% for each  $1^\circ\text{C}$  of fever
  - is about  $40\text{Kcal/m}^2/\text{h}$  in an average man
  - is about  $4,000\text{Kcal/d}$  in an average man
- 39 Which is NOT a high energy compound?
- CoA
  - GGP
  - ITP
  - creatine phosphate
  - GTP

- 40 Regarding the flavoprotein – cytochrome system:
- cytochrome oxidase is the first step in the chain
  - occurs within the endoplasmic reticulum
  - substrates are pyruvate, water and oxygen and ATP
- 41 Regarding carbohydrate metabolism:
- glucokinase is increased in starvation
  - the breakdown of glycogen is called glycolysis
  - the direct oxidative pathway involves the breakdown of glucose through triose
  - the conversion of pyruvate to acetyl-CoA is irreversible
  - conversion of fructose 6-phosphate to fructose 1,6-diphosphate produces 1 ATP
- 42 Which is NOT produced by the citric acid cycle?
- NAD<sup>+</sup>
  - CO<sub>2</sub>
  - GTP
  - FADH<sub>2</sub>
  - H<sup>+</sup>
- 43 Regarding phosphorylase:
- it cleaves 1:6 $\alpha$  linkages in glycogen
  - it is activated by norepinephrine
  - phosphorylase kinase is directly activated by cyclic AMP
  - activation of protein kinase A inhibits glycogen synthesis
  - $\alpha_1$  adrenergic receptors in the liver have no part in glycogen breakdown
- 44 Which amino acid is not found in protein?
- ornithine
  - arginine
  - valine
  - aspartic acid
  - glycine
- 45 Which is a nutritionally essential amino acid?
- taurine
  - leucine
  - glutamate
  - alanine
  - tyrosine



- 46 Which amino acid is not ketogenic?
- leucine
  - isoleucine
  - phenylalanine
  - tyrosine
  - alanine
- 47 Regarding starvation:
- glycogen provides enough fuel for 48 hours
  - ketoacids derived from fats, are used by the brain and other tissues
  - hypoglycaemia has a protein sparing effect
  - average time until death is 40 days
  - urine creatine levels are unchanged
- 48 Regarding lipid transport:
- chylomicrons enter the blood directly from the enterocyte
  - the major apoproteins are apoB, apoD and apo???
  - chylomicrons are broken down to FFA, glycerol and chylomicron remnants by lipoprotein lipase in the liver
  - VLDL provides cholesterol to the tissue
  - LDL is taken up by receptor mediated endocytosis ????
- 49 Regarding electrolyte absorption:
- cholera toxin binds to adenosine diphosphate ribose to the subunit of Gs, stimulative ATPase activity
  - active transport of  $\text{Na}^+$  into the small intestine enterocytes is coupled with the absorption of glucose
  - magnesium sulphate absorption is coupled with  $\text{Na}^+-\text{K}^+$ -ATPase pump
  - the  $\text{Na}^+-\text{K}^+$  ATPase pumps are located at the luminal membrane of the enterocyte
  - osmolality in the jejunal lumen is close to that of plasma
- 50 Regarding calcium:
- 20% of calcium is absorbed
  - active transport of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  out of the lumen occurs primarily in the lower small intestine
  - 1,25-dihydroxycholecalciferol induces calcium binding protein synthesis in mucosal cell
  - absorption is facilitated by phosphate
  - 1,25-dihydroxycholecalciferol is produced in the skin
- 51 Regarding iron:
- it is more readily absorbed in the ferric form
  - men lose about 0.6mg/d
  - average daily iron intake is 40mg
  - ascorbic acid reduces iron absorption

# Section 1 – Answers

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34 E  
35 B  
36 D  
37 E  
38 D  
39 B  
40 No answer  
41 D  
42 A  
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44 E  
45 D  
46 C  
47 C  
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49 E  
50 No answer  
51 No answer

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## Section 2

### GI/Digestion/Absorption/Metabolism

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- 1 Vitamins co-transported with  $\text{Na}^+$  include all EXCEPT:
  - a) thiamine
  - b) folate
  - c) niacin
  - d) riboflavin
  - e) pyridoxine
  
- 2 Fat soluble vitamins include all EXCEPT:
  - a) vitamin A
  - b) vitamin C
  - c) vitamin D
  - d) vitamin E
  - e) vitamin K
  
- 3 The largest daily volume of secretions in the GIT originates in the:
  - a) salivary glands
  - b) stomach
  - c) gallbladder (bile)
  - d) pancreas
  - e) intestine
  
- 4 Iron:
  - a) most dietary iron is in the ferrous state
  - b) most iron is absorbed in the upper small intestine
  - c) a ferritin micelle contains 1,000 atoms of iron
  - d) 90% of body iron is in haemoglobin
  - e) 10% of dietary iron is normally absorbed
  
- 5 Ketone bodies:
  - a) are not formed under normal conditions
  - b) are all moderately strong acids
  - c) are formed when intracellular glucose is deficient
  - d) are easily metabolised in the liver
  - e) all of the above

- 6 Creatinuria can occur in all EXCEPT:
- healthy children
  - pregnant women
  - starvation
  - hypothyroidism
  - poorly controlled diabetes mellitus
- 7 Cations in normal (fasting) gastric juice include all EXCEPT:
- $\text{Na}^+$
  - $\text{Ca}^{++}$
  - $\text{K}^+$
  - $\text{Mg}^{++}$
  - $\text{H}^+$
- 8 Human hepatic bile (hepatic bile duct) is largely:
- water
  - bile salts
  - bile pigment
  - cholesterol
  - lecithin
- 9 The nutritionally essential amino acids include:
- alanine
  - cysteine
  - tyrosine
  - methionine
  - glutamine
- 10 The largest glycogen store in the adult body is in the:
- liver
  - spleen
  - muscle
  - pancreas
  - circulating red cell mass
- 11 TSH secretion is stimulated by:
- dopamine
  - somatostatin
  - cold temperatures
  - stress
  - glucocorticoids

- 12 Thyroxine ( $T_4$ ) has greater affinity for:
- thyroxine-binding globulin
  - transthyretin
  - thyroxine-binding pre-albumin
  - albumin
  - triiodothyronine
- 13 GLUT is an example of:
- simple diffusion
  - facilitated diffusion
  - primary active transport
  - secondary active transport
  - endocytosis
- 14 The most common cell type of the endocrine pancreas is:
- A cells
  - B cells
  - C cells
  - D cells
  - F cells
- 15 Both insulin and somatostatin:
- are released from extra-pancreatic sites
  - receptors are linked to G proteins
  - inhibit release of glucagon
  - cause  $K^+$  uptake by cells
  - are polypeptides containing two chains linked by disulphide bonds
- 16 Aldosterone is secreted by:
- zona reticularis
  - zona fasciculata
  - zona glomerulosa
  - zona fasciculata and reticularis
  - zona glomerulosa and fasciculata
- 17 Regarding aldosterone:
- it is released in response to hypokalaemia
  - it has glucocorticoid action
  - it works via G proteins to increase  $Na^+$  reabsorption
  - its release results in alkaline urine
  - it is highly protein-bound

- 18 Calcitonin secretion is increased by:
- a) gastrin
  - b) CCK
  - c) secretin
  - d) glucagon
  - e) all of the above
- 19 All of the following bind to intracellular receptors EXCEPT:
- a) cortisol
  - b) aldosterone
  - c) 1,25-DHCC
  - d) parathyroid hormone
  - e) thyroxine
- 20 How many trophic hormones does the anterior pituitary produce?
- a) 2
  - b) 3
  - c) 5
  - d) 6
  - e) 8
- 21 All of the following are high energy phosphate compounds EXCEPT:
- a) adenosine triphosphate
  - b) glucose 6-phosphate
  - c) creatine phosphate
  - d) adenosine diphosphate
  - e) guanosine triphosphate
- 22 Under aerobic conditions, 1mol glucose forms:
- a) 2mol ATP
  - b) 8mol ATP
  - c) 16mol ATP
  - d) 38mol ATP
  - e) 42mol ATP
- 23 The approximate ratio of fat : CHO energy stores is:
- a) 2 : 1
  - b) 4 : 1
  - c) 10 : 1
  - d) 20 : 1
  - e) 40 : 1

- 24 Nutritionally essential amino acids include:
- a) glycine
  - b) serine
  - c) lysine
  - d) glutamine
  - e) tyrosine
- 25 Uric acid is formed by the breakdown of:
- a) purines
  - b) pyrimidines
  - c) glutamine
  - d) urea
  - e) all of the above
- 26 The LDL contains which apoprotein?
- a) A
  - b) B-48
  - c) B-100
  - d) C
  - e) E
- 27 Regarding cellular metabolism of cholesterol:
- a) it inhibits HMG-CoA red???
  - b) is processed in part to other cholesterol esters by the enzyme acetyl CoA ??? acyltransferase
  - c) it inhibits the formation of CO<sub>2</sub> receptors
  - d) all of the above
  - e) none of the above
- 28 Which of the following substances decreases the activity of hormone-sensitive lipase?
- a) adrenaline
  - b) thyroxine
  - c) serotonin
  - d) TSH
  - e) prostaglandin E
- 29 Chromium deficiency leads to:
- a) insulin resistance
  - b) hypogondal dwarfism
  - c) anaemia
  - d) changes in ossification
  - e) thyroid disorder

- 30 Vitamin B<sub>1</sub> (thiamine) deficiency leads to:
- a) anaemia
  - b) beri ber
  - c) convulsions
  - d) dermatitis
  - e) pellagra



## Section 2 – Answers

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| 12 | A |
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| 14 | B |
| 15 | C |
| 16 | C |
| 17 | B |
| 18 | E |
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| 26 | C |
| 27 | D |
| 28 | E |
| 29 | A |
| 30 | B |

## Section 3

### Metabolism and Endocrinology

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- 1 Which of the following phosphate compounds is MOST important in the production of energy?
  - a) AMP (adenosine monophosphate)
  - b) ADP (adenosine diphosphate)
  - c) ATP (adenosine triphosphate)
  - d) GTP (guanosine triphosphate)
  - e) CTP (cytidine triphosphate)
  
- 2 Which of the following is NOT produced by the citric acid cycle?
  - a) CO<sub>2</sub>
  - b) H<sup>+</sup> ions
  - c) NAD<sup>+</sup>
  - d) GTP (guanosine triphosphate)
  - e) NADH
  
- 3 The renal threshold for glucose, the arterial blood level at which glycosuria appears, is approximately:
  - a) 1.8g/dL
  - b) 180mg/dL
  - c) 18mg/dL
  - d) 80mg/dL
  - e) 800mg/dL
  
- 4 Which of the following amino acids are glucogenic (ie give rise to compounds readily converted to glucose)?
  - a) alanine
  - b) leucine
  - c) isoleucine
  - d) phenylalanine
  - e) tyrosine
  
- 5 Which of the following lipoproteins is SMALLEST in size?
  - a) chylomicrons
  - b) very low density lipoproteins
  - c) intermediate density lipoproteins
  - d) low density lipoproteins
  - e) high density lipoproteins

- 6 Regarding the respiratory quotient, which of the following is TRUE?
- it is the ratio of CO<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> in the body at any one time
  - can go as high as 2.00 because lactic acid produces more oxygen
  - in acidosis, it goes down
  - in alkalosis it goes up
  - it is possible for it to be negative
- 7 Regarding body surface area, which of the following statements is TRUE?
- is calculated using weight/height
  - is calculated using  $0.007184 \times \text{weight} + 0.425 \times \text{weight} + 0.725$
  - it does not affect the basal metabolic rate
  - it does not affect the general metabolic rate
  - it has an effect on the specific dynamic action of foodstuffs
- 8 Regarding the basal metabolic rate, which of the following is TRUE?
- it is measured in the absence of disease, at room temperature, within 12 hours of a meal with a Benedict apparatus and the subject asleep
  - it increases 24% per degree Celsius of body temperature above 37°
  - it is decreased during the latter stage of starvation, explaining the initial rapid weight loss than a slowing down of weight loss
  - it declines in pregnancy
  - it correlates closer to weight than to body surface area
- 9 Biological energy can be derived from all EXCEPT:
- lactic acid
  - phosphorylcreatine
  - guanosine triphosphate
  - co enzyme A
  - urea
- 10 Regarding brown fat, which of the following is TRUE?
- it is fat with a large percentage of melatonin as a constituent
  - it has extensive parasympathetic innervation
  - it is more abundant in adults than in infants
  - heat production is assisted by uncoupling of the H<sup>+</sup>/ATP generator system in mitochondria
  - brown fat cells contain multiple droplets of fat
- 11 Regarding thyroid hormones, which statement is INCORRECT?
- thyroid hormones bind to receptors in cell nuclei
  - T<sub>3</sub> is less potent than T<sub>4</sub>
  - thyroid hormones increase O<sub>2</sub> consumption
  - T<sub>3</sub> promotes nitrogen excretion
  - cerebral glucose consumption is increased by thyroid hormones

- 12 Regarding thyroxine, which of the following is INCORRECT?
- a) increases number of  $\beta$  adrenergic receptors on the heart
  - b) there is a preferential expression of  $\alpha$  myosin in the muscle fibres of the heart in the presence of thyroxine
  - c) thyroid hormones decrease carbohydrate absorption by the stomach and small bowel
  - d) hyaluronic acid accumulates in the skin if there is a deficiency of thyroxine
  - e) large doses can increase body temperature
- 13 Regarding the respiratory quotient, which of the following is TRUE?
- a) it is the ratio of  $\text{CO}_2$  produced to the volume of  $\text{O}_2$  consumed per unit of time
  - b) is related to tidal volume
  - c) is inversely proportioned to  $\text{pO}_2$
  - d) has a value of 2.3 for fats
  - e) varies with age
- 14 Which of the following statements is INCORRECT?
- a) in a low protein diet, nitrogen excretion by the kidney decreases
  - b) in a low protein diet, the maximal urine osmolarity is decreased
  - c) there is a net negative nitrogen balance following the administration of steroids
  - d) nitrogen balance becomes negative if a single amino acid is missing from the diet
  - e) insulin spares the breakdown of muscle protein
- 15 Which of the following is an ESSENTIAL fatty acid?
- a) myristic acid
  - b) palmitic acid
  - c) stearic acid
  - d) linolenic acid
  - e) oleic acid
- 16 Regarding protein metabolism in starvation, which statement is INCORRECT?
- a) glucose has a protein sparing effect by increasing insulin secretion
  - b) death occurs when protein depletion reaches 50% of normal level
  - c) total starvation leads to loss of up to 5gms/day of urea nitrogen due to protein catabolism
  - d) most protein catabolised comes from the liver, spleen and skeletal muscles
  - e) rapid protein depletion is the terminal phase once fat stores have been almost totally catabolised

- 17 Which of the following is NOT an unsaturated fatty acid?
- a) oleic acid
  - b) arachidonic acid
  - c) linoleic acid
  - d) linolenic acid
  - e) stearic acid
- 18 Regarding brown fat, which statement is INCORRECT?
- a) fat cells have extensive parasympathetic innervation
  - b) responsible for part of the post-prandial heat production
  - c) fat cells contain several droplets of fat
  - d) prominent between and around the scapulae of infants
  - e) fat cells contain many mitochondria
- 19 Regarding carbohydrate metabolism in starvation, which statement is INCORRECT?
- a) hepatic glycogenolysis precedes skeletal muscle glycogenolysis
  - b) blood glucose falls less in women due to greater fat stores
  - c) glycogen stores are exhausted after half to one day
  - d) blood glucose level is maintained above a level that would produce symptomatic hypoglycaemia
  - e) skeletal muscle contains about four times as much glycogen as the liver
- 20 Regarding lipoproteins, which statement is INCORRECT?
- a) VLDL transport cholesterol formed in liver to extrahepatic tissues
  - b) chylomicrons can cause post-prandial plasma to appear milky
  - c) LDL are taken up by macrophages
  - d) oestrogens increase plasma HDL levels
  - e) elevated IDL levels predispose to atherosclerosis
- 21 Which of the following does NOT increase the activity of intracellular hormone-sensitive lipase?
- a) GH
  - b) PGE
  - c) thyroxine
  - d) glucagon
  - e) cortisol
- 22 Which of the following causes a positive nitrogen balance?
- a) increased cortisol secretion
  - b) starvation
  - c) decreased insulin secretion
  - d) forced immobilisation
  - e) increased testosterone secretion

- 23 Which statement regarding lipoprotein lipase is INCORRECT?
- a) it is not hormone sensitive
  - b) it requires heparin as a co-factor
  - c) it is confined to adipose tissue
  - d) its activity is decreased by stress
  - e) it clears chylomicrons and VLDL from circulation by degradation of triglyceride
- 24 Regarding uric acid, which statement is INCORRECT?
- a) the majority of filtered uric acid is reabsorbed in the proximal tubule
  - b) xanthine oxidase catalyses its synthesis
  - c) may be elevated in leukaemia and pre-eclampsia
  - d) does not undergo renal tubular secretion
  - e) its excretion rate can be halved by changing to a purine-free diet
- 25 Regarding ketone bodies, which statement is INCORRECT?
- a) formed following ingestion of a high fat/low carbohydrate diet
  - b) acetoacetate and beta-hydroxybutyrate formation leads to a metabolic acidosis
  - c) acetone is excreted in the urine
  - d) readily metabolised by the liver
  - e) acetone formation leads to ketotic breath
- 26 Nucleotide breakdown releases purines and pyrimidines. Which of the following is NOT their subsequent fate?
- a) re-used to form nucleosides, nucleotides and nucleic acids
  - b) excreted unchanged in urine
  - c) directly enter the urea cycle
  - d) pyrimidines are catabolised to carbon dioxide and ammonia
  - e) purines are catabolised to uric acid
- 27 How many ATP molecules are produced from one molecule of a 6-carbon fatty acid metabolised via the TCA cycle to carbon dioxide and water?
- a) 36
  - b) 38
  - c) 40
  - d) 42
  - e) 44
- 28 Which of the following is NOT a purine?
- a) adenine
  - b) cytosine
  - c) guanine
  - d) hypoxanthine
  - e) xanthine

- 29 Creatinine appears in the urine in significant amounts in all of the following EXCEPT:
- a) normal men
  - b) thyrotoxicosis
  - c) post-partum
  - d) poorly controlled diabetes mellitus
  - e) children
- 30 Regarding free fatty acids, which statement is INCORRECT?
- a) circulate in plasma bound to globulin
  - b) they are the major source of energy for cardiac muscle
  - c) combine with glycerol to form the triglyceride of neutral fat
  - d) contain an even number of carbon atoms
  - e) require linkage to carnitine in order to cross mitochondrial membranes prior to oxidation
- 31 Which amino acid is NOT ketogenic (ie CAN'T be converted into acetoacetate)?
- a) leucine
  - b) isoleucine
  - c) phenylalanine
  - d) tyrosine
  - e) proline
- 32 Regarding cholesterol, which statement is INCORRECT?
- a) dietary cholesterol is absorbed in the intestine and incorporated into chylomicrons formed in the mucosa
  - b) about 20% is in the plasma, with the remainder intracellular
  - c) negatively feeds back on its synthetic pathway
  - d) most hepatic synthesised cholesterol is incorporated into VLDL
  - e) thyroid hormones decrease the plasma cholesterol level
- 33 How many ATP molecules are produced from one glucose molecule metabolised aerobically via the Embden-Meyerhof pathway and citric acid cycle?
- a) 32
  - b) 34
  - c) 36
  - d) 38
  - e) 40
- 34 Which lipoprotein contains the GREATEST proportion of triglyceride?
- a) VLDL
  - b) IDL
  - c) chylomicrons
  - d) LDL
  - e) HDL

- 35 Basal metabolic rate is GREATER in all of the following circumstances EXCEPT:
- a) children compared with adults
  - b) Caucasians compared with Chinese and Indians
  - c) females compared with males
  - d) anxiety compared with depression
  - e) feeding compared with starvation
- 36 Which lipoprotein contains the GREATEST proportion of cholesterol and cholesterol esters?
- a) VLDL
  - b) IDL
  - c) chylomicrons
  - d) LDL
  - e) HDL
- 37 What is the basal metabolic rate of an average sized man per day?
- a) 1000 Kcal
  - b) 2000 Kcal
  - c) 3000 Kcal
  - d) 4000 Kcal
  - e) 5000 Kcal
- 38 Which lipoprotein contains the GREATEST proportion of protein?
- a) VLDL
  - b) IDL
  - c) chylomicrons
  - d) LDL
  - e) HDL
- 39 What is the most important factor affecting metabolic rate?
- a) muscular exertion
  - b) recent ingestion of food
  - c) high or low environmental temperature
  - d) height, weight and surface area
  - e) sex
- 40 Which of the following are NON ESSENTIAL amino acids?
- a) valine
  - b) leucine
  - c) isoleucine
  - d) cysteine
  - e) methionine



- 41 Regarding plasma protein, all of the following are correct EXCEPT:
- albumin, globulin and fibrinogen constitute the major plasma proteins in the plasma
  - the fibrinogen polymerises into long fibrin threads during blood coagulation
  - the principal function of albumin is to provide colloid osmotic pressure in the plasma
  - the majority of plasma proteins are formed in the lymphoid tissue
  - rapid loss of plasma proteins may occur during severe burns
- 42 Factors that predisposes to atherosclerosis includes all of the following EXCEPT:
- diabetes
  - hypothyroidism
  - smoking
  - male sex
  - female sex hormone
- 43 Lipoproteins:
- chylomicrons are themselves very large lipoproteins composed of cholesterol, phospholipids, triglycerides and proteins
  - VLDL contains a higher concentration of triglycerides and a moderate concentration of cholesterol and proteins
  - HDL contains a very higher concentration of cholesterol and a moderate concentration of phospholipids and triglycerides
  - the majority of the lipoproteins are synthesised in the liver
  - the primary function of the lipoproteins are to transport lipids in the blood from liver to adipose tissue
- 44 Glycogenolysis:
- is a process of formation of glycogen in the cell
  - is a process of breakdown of glycogen to reform glucose
  - is the conversion of glucose into fructose
  - is the process of breakdown of galactose
  - is the formation of galactose from fructose
- 45 Regarding ATP:
- ATP is a combination of adenine, ribose and 3 phosphate radicals
  - ATP are present everywhere in the cytoplasm and nucleoplasm
  - ATP is otherwise called the energy currency of the body
  - ATP becomes GTP after the loss of one phosphate radical
  - ATP is a labile chemical compound that is present in all cells

- 46 In the body, metabolism of 10gm protein would produce approximately:
- a) 1 Kcal
  - b) 41 Kcal
  - c) 410 Kcal
  - d) 4100 Kcal
  - e) 41 Cal
- 47 Regarding 1,25 dihydroxycholecalciferol (calcitriol):
- a) it is formed by the action of sunlight on pre vitamin D<sub>3</sub>
  - b) it exerts its action via stimulation of adenylycyclase
  - c) it decreases calcium reabsorption from kidneys
  - d) its formation is increased with elevated plasma Ca<sup>++</sup> levels
  - e) it causes increased formation of calbindin-D proteins
- 48 The following are active components in the peripheral circulation, EXCEPT:
- a) T<sub>3</sub>
  - b) T<sub>4</sub>
  - c) DIT
  - d) RT<sub>3</sub>
  - e) all of the above
- 49 Calcitriol (1,25-dihydroxycholecalciferol)
- a) inhibits Ca<sup>++</sup> absorption from the gut
  - b) is formed in the proximal renal tubules from a less active precursor
  - c) levels rise in response to increase serum PO<sub>4</sub> levels
  - d) inhibits osteoclasts function
  - e) inhibits osteoblasts function
- 50 Stimuli that increase renin secretion include all EXCEPT:
- a) hypotension
  - b) Na<sup>+</sup> depletion
  - c) cardiac failure
  - d) lying down
  - e) diuretics
- 51 Regarding parathyroid hormone, which is NOT true?
- a) it decreases plasma phosphate
  - b) it is secreted by chief cells of the parathyroid glands
  - c) it is cleared by Kupffer cells of the liver
  - d) its secretion is regulated by the level of bound Ca<sup>++</sup> in plasma
  - e) it increases bone reabsorption

- 52 Which of the following reduce insulin secretion?
- a) acetylcholine
  - b) GIP
  - c) glucagon
  - d) adrenaline
  - e)  $\beta$  ketoacids
- 53 With regard to the effect of thyroid hormone on the cardiovascular system, which of the following are TRUE?
- a) level of noradrenaline are increased
  - b)  $\beta$  adrenergic receptor affinity is decreased in heart muscle
  - c) circulating adrenaline levels are decreased
  - d) thyroid hormone levels alter the ratio of cardiac myosin isoform types
  - e) none of the above
- 54 Stimuli that increase aldosterone secretion and do not effect glucocorticoid secretion includes all EXCEPT:
- a) low  $\text{Na}^+$  intake
  - b) high  $\text{K}^+$  intake
  - c) standing
  - d) secondary hyperaldosteronism
  - e) haemorrhage
- 55 Signs and effects of hyperparathyroidism include all EXCEPT:
- a) renal stones
  - b) demineralization of bones
  - c) Chvostek's and Trousseau's signs
  - d) hypercalcaemia
  - e) hypophosphataemia
- 56 Glucagon levels are increased by:
- a) secretin
  - b) somatostatin
  - c) cholecystokinin
  - d) free fatty acids
  - e) ketones
- 57 Insulin release:
- a) is inhibited by raised cyclic AMP in pancreatic  $\beta$  cells
  - b) is not stimulated by blood glucose levels below 6mmol/l
  - c) is increased by  $\beta$  adrenergic stimulators
  - d) is inhibited by phosphor diesterase inhibitors
  - e) is increased by somatostatin

- 58 Trace elements believed essential to life include all EXCEPT:
- arsenic
  - cyanide
  - cobalt
  - silicon
  - nickel
- 59 Mono-iodotyrosin (MIT) and diiodotyrosin (DIT) molecules:
- are deiodinated before joining to form  $T_3$  and  $T_4$
  - are secreted into plasma alongside  $T_3$  and  $T_4$
  - are the inactive metabolites of  $T_3$  and  $T_4$
  - are cleaved from thyroglobulin by proteases in lysosomes
  - are usually excreted in the urine
- 60 Calcitonin secretion is stimulated by the following EXCEPT:
- gastrin
  - somatostatin
  - oestrogen
  - cholecystokinin
  - glucagon
- 61 With regard to gastric acid secretion, all the following are true EXCEPT:
- acetylcholine stimulates secretion
  - both G protein and direct calcium channels are involved
  - an  $H^+$  -  $K^+$  antiport transports  $H^+$  into the gastric lumen
  - parietal cells have high levels of carbonic anhydrase
  - acid secretion is maintained at constant levels by local feedback mechanisms
- 62 Tissues in which insulin does NOT facilitate glucose uptake?
- red blood cells
  - skeletal muscle
  - cardiac muscle
  - smooth muscle
  - aorta
- 63 Regarding the "iodide pump" in thyroid cells, which is NOT true?
- it is stimulated by TSH
  - it depends on  $Na^+$  /  $K^+$  ATPase activity
  - it pumps iodide into the colloid, after entering the cell down an electrical gradient
  - it pumps iodide against an electrical gradient
  - its activity can be measured with trace doses of radioactive iodine

- 64 Which of the following enzymes are missing in the zona glomerulosa?
- 17  $\alpha$  hydroxylase
  - 11  $\beta$  hydroxylase
  - 21  $\beta$  hydroxylase
  - cholesterol desmolase
  - 3  $\beta$  hydroxysteroid
- 65 The effects of hyperthyroidism on the cardiovascular system include all of the following EXCEPT:
- increased expression of  $\alpha$  MHC isoforms in cardiac muscle
  - increased catecholamine plasma levels
  - increased number of  $\beta$  receptors
  - increased affinity of  $\beta$  receptors
  - vasodilation of peripheral vessels
- 66 Regarding the control of thyroid secretion:
- free  $T_3$  and  $T_4$  exert feedback control on anterior pituitary
  - free  $T_3$  and  $T_4$  exert feedback control on hypothalamus
  - free  $T_3$  and  $T_4$  exert feedback control on anterior pituitary and hypothalamus
  - free  $T_3$  and  $T_4$  do not affect day to day control of their secretion
  - the basal metabolic rate is the most important determinant of thyroid secretion
- 67 The following are true of chylomicrons EXCEPT:
- they are large lipoprotein complexes
  - they are part of the exogenous lipid transport system
  - they enter the circulation via the lymphatic ducts
  - they are cleared from the circulation by lipoprotein lipase on the surface of hepatocytes
  - chylomicron remnants are bound to LDL R and endocytosed
- 68 All of the following are true regarding chylomicrons EXCEPT:
- they contain triglycerides, cholesterol and phospholipids
  - they are formed in the intestinal mucosa
  - they are cleared from the circulation by lipoprotein lipase
  - they are transported to the liver by the portal circulation
  - large numbers after a meal give the plasma a milky appearance
- 69 The tissue or organ with the greatest potential for increasing the metabolic rate of the body is:
- liver
  - skin
  - adipose tissue
  - skeletal muscle
  - digestive system

- 70 Triglycerides are transported to cells via:
- chylomicron remnants
  - HDL
  - LDL
  - VLDL
  - none of the above
- 71 Regarding vitamin B<sub>12</sub>
- it is a fat soluble vitamin
  - its absorption is inhibited by trypsin
  - it is mainly carried in plasma by attachment to albumin
  - it undergoes enterohepatic circulation
  - none of the above are true
- 72 Regarding HDL:
- HDL transports ingested cholesterol from the intestine
  - HDL transports triglycerides from peripheral tissues
  - HDL receptors on macrophages are called scavenger receptors
  - elevated HDL levels are associated with increased risk of atherosclerosis
  - none of the above are correct
- 73 Regarding free fatty acids in plasma, which of the following is NOT true?
- they account for less than 10% of total fatty acids in plasma
  - they are complexed with a protein carrier
  - they can be metabolised to CO<sub>2</sub> and water in skeletal and cardiac muscle
  - their level in plasma decreases as plasma adrenaline increases
  - they are converted to energy by the citric acid cycle
- 74 Ubiquitin is:
- an essential amino acid
  - a polypeptide that tags proteins for degradation
  - a cell membrane glycoprotein
  - a precursor of uric acid
  - none of the above
- 75 In a fasting adult at rest:
- skeletal muscle metabolises mainly glucose
  - the brain accounts for approximately 40% of glucose utilised
  - blood glucose concentrations are higher in women than in men
  - blood glucose levels are maintained initially by hepatic glycogenolysis
  - ketones are absent from plasma

- 76 Uric acid handling by the kidneys involves:
- filtration only
  - secretion by tubules only
  - filtration and secretion
  - filtration and reabsorption
  - filtration, reabsorption and secretion
- 77 The following vitamin is fat soluble:
- niacin
  - B<sub>6</sub>
  - K
  - pantothenic acid
  - biotin
- 78 With regard to the metabolism of carbohydrates:
- in the absence of liver glycogen stores, glycogen administration does not cause hyperglycaemia
  - glucocorticoids have a minor effect on gluconeogenesis
  - growth hormone causes increased use of glucose for energy
  - glucose is absorbed by most cells by active sodium glucose co-transport
  - during starvation, stores last for less than 24 hours
- 79 With regard to lipid metabolism:
- only HDL is formed in the liver
  - fatty acids in the plasma form 1:1 complexes with albumin
  - plasma cholesterol levels rise considerably with an increase in daily ingestion
  - free fatty acids are metabolised in preference to glucose in a non-exercising individual
  - utilisation of fatty acids is stimulated by glucocorticoids
- 80 With regard to carbohydrate metabolism:
- the normal fasting glucose is from 3.9 to 11.0mmol/L
  - glucose is phosphorylated in cells to glucose-6-phosphate by phosphoenol-pyruvate carboxykinase
  - glycogen, the storage form of glucose, is only in the liver and skeletal muscle
  - glucose can be converted to fats through acetyl CoA which is irreversible
  - none of the above

- 81 Which statement regarding glucagon is INCORRECT?
- a) it is used as an antidote in symptomatic beta blocker overdose
  - b) it is synthesised in the A cells of the pancreatic islets and in small intestinal mucosal cells
  - c) its major site of metabolism is in the plasma
  - d) it is synthesised in common with glicentin
  - e) the exogenous glucagon is associated with nausea and vomiting
- 82 Which of the following is NOT an action of somatostatin?
- a) it inhibits glucagon secretion
  - b) it is a synaptic transmitter in the retina
  - c) it inhibits insulin secretion
  - d) it increases contraction of the gallbladder
  - e) it inhibits pancreatic polypeptide secretion
- 83 Glucagon increases the secretion of all of the following EXCEPT:
- a) catecholamines from a phaeochromocytoma
  - b) atrial natriuretic peptide
  - c) growth hormone
  - d) insulin
  - e) calcitonin from a medullary carcinoma of the thyroid
- 84 Regarding the actions of glucagon, which of the following is INCORRECT?
- a) it increases blood lactate level
  - b) it activates hormone-sensitive lipase
  - c) it has a positive inotropic effect on myocardium
  - d) large amounts cause intestinal relaxation
  - e) it decreases renal tubular sodium reabsorption
- 85 Which of the following does NOT increase pancreatic polypeptide secretion?
- a) protein ingestion
  - b) fasting
  - c) exercise
  - d) acute hypoglycaemia
  - e) intravenous glucose
- 86 Which iodinated compound is present in GREATEST amounts in the adult thyroid gland?
- a)  $T_4$
  - b) DIT
  - c) MIT
  - d)  $T_3$
  - e)  $RT_3$



- 87 Regarding the action of glucagon on the liver, which of the following is INCORRECT?
- it causes glycogenolysis via activation of adenylate cyclase
  - it decreases metabolism of glucose-6-phosphate
  - it causes glycogenolysis via activation of phospholipase C
  - it increases gluconeogenesis from available amino acids
  - it decreases ketone body formation
- 88 Regarding the synthesis of thyroid hormones, which statement is INCORRECT?
- iodine undergoes rapid oxidation following entry to thyroid cells
  - the "iodine pump" is the major source of iodine for hormone synthesis
  - TSH increases iodine uptake by the thyroid gland
  - thiocyanate and ouabain decrease iodine uptake by the thyroid gland
  - it involves iodination of tyrosine residues in thyroglobulin
- 89 Which of the following does NOT inhibit secretion of glucagon?
- ketones
  - $\alpha$  adrenoceptor agonists
  - secretin
  - amino acids
  - somatostatin
- 90 Which plasma protein has the greatest thyroxine binding capacity?
- $\alpha$  1-acid glycoprotein
  - thyroxine-binding pre-albumin
  - albumin
  - thyroxine-binding globulin
  - orosomucoid
- 91 Which of the following does NOT increase secretion of glucagon?
- diabetes mellitus
  - $\beta$  adrenoceptor agonists
  - GABA
  - starvation
  - exercise
- 92 Which plasma protein has the greatest thyroxine-binding affinity?
- $\alpha$  1-acid glycoprotein
  - thyroxine-binding pre-albumin
  - albumin
  - thyroxine-binding globulin
  - orosomucoid

- 93 Regarding insulin, which statement is INCORRECT?
- a) it consists of two polypeptide chains linked by two disulphide bridges
  - b) the majority of exogenous insulin is metabolised by the liver
  - c) it is not the only molecule responsible for insulin-like activity in the blood
  - d) it increases intracellular potassium concentration
  - e) exercise increases the affinity of its receptors for insulin
- 94 Which iodinated compound is present in the SMALLEST amounts in the adult thyroid gland?
- a)  $T_4$
  - b) DIT
  - c) MIT
  - d)  $T_3$
  - e)  $RT_3$
- 95 Which of the following hormones does NOT increase the hepatic output of glucose?
- a) growth hormone
  - b) adrenaline
  - c) glucagon
  - d) noradrenaline
  - e) cortisol
- 96 Which thyroid hormone has the longest plasma half-life?
- a)  $T_4$
  - b) DIT
  - c) MIT
  - d)  $T_3$
  - e)  $RT_3$
- 97 Regarding the action of insulin on adipose tissue, which of the following is INCORRECT?
- a) it induces lipoprotein lipase which actively hydrolyses triglyceride from circulating lipoproteins
  - b) it reduces circulating free fatty acids
  - c) it promotes triglyceride storage in adipocytes
  - d) it directly inhibits intracellular lipase
  - e) its effects appear to involve phosphorylation of lipases
- 98 Which of the following tissues possess FEW thyroid hormone receptors?
- a) liver
  - b) testis
  - c) kidney
  - d) heart
  - e) skeletal muscle

- 99 Which glucose transporter is responsible for insulin-mediated glucose uptake in striated muscle and adipose tissue?
- a) glut 1
  - b) glut 2
  - c) glut 3
  - d) glut 4
  - e) glut 5
- 100 Where are the receptors located by which thyroid hormones mediate most of their effects?
- a) cell membrane
  - b) outer mitochondrial membrane
  - c) nuclear chromatin
  - d) inner mitochondrial membrane
  - e) cytoplasm
- 101 Regarding the action of insulin in skeletal muscle, which of the following is INCORRECT?
- a) it decreases protein catabolism
  - b) it induces glucogen synthase
  - c) it decreases ketone uptake
  - d) it increases amino acid uptake
  - e) it decreases the release of gluconeogenic amino acids
- 102 Which thyroid hormone possesses the GREATEST biological activity?
- a)  $T_4$
  - b) DIT
  - c) MIT
  - d)  $T_3$
  - e)  $RT_3$
- 103 Which glucose transporter is responsible for the facilitated diffusion of glucose into pancreatic B cells?
- a) glut 1
  - b) glut 2
  - c) glut 3
  - d) glut 4
  - e) glut 5
- 104 Regarding the effects of thyroid hormones, which of the following does NOT occur?
- a) it increases metabolic rate
  - b) it directly stimulates sodium-potassium ATPase
  - c) it increases protein and fat catabolism
  - d) it increases body temperature
  - e) it increases cerebral oxygen consumption

- 105 Regarding the action of insulin on the liver, which of the following is INCORRECT?
- a) it increases gluconeogenesis
  - b) it decreases glycogenolysis
  - c) it increases synthesis of triglyceride and VLDL
  - d) it decreases cyclic AMP
  - e) it increases phosphate uptake
- 106 Which statement regarding the thyroid gland and its hormones is INCORRECT?
- a) thyroid hyperactivity is associated with an increase in plasma catecholamines
  - b) iodide trapping by thyroid cells is an active process
  - c) thyroid hormones enter cells by diffusion across the cell membrane
  - d) thyroid hormones cause an increase in 2,3 - DPG
  - e) thyroid hormones increase growth hormone secretion
- 107 Regarding the secretion of insulin, which statement is INCORRECT?
- a) insulin is not required for glucose to enter pancreatic B cells
  - b) it involves closure of ATP-sensitive potassium channels
  - c) it is a biphasic process involving two pools of insulin
  - d) it involves opening of voltage-sensitive calcium channels
  - e) glucose enters pancreatic B cells by combining with glut 4
- 108 Which of the following do NOT increase TSH secretion?
- a) TRH
  - b) glucocorticoids
  - c) infants exposed to cold temperature
  - d) acute psychosis
  - e) night time
- 109 Which of the following does NOT inhibit insulin secretion?
- a) somatostatin
  - b) atropine
  - c) propranolol
  - d) gastrin
  - e) phenytoin
- 110 Which of the following does NOT increase intestinal calcium absorption?
- a) hypocalcaemia
  - b) parathyroid hormone (PTH)
  - c) glucocorticoids
  - d) hypervitaminosis D
  - e) protein in diet

- 111 Which of the following does NOT stimulate insulin secretion?
- a) acetoacetate
  - b) glucagon
  - c) hypokalaemia
  - d) acetylcholine
  - e) theophylline
- 112 Which of the following does NOT decrease intestinal calcium absorption?
- a) hypercalcaemia
  - b) decreased PTH
  - c) hypovitaminosis D
  - d) growth hormone
  - e) phytic acid and oxalate in intestine
- 113 Regarding the insulin receptor, which statement is INCORRECT?
- a) it is present even in cells which do not increase their glucose intake in response to insulin
  - b) insulin binds to the  $\beta$  subunit on the outer surface of the cell membrane
  - c) it is a tetramer of two  $\alpha$  and two  $\beta$  subunits
  - d) the binding of insulin decreases the activity of tyrosine kinase on the intracellular end of the receptor
  - e) the complex of insulin and receptor become internalised by the cell
- 114 Which of the following does NOT increase plasma calcium?
- a) parathyroid hormone
  - b) vitamin D
  - c) growth hormone
  - d) thyroxine
  - e) calcitonin
- 115 Which of the following is NOT associated with an increase in erythropoietin secretion?
- a) aminophylline
  - b) renal cell carcinoma
  - c) cobalt salts
  - d) thyroxine
  - e) adenosine

- 116 Which of the following does NOT increase parathyroid hormone secretion?
- a) high plasma magnesium
  - b) low plasma calcium
  - c) high plasma phosphate
  - d)  $\beta$ -adrenergic discharge
  - e) cyclic AMP
- 117 Regarding erythropoietin, which statement is INCORRECT?
- a) its secretion increases within minutes to hours in response to hypoxia
  - b) it causes pro-erythroblasts to mature more rapidly into erythrocytes
  - c) the spleen and salivary glands secrete, but don't synthesise it
  - d) it inhibits apoptosis in erythroid stem cells
  - e) the adult liver is able to synthesise enough for normal erythropoiesis in the absence of both kidneys
- 118 Which statement regarding parathyroid hormone (PTH) is INCORRECT?
- a) it is continuously secreted by the parathyroid glands
  - b) it is synthesised and secreted by the oxyntic cells
  - c) it is rapidly cleaved in the Kupffer cells of the liver
  - d) it increases osteoclasts activity in bone
  - e) it increases formation of 1,25-dihydroxycholecalciferol
- 119 Regarding endothelins, which statement is INCORRECT?
- a) they can cause dose-dependent vasoconstriction in most vascular beds
  - b) they activate phospholipase C
  - c) they are structurally similar to vasoactive intestinal contractor
  - d) they have negative inotropic effect
  - e) there are low concentrations present in blood
- 120 Which statement regarding calcitonin is INCORRECT?
- a) it is secreted by parafollicular cells of the thyroid gland
  - b) it inhibits osteoclastic bone resorption
  - c) total thyroidectomy is usually associated with hypercalcaemia
  - d) it decreases renal tubular calcium and phosphate reabsorption
  - e) it is only secreted when plasma calcium concentration exceeds 9.5mg/100ml
- 121 Regarding atrial natriuretic peptide, which statement is INCORRECT?
- a) cardiac innervation is not required for secretion to occur
  - b) its action is terminated by receptor-mediated endocytosis
  - c) its filtration fraction is decreased
  - d) it is secreted by heart, lung and brain
  - e) glucocorticoids increase its secretion

- 122 Regarding the role of vitamin D in calcium metabolism, which of the following is INCORRECT?
- a) it increases renal tubular calcium and phosphate reabsorption
  - b) it causes an increase in synthesis of calcium-binding protein
  - c) it increases bone resorption
  - d) it decreases bone formation
  - e) it increases intestinal calcium and phosphate absorption
- 123 Atrial natriuretic peptide decreases formation of all of the following EXCEPT:
- a) aldosterone
  - b) cyclic GMP
  - c) renin
  - d) vasopressin
  - e) angiotensin III
- 124 Which of the following does NOT increase aldosterone secretion?
- a) constriction of the IVC in the thorax
  - b) ACTH
  - c) surgery
  - d) hyperkalaemia
  - e) lying supine from the standing position
- 125 Which of the following does NOT increase secretion of atrial natriuretic peptide?
- a)  $\beta$ -adrenoceptor agonists
  - b) immersion in water up to the neck
  - c) exercise
  - d) endothelin
  - e) changing from erect position to supine
- 126 Regarding aldosterone, which statement is INCORRECT?
- a) it responds to changes in plasma sodium more strongly than changes in plasma potassium
  - b) it is only synthesised in the zona glomerulosa of the adrenal cortex
  - c) its main action is to increase the synthesis of sodium-potassium pumps
  - d) angiotensins II and III have about equal mineralocorticoid stimulating activity
  - e) it acts via a cytoplasmic receptor that has equal affinity for cortisol
- 127 A 15-year-old girl suffers from a malabsorption syndrome characterised by the malabsorption of fat. In which vitamin is she MOST likely to be deficient?
- a) niacin
  - b) B<sub>6</sub>
  - c) K
  - d) pantothenic acid
  - e) biotin

- 128 Thyroxine ( $T_4$ ):
- a) secretion is regulated by positive feedback at the hypothalamus
  - b) is transported principally by albumin in the blood
  - c) causes increased LDL in plasma
  - d) is physiologically more active than  $T_3$
  - e) increases  $\beta$  receptors in the cardiovascular system
- 129 Regarding insulin:
- a) it increases amino acid uptake
  - b) its absorption is not affected by the site of injection
  - c) it causes reduced  $K^+$  uptake by cells
  - d) it increases protein catabolism
  - e) it is secreted by the  $\alpha$  cells in the islets of Langerhan
- 130 The content of chylomicrons includes:
- a) apoprotein E and apoprotein A
  - b) cholesterol 30%, protein 20%, triglyceride 50%
  - c) lecithin 10%, cholesterol 25%, triglyceride 65%
  - d) protein 2%, cholesterol 5%, triglyceride 90%
  - e) the enzyme protein phospholipase
- 131 Regarding calcium metabolism:
- a) the adult human body contains 15% of its body mass as calcium
  - b) calcium is passively absorbed from the intestinal brush border
  - c) oestrogen inhibits osteoclasts
  - d) TNF inhibits osteoclasts
  - e) corticosteroids stimulate osteoblasts



# Section 3 - Answers

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1	C	45	D	89	D
2	C	46	B	90	C
3	B	47	E	91	C
4	A	48	C	92	D
5	E	49	B	93	B
6	E	50	D	94	E
7	B	51	D	95	A
8	C	52	D	96	A
9	E	53	D	97	E
10	A	54	E	98	B
11	B	55	C	99	D
12	C	56	C	100	C
13	A	57	C	101	C
14	C	58	B	102	D
15	D	59	D	103	B
16	C	60	B	104	E
17	E	61	E	105	A
18	A	62	A	106	A
19	B	63	C	107	E
20	A	64	A	108	B
21	B	65	B	109	D
22	E	66	C	110	C
23	C	67	D	111	C
24	D	68	D	112	D
25	D	69	D	113	B
26	C	70	D	114	E
27	E	71	D	115	A
28	B	72	C	116	A
29	A	73	D	117	E
30	A	74	B	118	B
31	E	75	D	119	D
32	B	76	E	120	C
33	D	77	C	121	C
34	C	78	E	122	D
35	C	79	E	123	B
36	D	80	D	124	E
37	B	81	C	125	A
38	E	82	D	126	A
39	A	83	B	127	C
40	D	84	A	128	E
41	D	85	E	129	A
42	E	86	A	130	D
43	C	87	E	131	C
44	B	88	B		