

Endocrine and Gastrointestinal Tract

Section 1

- 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) B₁₂
 - c) A
 - d) K
 - e) E

- 6 Which is not Na^+ 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?
- a) gastrin
 - b) CCK
 - c) GIP
 - d) secretin
- 13 Which produces the majority of salivary volume?
- a) lingual glands
 - b) sublingual
 - c) parotid
 - d) submandibular
- 14 Which nerve is NOT involved in the efferent (motor) swallow reflex?
- a) trigeminal
 - b) vagus
 - c) facial
 - d) hypoglossal
- 15 Which is NOT part of the normal content of gastric juice?
- a) HPO_4^{2-}
 - b) mucus
 - c) lipase
 - d) amylase
- 16 Chief cells secrete:
- a) HCl
 - b) pepsinogen
 - c) intrinsic factor
 - d) HCO_3^-
- 17 Which stimulates parietal cell secretion?
- a) prostaglandins
 - b) aspirin
 - c) vinegar
 - d) acetylcholine

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

- 23 Which factor stimulates insulin secretion?
- thiazide diuretics
 - phenytoin
 - theophylline
 - β 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
 - 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 (T_3)
 - stimulates TSH release
 - $\sim 33\%$ is deiodinated in the liver to 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° from $15-16^\circ\text{C}$
 - standard unit of heat energy necessary to raise the temperature of 1gm of mercury 1° from $17-18^\circ\text{C}$
 - the standard unit of heat energy necessary to raise the temperature of 1gm of water 1° from $17-18^\circ\text{C}$
 - the standard unit of heat energy necessary to raise the temperature of 1gm of water 1° from $15-16^\circ\text{C}$
 - the standard unit of heat energy necessary to raise the temperature of 1gm of water 1° from $15-16^\circ\text{F}$
- 37 Regarding the respiratory quotient:
- it is the ratio of CO_2 to 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°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⁺
 - CO₂
 - GTP
 - FADH₂
 - H⁺
- 43 Regarding phosphorylase:
- it cleaves 1:6 α linkages in glycogen
 - it is activated by norepinephrine
 - phosphorylase kinase is directly activated by cyclic AMP
 - activation of protein kinase A inhibits glycogen synthesis
 - α_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 Na^+ into the small intestine enterocytes is coupled with the absorption of glucose
 - magnesium sulphate absorption is coupled with Na^+-K^+ -ATPase pump
 - the Na^+-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 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

1 C
2 B
3 D
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5 B
6 D
7 A
8 A
9 C
10 A
11 B
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23 C
24 E
25 A
26 D

27 C
28 D
29 E
30 C
31 E
32 A
33 D
34 E
35 B
36 D
37 E
38 D
39 B
40 No answer
41 D
42 A
43 D
44 E
45 D
46 C
47 C
48 E
49 E
50 No answer
51 No answer

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Section 2

GI/Digestion/Absorption/Metabolism

- 1 Vitamins co-transported with 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:
- Na^+
 - Ca^{++}
 - K^+
 - Mg^{++}
 - 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:
- gastrin
 - CCK
 - secretin
 - glucagon
 - all of the above
- 19 All of the following bind to intracellular receptors EXCEPT:
- cortisol
 - aldosterone
 - 1,25-DHCC
 - parathyroid hormone
 - thyroxine
- 20 How many trophic hormones does the anterior pituitary produce?
- 2
 - 3
 - 5
 - 6
 - 8
- 21 All of the following are high energy phosphate compounds EXCEPT:
- adenosine triphosphate
 - glucose 6-phosphate
 - creatine phosphate
 - adenosine diphosphate
 - guanosine triphosphate
- 22 Under aerobic conditions, 1mol glucose forms:
- 2mol ATP
 - 8mol ATP
 - 16mol ATP
 - 38mol ATP
 - 42mol ATP
- 23 The approximate ratio of fat : CHO energy stores is:
- 2 : 1
 - 4 : 1
 - 10 : 1
 - 20 : 1
 - 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 CO₂ 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 B₁ (thiamine) deficiency leads to:
- a) anaemia
 - b) beri ber
 - c) convulsions
 - d) dermatitis
 - e) pellagra

Section 2 – Answers

1	B
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6	D
7	B
8	A
9	D
10	C
11	C
12	A
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16	C
17	B
18	E
19	D
20	C
21	B
22	D
23	E
24	C
25	A
26	C
27	D
28	E
29	A
30	B

Section 3

Metabolism and Endocrinology

- 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) CO₂
 - b) H⁺ ions
 - c) NAD⁺
 - 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 CO₂ and O₂ 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⁺/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
 - T₃ is less potent than T₄
 - thyroid hormones increase O₂ consumption
 - T₃ promotes nitrogen excretion
 - cerebral glucose consumption is increased by thyroid hormones

- 12 Regarding thyroxine, which of the following is INCORRECT?
- a) increases number of β adrenergic receptors on the heart
 - b) there is a preferential expression of α 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 CO_2 produced to the volume of O_2 consumed per unit of time
 - b) is related to tidal volume
 - c) is inversely proportioned to 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?
- oleic acid
 - arachidonic acid
 - linoleic acid
 - linolenic acid
 - stearic acid
- 18 Regarding brown fat, which statement is INCORRECT?
- fat cells have extensive parasympathetic innervation
 - responsible for part of the post-prandial heat production
 - fat cells contain several droplets of fat
 - prominent between and around the scapulae of infants
 - fat cells contain many mitochondria
- 19 Regarding carbohydrate metabolism in starvation, which statement is INCORRECT?
- hepatic glycogenolysis precedes skeletal muscle glycogenolysis
 - blood glucose falls less in women due to greater fat stores
 - glycogen stores are exhausted after half to one day
 - blood glucose level is maintained above a level that would produce symptomatic hypoglycaemia
 - skeletal muscle contains about four times as much glycogen as the liver
- 20 Regarding lipoproteins, which statement is INCORRECT?
- VLDL transport cholesterol formed in liver to extrahepatic tissues
 - chylomicrons can cause post-prandial plasma to appear milky
 - LDL are taken up by macrophages
 - oestrogens increase plasma HDL levels
 - elevated IDL levels predispose to atherosclerosis
- 21 Which of the following does NOT increase the activity of intracellular hormone-sensitive lipase?
- GH
 - PGE
 - thyroxine
 - glucagon
 - cortisol
- 22 Which of the following causes a positive nitrogen balance?
- increased cortisol secretion
 - starvation
 - decreased insulin secretion
 - forced immobilisation
 - 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:
- normal men
 - thyrotoxicosis
 - post-partum
 - poorly controlled diabetes mellitus
 - children
- 30 Regarding free fatty acids, which statement is INCORRECT?
- circulate in plasma bound to globulin
 - they are the major source of energy for cardiac muscle
 - combine with glycerol to form the triglyceride of neutral fat
 - contain an even number of carbon atoms
 - 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)?
- leucine
 - isoleucine
 - phenylalanine
 - tyrosine
 - proline
- 32 Regarding cholesterol, which statement is INCORRECT?
- dietary cholesterol is absorbed in the intestine and incorporated into chylomicrons formed in the mucosa
 - about 20% is in the plasma, with the remainder intracellular
 - negatively feeds back on its synthetic pathway
 - most hepatic synthesised cholesterol is incorporated into VLDL
 - 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?
- 32
 - 34
 - 36
 - 38
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- 34 Which lipoprotein contains the GREATEST proportion of triglyceride?
- VLDL
 - IDL
 - chylomicrons
 - LDL
 - 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:
- a) albumin, globulin and fibrinogen constitute the major plasma proteins in the plasma
 - b) the fibrinogen polymerises into long fibrin threads during blood coagulation
 - c) the principal function of albumin is to provide colloid osmotic pressure in the plasma
 - d) the majority of plasma proteins are formed in the lymphoid tissue
 - e) rapid loss of plasma proteins may occur during severe burns
- 42 Factors that predisposes to atherosclerosis includes all of the following EXCEPT:
- a) diabetes
 - b) hypothyroidism
 - c) smoking
 - d) male sex
 - e) female sex hormone
- 43 Lipoproteins:
- a) chylomicrons are themselves very large lipoproteins composed of cholesterol, phospholipids, triglycerides and proteins
 - b) VLDL contains a higher concentration of triglycerides and a moderate concentration of cholesterol and proteins
 - c) HDL contains a very higher concentration of cholesterol and a moderate concentration of phospholipids and triglycerides
 - d) the majority of the lipoproteins are synthesised in the liver
 - e) the primary function of the lipoproteins are to transport lipids in the blood from liver to adipose tissue
- 44 Glycogenolysis:
- a) is a process of formation of glycogen in the cell
 - b) is a process of breakdown of glycogen to reform glucose
 - c) is the conversion of glucose into fructose
 - d) is the process of breakdown of galactose
 - e) is the formation of galactose from fructose
- 45 Regarding ATP:
- a) ATP is a combination of adenine, ribose and 3 phosphate radicals
 - b) ATP are present everywhere in the cytoplasm and nucleoplasm
 - c) ATP is otherwise called the energy currency of the body
 - d) ATP becomes GTP after the loss of one phosphate radical
 - e) ATP is a labile chemical compound that is present in all cells

- 46 In the body, metabolism of 10gm protein would produce approximately:
- 1 Kcal
 - 41 Kcal
 - 410 Kcal
 - 4100 Kcal
 - 41 Cal
- 47 Regarding 1,25 dihydroxycholecalciferol (calcitriol):
- it is formed by the action of sunlight on pre vitamin D₃
 - it exerts its action via stimulation of adenylylase
 - it decreases calcium reabsorption from kidneys
 - its formation is increased with elevated plasma Ca⁺⁺ levels
 - it causes increased formation of calbindin-D proteins
- 48 The following are active components in the peripheral circulation, EXCEPT:
- T₃
 - T₄
 - DIT
 - RT₃
 - all of the above
- 49 Calcitriol (1,25-dihydroxycholecalciferol)
- inhibits Ca⁺⁺ absorption from the gut
 - is formed in the proximal renal tubules from a less active precursor
 - levels rise in response to increase serum PO₄ levels
 - inhibits osteoclasts function
 - inhibits osteoblasts function
- 50 Stimuli that increase renin secretion include all EXCEPT:
- hypotension
 - Na⁺ depletion
 - cardiac failure
 - lying down
 - diuretics
- 51 Regarding parathyroid hormone, which is NOT true?
- it decreases plasma phosphate
 - it is secreted by chief cells of the parathyroid glands
 - it is cleared by Kupffer cells of the liver
 - its secretion is regulated by the level of bound Ca⁺⁺ in plasma
 - it increases bone reabsorption

- 52 Which of the following reduce insulin secretion?
- acetylcholine
 - GIP
 - glucagon
 - adrenaline
 - β ketoacids
- 53 With regard to the effect of thyroid hormone on the cardiovascular system, which of the following are TRUE?
- level of noradrenaline are increased
 - β adrenergic receptor affinity is decreased in heart muscle
 - circulating adrenaline levels are decreased
 - thyroid hormone levels alter the ratio of cardiac myosin isoform types
 - none of the above
- 54 Stimuli that increase aldosterone secretion and do not effect glucocorticoid secretion includes all EXCEPT:
- low Na^+ intake
 - high K^+ intake
 - standing
 - secondary hyperaldosteronism
 - haemorrhage
- 55 Signs and effects of hyperparathyroidism include all EXCEPT:
- renal stones
 - demineralization of bones
 - Chvostek's and Trousseau's signs
 - hypercalcaemia
 - hypophosphataemia
- 56 Glucagon levels are increased by:
- secretin
 - somatostatin
 - cholecystokinin
 - free fatty acids
 - ketones
- 57 Insulin release:
- is inhibited by raised cyclic AMP in pancreatic β cells
 - is not stimulated by blood glucose levels below 6mmol/l
 - is increased by β adrenergic stimulators
 - is inhibited by phosphor diesterase inhibitors
 - 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 α hydroxylase
 - 11 β hydroxylase
 - 21 β hydroxylase
 - cholesterol desmolase
 - 3 β hydroxysteroid
- 65 The effects of hyperthyroidism on the cardiovascular system include all of the following EXCEPT:
- increased expression of α MHC isoforms in cardiac muscle
 - increased catecholamine plasma levels
 - increased number of β receptors
 - increased affinity of β 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 B₁₂
- 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 CO₂ 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
 - B₆
 - 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
 - α adrenoceptor agonists
 - secretin
 - amino acids
 - somatostatin
- 90 Which plasma protein has the greatest thyroxine binding capacity?
- α 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
 - β adrenoceptor agonists
 - GABA
 - starvation
 - exercise
- 92 Which plasma protein has the greatest thyroxine-binding affinity?
- α 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?
- glut 1
 - glut 2
 - glut 3
 - glut 4
 - glut 5
- 100 Where are the receptors located by which thyroid hormones mediate most of their effects?
- cell membrane
 - outer mitochondrial membrane
 - nuclear chromatin
 - inner mitochondrial membrane
 - cytoplasm
- 101 Regarding the action of insulin in skeletal muscle, which of the following is INCORRECT?
- it decreases protein catabolism
 - it induces glucogen synthase
 - it decreases ketone uptake
 - it increases amino acid uptake
 - it decreases the release of gluconeogenic amino acids
- 102 Which thyroid hormone possesses the GREATEST biological activity?
- T₄
 - DIT
 - MIT
 - T₃
 - RT₃
- 103 Which glucose transporter is responsible for the facilitated diffusion of glucose into pancreatic B cells?
- glut 1
 - glut 2
 - glut 3
 - glut 4
 - glut 5
- 104 Regarding the effects of thyroid hormones, which of the following does NOT occur?
- it increases metabolic rate
 - it directly stimulates sodium-potassium ATPase
 - it increases protein and fat catabolism
 - it increases body temperature
 - 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 β subunit on the outer surface of the cell membrane
 - c) it is a tetramer of two α and two β 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?
- high plasma magnesium
 - low plasma calcium
 - high plasma phosphate
 - β -adrenergic discharge
 - cyclic AMP
- 117 Regarding erythropoietin, which statement is INCORRECT?
- its secretion increases within minutes to hours in response to hypoxia
 - it causes pro-erythroblasts to mature more rapidly into erythrocytes
 - the spleen and salivary glands secrete, but don't synthesise it
 - it inhibits apoptosis in erythroid stem cells
 - 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?
- it is continuously secreted by the parathyroid glands
 - it is synthesised and secreted by the oxyntic cells
 - it is rapidly cleaved in the Kupffer cells of the liver
 - it increases osteoclasts activity in bone
 - it increases formation of 1,25-dihydroxycholecalciferol
- 119 Regarding endothelins, which statement is INCORRECT?
- they can cause dose-dependent vasoconstriction in most vascular beds
 - they activate phospholipase C
 - they are structurally similar to vasoactive intestinal contractor
 - they have negative inotropic effect
 - there are low concentrations present in blood
- 120 Which statement regarding calcitonin is INCORRECT?
- it is secreted by parafollicular cells of the thyroid gland
 - it inhibits osteoclastic bone resorption
 - total thyroidectomy is usually associated with hypercalcaemia
 - it decreases renal tubular calcium and phosphate reabsorption
 - it is only secreted when plasma calcium concentration exceeds 9.5mg/100ml
- 121 Regarding atrial natriuretic peptide, which statement is INCORRECT?
- cardiac innervation is not required for secretion to occur
 - its action is terminated by receptor-mediated endocytosis
 - its filtration fraction is decreased
 - it is secreted by heart, lung and brain
 - 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) β -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) B₆
 - 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 β 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 α 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) lethicin 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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9	E	53	D	97	E
10	A	54	E	98	B
11	B	55	C	99	D
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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
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