

TOPIC	QUESTION	ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE	NOTES
Question 1: Vascular changes of inflammation	Describe the vascular changes that occur in acute inflammation What are the causes of the increased vascular permeability?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vasodilation & increased blood flow mediated by histamine and NO, action on vascular smooth muscle 2. Increased permeability 3. Stasis - incr blood viscosity and concentration of RBCs 4. Accumulation of leukocytes on vascular endothelium <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gaps due to endothelial contraction via mediators ("immediate transient response"): histamine (fast), bradykinin, sub P, leukotrienes, cytokines (longer). Venules. 2. Direct injury to vessel: ("immediate sustained") 3. "Delayed prolonged" 2-12 hrs burn, radiation, toxins 4. Leukocyte mediated injury: venules, pulm caps, hours 5. Incr transcytosis: vesicles, vacuoles, incr channels VEGF 6. New vessel formation; new bvs leaky; VEGF, mediators 	Need 1 + 2 and 1 other Need 1 and 2 others
Question 2: Role of platelets in haemostasis	Describe the formation of a primary haemostatic plug after vascular injury How does this then become the secondary haemostatic plug?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Circulating platelets exposed to extracellular matrix (esp collagen) resulting in adhesion via vWf/Gp1b/VIIX. 2. Activation – a) Secretion of granule contents (esp Ca⁺⁺ and ADP from dense granules) and b) expression phospholipids with platelet thromboxane A₂ leads to 3. Aggregation = primary haemostatic plug (reversible process) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thrombin binds to platelet with ADP/TxA₂ - increased aggregation 2. Platelet contraction occurs ("viscous metamorphosis") = secondary haemostatic plug 3. Fibrin formation locks platelets into clot (irreversible process) 	Need 3/3 bold Prompt: <i>What is the role of platelets at the site of injury?</i> Need 2/3 bold
Question 3: Tumour invasion and metastasis	Describe the steps involved in tumour cell invasion of the extracellular matrix Describe possible mechanisms that influence the distribution of metastases	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Detachment ("loosening up") of the tumour cells from each other, with breaking of intercellular bonds 2. Attachment to extracellular matrix (ECM) components, via laminin and fibronectin receptors 3. Degradation of ECM, via type IV collagenase and plasminogen activator, creating passageways 4. Migration of tumour cells, which may then lead to vascular dissemination <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tumour cell adhesion molecules ligands preferentially expressed on target organ cells 2. Chemokines for target tissues 3. Chemoattractants from target organs 	Accept ≥ 3 of 4 bolded words (or a similar explanation) for a pass? Prompt: <i>"Detachment is the first step."</i> Prompt: <i>"Chemokines have an important role"</i>

<p>Question 4: Influenza</p>	<p>How does the Influenza virus cause pneumonia?</p> <p>How does Influenza A cause epidemics and pandemics</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Attachment of virus to upper resp tract epithelium 2. Necrosis of cells followed by inflammatory response 3. Interstitial inflammation with outpouring of fluid into alveoli 4. Secondary infection by Staph / Strep <p>Mutations of Influenza A haemagglutinin and neuraminidase allow virus to escape host antibodies (antigenic drift) and epidemics, whereas replacement of these with animal-derived RNA segments leads to new virus (antigenic shift) and pandemics</p>	<p>Need bolded</p> <p>Needs bolded</p>
<p>Question 5: Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy</p>	<p>What are the characteristics of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy?</p> <p>What are the complications of HCM?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Myocardial hypertrophy without ventricular dilatation 2. Asymmetrical septal thickening (septum >> free wall) 3. Impaired diastolic filling and LV outflow obstruction in 25% of cases <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Heart Failure 2. Sudden death, ventricular arrhythmias 3. Atrial fibrillation, mural thrombus / embolisation 4. Stroke 5. Infective endocarditis mitral valve 	<p>Need bolded</p> <p>Prompt: What are the structural effects on the myocardium?</p> <p>Need 3/5</p>

<p>Question 4: von Willebrand Disease</p>	<p>What are the haematological and clinical effects of von Willebrand disease?</p> <p>Describe the types of von Willebrand Disease</p>	<p>Haem: Increased bleeding time with normal platelets Increased PT time (Types 1 & 3) Decreased Ristocetin cofactor activity</p> <p>Clin: Spontaneous bleeding from mucous membranes Increased bleeding from wounds Menorrhagia Bleeding into joints rare except in Type 3</p> <p>1. Type 1 and Type 3 associated with decreased circulating vWF. Type 1 most common (70%), autosomal dominant and usually mild. Type 3 autosomal recessive and severe 2. Type 2 has defective vWF, autosomal dominant, mild severity and 25% of cases.</p>	<p>Need 3/4</p> <p>Need 2/3</p>
<p>Question 5: Malignant mesothelioma (pleural)</p>	<p>Describe the relationship between asbestos exposure and malignant mesothelioma</p> <p>Where can malignant mesothelioma arise?</p>	<p>1. Increased incidence among people with heavy exposure to asbestos. Lifetime risk up to 7-10%. 2. Asbestos bodies found in increased numbers in lungs of patients with mesothelioma. 3. Long latent period for mesothelioma (25-45 yrs). 4. No increased risk in asbestos workers who smoke (in contrast to asbestos related lung carcinoma). Asbestos workers more at risk of dying from lung carcinoma (especially if they smoke).</p> <p>1. Pleura 2. Peritoneum 3. pericardium 4. tunica vaginalis 5. genital tract</p>	<p>2/4</p> <p>Bold</p>

<p>Question 3: Neisserial infections</p>	<p>What are the two clinically significant <i>Neisseria</i>? Describe the pathogenesis of a <i>N. meningitidis</i> infection</p>	<p>1. <i>meningitidis</i> 2. <i>gonorrhoeae</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Respiratory spread 2. Common coloniser of the oropharynx (10% of the population at any one time) 4. Colonisation lasts for months 5. Immune response leads to protection against that strain 6. Invasive disease crosses respiratory epithelium to enter blood 7. Capsule of <i>Neisseria</i> reduces opsonisation & protects against destruction by complement proteins 8. Outbreaks in young people living in crowded quarters who encounter new strains 	<p>Both Need 5/8 Prompt: How does it spread?</p>
<p>Question 4: Vitamin K</p>	<p>What is the function of Vitamin K? What are the causes of Vitamin K deficiency?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Required co-factor for a liver microsomal carboxylase which carboxylates a glutamate residue in Factors VII, IX, X & prothrombin (PLUS Proteins C & S and a few others) 2. Necessary for binding calcium and thus functional activity of the proteins 1. Fat malabsorption syndrome 2. Destruction of endogenous Vitamin K-synthesizing flora in the gut by broad spectrum antibiotics 3. Neonates (small liver reserves, no bacterial flora and low Vitamin K in breast milk) 4. Diffuse liver disease (hepatocyte dysfunction interferes with synthesis of Vitamin K dependent factors) 	<p>Need 3/4 Should know all the clotting factors and Protein C & S</p>
<p>Question 5: Crohn disease</p>	<p>What are the pathological features of Crohn disease? What are the extraintestinal manifestations of Crohn disease?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transmural inflammation of bowel with skip lesions 2. Noncaseating granulomata 3. Fissures and fistulae <p>Migrating polyarthritis, sacroiliitis, ank spondylitis, erythema nodosa, finger clubbing, sclerosing cholangitis (uncommon), Uveitis, mild hepatic pericholangitis, renal disorders due to trapping of the ureters (uncommon). Systemic amyloidosis (rare) GI tract cancer (less common than UC). May occur prior to intestinal symptoms.</p>	<p>2/3 Bold needed At least three systems Prompt: What other inflammatory conditions may be seen in Crohn disease?</p>

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS IF REQUIRED

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Question 1:	Assuming a patient survives the immediate effects, what is the fate of the thrombus itself?	Some combination of the following four events: 1. Propagation (accumulates more platelets and fibrin, eventually leading to vessel occlusion); 2. Embolisation (dislodges and travels to other sites); 3. Dissolution (removal by fibrinolytic activity); and 4. organisation (inflammation leading to fibrosis) and recanalisation (vascular flow re-established or thrombus incorporated into a thickened vascular wall)	3 out of four to pass
Question 2:			
Question 3:	What are the microbiological features of <i>Neisseria</i> ?	1. Aerobic 2. Gram negative diplococci 3. Coffee bean shaped 4. Require chocolate blood agar 5. 13 serotypes of <i>N. meningitidis</i>	Prompt: What are the staining characteristics of <i>Neisseria</i> ?
Question 4:			
Question 5:			