

45 questions, allow 60 minutes

1. The human cell membrane:
 - a) is a phospholipid trilayer
 - b) has the fatty acid radicals on its outer edge
 - c) is permeable to alcohol
 - d) is permeable to glucose
 - e) all of the above

2. The peripheral proteins of the cell membrane:
 - a) act as ion channels
 - b) act as enzymes
 - c) act as cotransporters
 - d) act as hormone receptor sites
 - e) generate the negative charge of the cell membrane

3. The Golgi apparatus:
 - a) is closely related to the endoplasmic reticulum
 - b) form peroxisomes
 - c) contain oxidases to form hydrogen peroxide
 - d) contain a large number of ribosomes on their outer surface
 - e) is contained within the ectoplasm

4. The nuclear membrane:
 - a) allows molecules only of MW<1000 through its nuclear pores
 - b) is continuous with the endoplasmic reticulum
 - c) is lined with oxidative phosphorylation enzymes
 - d) is impermeable to RNA
 - e) consists of three distinct layers

5. ATP:
 - a) is acetyl tetraphosphate
 - b) supplies the energy for muscle contraction
 - c) is largely formed in the endoplasmic reticulum
 - d) contains no nitrogen
 - e) stores energy in special sulphate bonds

6. Intracellular fluid:
 - a) contains phosphate in similar concentrations to extracellular fluid
 - b) has a lower PCO₂ than extracellular fluid
 - c) has a potassium concentration of 110meq/L
 - d) has a pH of 7.5
 - e) contains more magnesium than extracellular fluid

7. Oedema can be caused by:
 - a) raised capillary hydrostatic pressure
 - b) reduced colloid osmotic pressure
 - c) vitamin C deficiency

- d) elevated Angiotensin II levels
- e) all of the above

8. The process of blood coagulation involves:

- a) prothrombin activator converting fibrinogen to fibrin
- b) the removal of peptides from each fibrinogen molecule
- c) the action of plasmin on fibrin
- d) alpha₂ macroglobulin
- e) the action of antithrombin III to promote clotting

9. T lymphocytes:
- a) are involved in humoral immunity
 - b) are derived from the fetal liver and bone marrow
 - c) release performed antibodies
 - d) are the precursors of plasma cells
 - e) form memory cells
10. With regard to blood types:
- a) group A is the most common
 - b) anti A and anti B agglutinins increase into the sixth decade
 - c) there are 6 possible ABO genotypes
 - d) group AB persons have both anti A and anti B agglutinins
 - e) group O positive is the universal recipients blood type
11. Apoptosis:
- a) is usually stimulated by hypoxia
 - b) produces a moderate degree of inflammation
 - c) features chromatin aggregates
 - d) is the underlying process in caseous necrosis
 - e) is stimulated by decreased cytosolic calcium
12. All of the following are endogenous antioxidants EXCEPT:
- a) glutathione
 - b) transferrin
 - c) superoxide dismutase
 - d) catalase
 - e) ferrous sulphate
13. Irreversible cell injury is characterised by:
- a) dispersion of ribosomes
 - b) cell swelling
 - c) lysosomal rupture
 - d) cell membrane defects
 - e) nuclear chromatin clumping
14. Dystrophic calcification can be caused by:
- a) sarcoidosis
 - b) multiple myeloma
 - c) advanced renal failure
 - d) advanced atherosclerosis
 - e) all of the above
15. Metaplasia:
- a) is an increase in the number and size of cells in a tissue
 - b) is the process that occurs in Barretts oesophagitis
 - c) is typically an irreversible process
 - d) in the respiratory tract preserves mucus secretion
 - e) can be caused by vitamin B12 deficiency
16. The first vascular response to injury is:
- a) slowing of the circulation
 - b) arteriolar vasoconstriction
 - c) capillary engorgement

- d) recruitment of vascular beds
 - e) venular dilation
17. The classic cardinal signs of acute inflammation include all the following EXCEPT:
- a) tumor
 - b) calor
 - c) laesor
 - d) rubor
 - e) dolor
18. Leukocytes move into the tissues from the vasculature
- a) by the actions of actin and myosin
 - b) in response to the Fc fragment of IgG
 - c) in response to C3b
 - d) largely in the arterioles
 - e) predominantly as monocytes in the first day post injury
19. Regarding chemical mediators of inflammation:
- a) histamine is derived from plasma
 - b) serotonin is preformed in mast cells
 - c) nitric oxide is preformed in leukocytes
 - d) the kinin system is activated in platelets
 - e) C3B is within macrophages
20. Pain during an inflammatory process is mediated by:
- a) nitric oxide
 - b) C3B
 - c) C5A
 - d) PAF
 - e) bradykinin
21. Macrophages are derived from:
- a) monocytes
 - b) T lymphocytes
 - c) B lymphocytes
 - d) eosinophils
 - e) plasma cells
22. Granulomatous inflammation can be induced by:
- a) syphilis
 - b) foreign body
 - c) cat-scratch disease
 - d) silicosis
 - e) all of the above
23. For an incised surgical wound strength would be 10% at:
- a) 12 hours
 - b) 24 hours
 - c) 3 days
 - d) 1 week
 - e) 2 weeks
24. Heart failure will lead to increased levels of:

- a) renin
 - b) aldosterone
 - c) ADH
 - d) atrial natriuretic factor
 - e) all of the above
25. Pulmonary embolism:
- a) leads to pulmonary infarction in 15% of cases
 - b) requires 25% of the pulmonary circulation occluded to cause acute right heart failure
 - c) is generally symptomatic
 - d) is the cause of death in 40-45% of hospitalised patients
 - e) is most commonly due to hereditary hypercoagulable states
26. White infarcts occur in the:
- a) small intestine
 - b) kidney
 - c) lung
 - d) sigmoid colon
 - e) oesophagus
27. Type II hypersensitivity reactions:
- a) involve cell mediated immune responses
 - b) include serum sickness as an example
 - c) explain many transfusion reactions
 - d) involve IgE on mast cells
 - e) explain the tuberculin skin test
28. Which of the following can be considered autoimmune diseases:
- a) rheumatoid arthritis
 - b) IDDM
 - c) myasthenia gravis
 - d) Hashimoto's disease
 - e) all of the above
29. IgG is composed of:
- a) a gamma globulin with four antigen binding sites
 - b) a gamma globulin of MW 900,000
 - c) two IgA molecules linked together
 - d) two heavy and two light chain types
 - e) two heavy chains and four light chain units
30. Passive immunity is achieved by administering:
- a) live virus
 - b) attenuated virus
 - c) adsorbed toxin
 - d) activated T cells
 - e) all of the above
31. The majority of HIV/AIDS cases are reported from:
- a) homosexual males
 - b) IV drug users
 - c) haemophiliacs
 - d) recipients of blood products

- e) heterosexual contact
32. Following a needlestick from an HIV positive patient the risk of HIV seroconversion is:
- a) 1 in 5
 - b) 1 in 10
 - c) 1 in 50
 - d) 1 in 250
 - e) 1 in 1,000
33. The HIV virus:
- a) is a retrovirus
 - b) primarily targets the CNS and haemopoietic systems
 - c) binds to the CD4 molecule on T cells
 - d) binds to the CD4 molecule on macrophages
 - e) all of the above
34. The most common malignancy in patients with AIDS is:
- a) non Hodgkins lymphoma
 - b) primary lymphoma of the brain
 - c) Kaposi sarcoma
 - d) histoplasmosis
 - e) cervical carcinoma in women
35. With regard to tumours:
- a) dysplasia will always progress to cancer
 - b) cystic teratomas are malignant
 - c) squamous papillomas are benign
 - d) the presence of mitoses indicates neoplasia
 - e) hypochromasia is characteristic of anaplasia
36. Metastasis:
- a) unequivocally proves malignancy
 - b) is proven by lymph node enlargement adjacent to a tumour
 - c) of breast cancer is usually to supraclavicular nodes
 - d) is the commonest presentation of melanoma
 - e) all of the above

37. The most common cause of cancer death in women is:
- a) colorectal cancer
 - b) lung cancer
 - c) pancreatic cancer
 - d) breast cancer
 - e) lymphoproliferative tumours
38. The following viruses are considered to be oncogenic:
- a) hepatitis B
 - b) hepatitis C
 - c) Epstein Barr virus
 - d) human papilloma virus
 - e) all of the above
39. Bacterial endotoxin :
- a) is exemplified by streptokinase
 - b) is the cause of the severe form of diphtheria
 - c) is the cause of gas gangrene
 - d) is from the outer cell wall of gram positive bacteria
 - e) induces production of TNF
40. Exposure to benzene causes:
- a) mesothelioma
 - b) bladder carcinoma
 - c) stomach carcinoma
 - d) liver angiosarcoma
 - e) leukaemia
41. Endocarditis in IV drug users typically:
- a) involves the mitral valve
 - b) is caused by candida albicans
 - c) does not cause fever
 - d) has a better prognosis than other causes of endocarditis
 - e) is caused by staph aureus
42. All of the following are major risk factors for atherosclerosis EXCEPT:
- a) obesity
 - b) hyperlipidaemia
 - c) smoking
 - d) hypertension
 - e) diabetes
43. Regarding acute myocardial infarction all of the following are true EXCEPT:
- a) irreversible cell injury occurs after 3-4 hours
 - b) hormone replacement therapy is protective against AMI

- c) isolated right ventricular infarction is uncommon
- d) the macroscopic changes of AMI are visible at 18 hours post AMI
- e) coagulative necrosis will be observed at 6 hours post infarction

44. Regarding pancreatitis:

- a) the second commonest cause is infectious agents
- b) trypsin is implicated as an activator of the kinin system
- c) elastase is the only pancreatic enzyme that acts to limit pancreatitis
- d) the chronic form is usually due to gallstones
- e) duct obstruction is not the mechanism of injury in alcoholic pancreatitis

45. Metabolic alkalosis can be caused by:

- a) administering sodium gluconate
- b) severe diarrhoea
- c) uraemia
- d) excess aldosterone
- e) administering ammonium chloride

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