

Name: "KEY"

1. Which of the following is found in the **least abundance** in the human body?
(Choose one correct answer) (2 pts)

A. Sodium.
B. Iron.
C. Nitrogen.
D. Calcium.
E. Potassium.

(2)

2. List the **four classes of molecules** found in the human body and give at least one **role** for each. (4 pts)

(+) Proteins: enzymes, membranes, fuel
(+) Lipids: membranes, fuel
(+) CHO's: cell-cell recognition, fuel
(+) Nucleic Acids: storage/transfer genetic information

only need
one role (4)

3. A patient is admitted to the ER with the following test results: (2 pts)

pH 7.10 (nl: 7.35-7.45) ↓
pCO₂ 32 mmHg (nl: 35-45 mmHg) ↓
HCO₃⁻ 24 mM (nl: 24-28 mM)

Your diagnosis is? Explain your answer based on the clinical findings.

pH ↓ acidosis
pCO₂ ↓
same direction (both lower)
↓
"Metabolic Acidosis"

(2)

4. Both **glycoproteins** and **glycolipids** are important components of membranes. **Why??**
(3 pts)

Cell-cell communication + recognition
(either communication or recognition is fine)

(3)

5. What are the **ABO blood group antigens** and where are they found? (3 pts)

Distinct polysaccharides (glycoproteins)
on the surface of RBC's

(3)

6. There are three types (classes) of **integral membrane proteins**, name them. (3 pts)

(+1) Antigens

(+1) Receptors

(+1) Translocators (Transporters)

(3)

7. What is the primary biological role for **myoglobin** (Mb)? (2 pts)

only need one

{ store O_2 for release during crisis;
times of O_2 depletion

(2)

8. What is the primary biological role for **hemoglobin** (Hb)? (2 pts)

Oxygenate the tissues

(2)

9. Explain, using biochemistry, how **Fetal Hb** (HbF) is oxygenated by **Adult Hb** (HbA). (3 pts)

No Biochem
(-2)

Lack of His in HbF disrupts salt bridges making it "relax", i.e. it has \uparrow affinity

for O_2 causing $HbA \xrightarrow{O_2} HbF$
[$\alpha\gamma$ vs. $\alpha\beta$] this is OK for biochem

(3)

10. Explain why the structure of **myoglobin** makes it function well as an oxygen-storage protein whereas the structure of **hemoglobin** makes it function well as an oxygen-transport protein. (3 pts)

Mb has a high affinity for O_2 even at low pO_2 , it is released during CRISIS involving O_2

(3)

Hb's cooperative binding of O_2 gives it \uparrow affinity for O_2 in lungs and \downarrow affinity for O_2 in the tissues

Must Have

11. What is the effect of **pH** (the Bohr effect) on the binding of oxygen to Hb? (3 pts)

As $H^+ \uparrow$, $pH \downarrow$, the affinity of Hb for O_2 decreases in the tissues

(3)

Briefly describe the mechanism of this effect.

High $[H^+]$ causes protonation of His leading to salt bridge formation and stabilization of the T-state
[R \rightarrow T] this is OK for mechanism

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12. Describe, **briefly**, the basic structure of an IgG protein molecule (antibody). (3 pts)

4 proteins, 2 Heavy + 2 Light

Proteins form a "Y" shape

Must have + 2 others → [Arms contain two identical antigen binding sites]

Structure stabilized by

(3)

13. Briefly describe how a **vaccine** works. (3 pts)

Injection of a non-virulent (dead) form of the virus causes Ab production, then when exposed to the "virulent" form the immune system is prepared

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14. Briefly describe the **immune system** and what causes an **autoimmune disorder**.

(4 pts)

(+2) The immune system is the body's way to fight/destroy antigens, this is based on recognition of "self"

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(+2) An autoimmune disorder occurs when the recognition of "self" fails

15. Enzyme cofactors **ALWAYS**: (Choose one correct answer) (3 pts)

A. are inorganic molecules.

B. form a complex with the substrate to make it more accessible to the enzyme.

☒ C. provide a reactive group not found in the enzyme but necessary for its activity.

D. maintain the native conformation of the enzyme.

E. are covalently bound to enzymes.

(3)

16. K_m of an enzyme is a measure of the: (3 pts)

Enzymes affinity for substrate

Affinity ^{OR} for substrate

(3)

[S] needed to give $\frac{1}{2} V_{max}$

17. **Trypsin** features a proton shuttle (catalytic triad) between which three amino acids?

(3 pts)

Ser, His, Asp
(+1) (+1) (+1)

(3)

Elastase is specific for what type of amino acid residues? (3 pts)

small uncharged amino acid residues

(List Ala, Gly, Val also ok)

(3)

18. What is a **zymogen**? (3 pts) An enzyme synthesized as a large inactive protein that must undergo proteolysis to become active **OR** poised for action **OR** trypsinogen \rightarrow trypsin (3)

19. **Briefly** define the following: (8 pts)

Available Carbohydrate:

(+2) starch in plants, glycogen in animals

Micronutrient:

(+2) A nutrient required in very small quantities, i.e. vitamins, minerals

Macronutrient:

(+2) A nutrient that provides ENERGY i.e. CHO, Lipid, Protein (8)

Trans Fatty Acid:

(+2) An unsaturated fat with one or more "trans" double bonds **OR** An unsaturated fat that has been saturated

20. The study of replication and expression of genetic information involves a unidirectional flow from DNA to RNA to Protein. (3 pts) (+1) (+1) (3)

(+1)

21. Describe two primary biochemical causes of **Gout** and the primary treatment. (3 pts)

(+1) ① Overproduction of Uric Acid

(+1) ② Decreased excretion of Uric Acid **OR** \downarrow HGPRT (3)

(+1) Treatment: Allopurinol

22. Name the **enzyme** which converts Ribose-5-phosphate into 5-Phosphoribosyl-1 pyrophosphate (PRPP) in the synthesis of Purines. (3 pts)

PRPP Synthase (3)

23. What compound activates Carbamoyl Phosphate Synthetase II (CPS-II) in the synthesis of Pyrimidines? (3 pts)

PRPP (3)

24. What enzyme does the chemotherapeutic drug **Methotrexate** (MTX) inhibit in the pyrimidine synthetic pathway? (3 pts)

Dihydrofolate Reductase

(3)

25. How does **5-Fluorouracil** work as a chemotherapeutic drug? (3 pts)

Competitive inhibitor of
Thymidylate Synthase

(3)

26. What is the biochemical cause of **Lesch-Nyhan Syndrome**? (3 pts)

Complete absence of HGPRT

(3)

27. **Lactate dehydrogenase**, under anaerobic conditions, reduces pyruvate to lactate. This step also regenerates NAD⁺ to keep glycolysis going. (2 pts)

(2)

28. The two **enzymes** which catalyze the substrate-level phosphorylation of ADP to ATP in glycolysis are: (2 pts)

(+1) PGK

(+1) PK

(2)

29. How many of each of the following molecules, GTP, NADH and FADH₂ are formed as one molecule of acetyl CoA moves through one turn of the citric acid cycle? (3 pts)

(+1) GTP: 1

(+1) NADH: 3

(+1) FADH₂: 1

(3)

30. A **deficiency** of the citric acid cycle at **α -ketoglutarate dehydrogenase** will lead to decreased activity of the **pyruvate dehydrogenase complex** because of feedback inhibition by: (3 pts)

Acetyl CoA OR NADH

(3)

31. Label each of the following statements regarding **substrate-level phosphorylation** and **oxidative phosphorylation** as True (T) or False (F). (4 pts)

- (+1) F A. Substrate-level phosphorylation is linked to oxidation-reduction reactions while oxidative phosphorylation is not.
- (+1) T B. Oxidative phosphorylation is sensitive to uncoupling but substrate-level phosphorylation is not.
- (+1) F C. Substrate-level phosphorylation is exclusively a cytosolic process and oxidative phosphorylation is exclusively mitochondrial.
- (+1) T D. In red blood cells, substrate-level phosphorylation is quantitatively more important than is oxidative phosphorylation as a source of ATP.

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32. A marked increase in the concentration of **AMP** is what kind of signal to a cell? (2 pts)

Low Energy

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