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## University Examinations 2020/2021

FIRST YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

### NND 3124: MEDICAL BIOCHEMISTRY II

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TIME: 3 HOURS

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#### INSTRUCTIONS:

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#### SECTION A: MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS (20 MARKS)

1. In all enzymes the active site:
  - a) Contains the substrate binding site
  - b) Is contiguous with the substrate binding site in the primary sequence
  - c) Lies in a region of the primary sequence distant from the substrate binding site
  - d) Contains a metal ion as a prosthetic group
2. Enzymes may be specific with respect to all of the following EXCEPT:
  - a) Chemical identity of the substrate
  - b) The atomic mass of the elements in the reactive group (e.g  $^{12}\text{C}$  but not  $^{14}\text{C}$ ). C optical activity of product formed from a symmetrical substrate
  - c) Type of reaction catalyzed.

3. Proteins may be separated according to size by
  - a) Isoelectric focusing
  - b) Polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis
  - c) Ion exchange chromatography
  - d) Molecular exclusion chromatography
  
4. Which of the following has quaternary structure?
  - a) Achymotrypsin
  - b) Hemoglobin
  - c) Insulin
  - d) Myoglobin
  - e) Trypsin
  
5. All of the following are examples of the four major elements contributing to body mass except
  - a) Hydrogen
  - b) Carbon
  - c) Nitrogen
  - d) Sodium
  
6. A deficiency in this element can be expected to reduce the haemoglobin content of blood
  - a) Fe
  - b) I
  - c) F
  - d) Ca

7. Water's importance to living systems reflects
  - a) Its polarity and solvent properties
  - b) Its high heat capacity
  - c) Its high heat of vaporization
  - d) Its chemical reactivity
8. A triglyceride consists of
  - a) Glycerol plus three fatty acids
  - b) A sugar phosphate backbone to which two amino groups are attached
  - c) Two to several hexoses
  - d) Amino acids that have been thoroughly saturate with hydrogen
9. The lipid(s) used as the basis of Vitamin D, sex hormones, and bile salts is/are
  - a) Triglycerides
  - b) Cholesterol
  - c) Phospholipids
  - d) Prostaglandin
10. Enzymes are organic catalyst that
  - a) Alter the direction in which a chemical reaction proceeds
  - b) Determine the nature of the products of a reaction
  - c) Increase the speed of a chemical reaction
  - d) Are essential raw materials for a chemical reaction that are converted into some of its products

11. Which of the following yields the greatest caloric value per gram?

- a) Fats
- b) Proteins
- c) Carbohydrates
- d) All are equal in caloric value

12. Transamination is a chemical process by which

- a) Protein is synthesized
- b) An amine group is transferred from amino acid to a keto acid
- c) An Amine Group Is Cleaved From The Amino Acid
- d) Amino acids are broken down for the energy

13. Amino acids are essential (and important) to the body for all the following except

- a) Production of some hormones
- b) Production of antibodies
- c) Formation of most structural materials
- d) As a source of quick energy

14. Which of the following is not a function of the liver?

- a) Glycogenolysis and gluconeogenesis
- b) Synthesis of cholesterol
- c) Detoxification of alcohol and drugs
- d) Synthesis of glucagon

15. Which is not true of centrioles?

- a) They start to duplicate in G<sub>1</sub>
- b) They lie in the centrosome
- c) They are made of microtubules
- d) They are membrane-walled barrels lying parallel to each other

16. The solute pumping type of active transport is accomplished by

- a) Exocytosis
- b) Phagocytosis
- c) Electrical forces in the cell membrane
- d) Changes in shape and position of carrier molecules in the plasma membrane

17. The endocytosis process in which a sampling of particulate matter is engulfed and brought into the cell is called

- a) Phagocytosis
- b) Fluid phase endocytosis
- c) Exocytosis
- d) All the above

18. What is formed during aerobic respiration when electrons are passed down the electron transport chain?

- a) Oxygen
- b) Water
- c) Glucose
- d) NADH+H<sup>+</sup>

19. The formation of glucose from glycogen is

- a) Gluconeogenesis
- b) Glycogenesis
- c) Glycogenolysis
- d) Glycolysis

20. The smallest unit capable of life by itself is

- a) The organ
- b) The organelle
- c) The cell
- d) The nucleus
- e) Atom

**SECTION B (SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS) 40 MARKS)**

**QUESTION ONE**

Describe the process of blood clotting (6 marks)

**QUESTION TWO**

Briefly explain three biochemical tests for liver function (6 marks)

**QUESTION THREE**

Briefly explain the role NAD and FAD in metabolic reactions (6 marks)

#### **QUESTION FOUR**

Explain the role of acetyl CoA in integration of metabolic pathways (6 marks)

#### **QUESTION FIVE**

Explain the mechanism of cyanide poisoning (6 marks)

#### **QUESTION SIX**

Briefly describe the glycogen storage disease (5 marks)

#### **QUESTION SEVEN**

Briefly describe the haemoglobin structure (5 marks)

### **SECTION C (LONG ANSWER QUESTION) 40 MARKS)**

#### **QUESTION ONE**

Compare and contrast glycolysis and Krebb's cycle (20 marks)

#### **QUESTION TWO**

Explain the biomedical significance of serum proteins (20 marks)