



Physiology Past Papers

for Final exam - June 2024

Q3: Which of the following would not be possible occurrences when signal build up occurs?

- A. They can reach AP as a result of EPSP
- B. IPSP can hyperpolarize the membrane
- C. They can reach AP as a result of IPSP
- D. An AP will reach if a number of EPSP > IPSP

Answer: C

Q5: Where would we find Voltage Regulated Channels?

- A. On The dendrites
- B. On the Axons

Answer: B

Q7: What happens when an IPSP is generated after EPSP?

- A. Membrane is more depolarized
- B. Effect of subthreshold is enhanced
- C. Action potential is reached
- D. A threshold event takes place
- E. Membrane is hyperpolarized

Answer: E

Q8: What is the term used to describe an AP that jumps of one node of Ranvier to another?

- A. IPSP conduction
- B. EPSP conduction
- C. Myelinated conduction
- D. Saltatory conduction

Answer: D

Q21: Which of the following types of neuronal circuits is self-stimulating once activated?

- A. Diverging
- B. One that incorporates lateral inhibition.
- C. Converging
- D. Reverberating
- E. Negative feedback circuit (corticothalamic)

Answer: D

Q22: Which statement concerning sensory neurons or their functional properties is true?

- A. All sensory fibers are unmyelinated
- B. In spatial summation, increasing signal strength is transmitted by using progressively greater numbers of sensory fibers.
- C. Increased stimulus intensity is signaled by a progressive decrease in the receptor potential
- D. Continuous subthreshold stimulation of a pool of sensory neurons results in disfacilitation of those neurons
- E. Temporal summation involves signaling of increased stimulus strength by decreasing the frequency of action potentials in the sensory fibers

Answer: B

Q25: One of the following is TRUE:?

- A. In Convergence, the input signal spreads to an increasing number of neurons
- B. Divergence can act only on the same track
- C. Divergence means that multiple inputs are gathered together in a single neuron
- D. In convergence, the excitation will be on a single neuron
- E. Both C & D

Answer: D

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Body Fluids

(26) Questions

Q1: A decrease in which one of the following would tend to increase lymph flow:

- A. Hydraulic conductivity of the capillary wall
- B. Capillary hydrostatic pressure
- C. Albumin concentration of the **interstitium**
- D. Interstitial colloid osmotic pressure
- E. Plasma colloid osmotic pressure

Answer: E

Q3: Which of the following changes favor(s) the movement of surrounding interstitial fluid into the capillary lumen (i.e., fluid reabsorption into the capillary)?

- A. An increase in the colloid osmotic pressure of the interstitial fluid surrounding the capillary
- B. An increase in the hydrostatic blood pressure in the capillary
- C. An increase in the colloid osmotic (oncotic) pressure of plasma
- D. An decrease in the hydrostatic pressure of the interstitial fluid surrounding the capillary
- E. An increase in the capillary permeability

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Answer: C

Q5 :Listed below are the hydrostatic and oncotic pressure across a muscle capillary wall.

Mean capillary hydrostatic pressure=30 mmHg

Plasma colloid osmotic pressure= 25 mmHg

Interstitial colloid osmotic pressure=10 mmHg

Interstitial hydrostatic pressure=5 mmHg

What is the net filtration pressure (in mmHg) for fluid movement across the capillary wall?

- A. 25 mmHg
- B. 0 mmHg
- C. 5 mmHg
- D. 15 mmHg
- E. 10 mmHg

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Answer: E

Q6: Edema at interstitial fluids can be generated by all the followings EXCEPT:

- A. Increased oncotic pressure in interstitial fluids
- B. Increased albumin concentration in plasma
- C. Increased hydrostatic pressure in capillaries
- D. Decreased lymph flow from interstitial fluids
- E. Increased capillary permeability

Answer: B

Q21 :Edema at interstitial fluids can be generated by all the following EXCEPT

- A. Increased hydrostatic pressure in capillaries
- B. Decreased lymph flow from interstitial fluids.
- C. Decreased albumin concentration in plasma.
- D. Increased wash down of protein from interstitial fluid
- E. Increased venous pressure.

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Answer: D

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Conduction System of the Heart

(30) Questions

Q1: Which of the following is the pacemaker of the heart?

- A. AV node
- B. Bundle of His
- C. Bundle branches
- D. SA node
- E. Purkinje fibers

Answer: D

Q2: In resting conditions, which of the following channels are most likely open in cardiac myocytes (muscle cells).

- A. Na^+
- B. K^+
- C. Ca^{++}
- D. Cl^-

Answer: B

Q3: If the ventricular Purkinje fibers become the pacemaker of the heart, what is the expected heart rate?

- A. 30 bpm
- B. 65 bpm
- C. 75 bpm
- D. 50 bpm
- E. 85 bpm

Answer: A

Q4: Parasympathetic stimulation of the heart leads to:

- A. Negative chronotropic but almost no inotropic action
- B. Negative chronotropic and negative inotropic effect
- C. Negative chronotropic and positive inotropic effect
- D. Positive chronotropic but negative inotropic effect
- E. Positive chronotropic and positive inotropic effect

Answer: A

Q5: The sinoatrial node and atrioventricular are autorhythmic because:

- A. Their cells are rounded instead of rectangular
- B. Their cells are more permeable to Na^+ at rest
- C. Their cells have a lot of voltage-gated slow Ca^{++} channels
- D. Their cells are non-contractile
- E. Their cells are leaky to anions

Answer: B

Q6: In which phase of the ventricular muscle AP is the potassium permeability the highest?

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3
- E. 4

Answer: D

Q7: Which of the following is the mechanism by which the sympathetic nervous system increases the heart rate?

- A. Lower or more negative shift in RMP
- B. Changing the threshold potential to a less negative value
- C. Greater absolute amount of repolarization
- D. Increasing rate of phase 4 depolarization

Answer: D

Q8: Which of the following is the depolarization phase of the AP in pacemaker cells?

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3
- E. 4

Answer: A

Q9: Which condition at the AV node will cause a decrease in heart rate?

- A. Increased sodium permeability
- B. Decreased acetylcholine levels
- C. Increased norepinephrine levels
- D. Increased potassium permeability
- E. Increased calcium permeability

Answer: D

Q10: A drug that increases the permeability of cardiac cells to Na^+ and Ca^{++} but decreases its permeability to K^+ and Cl^- would cause:

- A. Negative chronotropic and negative inotropic effect on the heart
- B. No effect since the effect of Ca^{++} and Na^+ would be counterbalanced by the effect of Cl^- and K^+
- C. Positive chronotropic and negative inotropic effect on the heart
- D. Positive inotropic and Positive chronotropic effect on the heart
- E. Positive inotropic and negative chronotropic effect on the heart

Answer: D

Q11: In the case of SSS, the pacemaker becomes:

- A. Bundle of His
- B. SA node
- C. AV node
- D. Purkinje fibers

Answer: C

Q12: The correct order of AP transmission steps is:

- A. SA node, Bundle of His, AV node, Purkinje fibers
- B. AV node, SA node, AV bundle, Purkinje fibers
- C. SA node, AV node, Purkinje fibers, Bundle of His
- D. SA node, AV node, Bundle of His, Purkinje fibers

Answer: D

Q14: About the refractory period in the heart, all the following are true EXCEPT:

- A. It is longer than the refractory period in neurons
- B. It lasts approximately as long as the cardiac contraction
- C. It is due mainly to phase 2 (plateau) of the contractile cardiac muscle action potential
- D. During it, the heart cannot be stimulated
- E. It corresponds in time with the whole duration of the action potential

Answer: E

Q15: Sympathetic stimulation causes all of the following in the heart EXCEPT:

- A. It has a positive inotropic action on the heart
- B. It decreases the conduction time in the atrioventricular (AV) node
- C. It decreases the permeability of sinoatrial (SA) node to K^+
- D. It decreases the slope of phase 4 of the slow response potential of the SA node
- E. It increases the heart rate

Answer: D

Q16: Myocardial contractility is best correlated with the intracellular concentration of:

- A. HCO_3^-
- B. Na^+
- C. Ca^{++}
- D. K^+
- E. Cl^-

Answer: C

Q17: Slow response action potential (pacemaker potential) is characterized by:

- A. During phase 4 the transmembrane potential is closer to Ca^{++} equilibrium potential rather than to Na^{+} equilibrium potential
- B. It has longer plateau phase than fast response potential of ventricular cells
- C. dV/dt (change in voltage per unit change in time) of phase 0 is much lower than ventricular cell phase 0
- D. Ca^{++} ions is responsible for phase 2
- E. It has more negative resting membrane potential than ventricular cell potential

Answer: C

Q18: At phase (2) of an action potential in a ventricular muscle cell, which of the following is true?

- A. The chemical gradient for Ca^{++} tends to move this ion inside
- B. The electrochemical gradient for K^{+} tends to move this ion inside
- C. Na^{+} permeability greatly increases
- D. This phase is responsible for the short refractory period of cardiac action potential
- E. The chemical gradient for K^{+} tends to move this ion inside

Answer: A

Q19: Which of the following is NOT caused by Sympathetic stimulation:

- A. Increase in the heart rate
- B. Decrease of the permeability of the sinoatrial node to K^+
- C. Positive inotropic effect
- D. Decrease of the slope of the slow depolarization phase of the pacemaker potential
- E. Increase of the conduction of the atrioventricular phase

Answer: D

Q20: The cardiac tissue with the slowest autorhythmicity is the:

- A. AV bundle cells (myocytes)
- B. SA node
- C. Purkinje fibers
- D. Bundle branches cells (myocytes)
- E. AV node

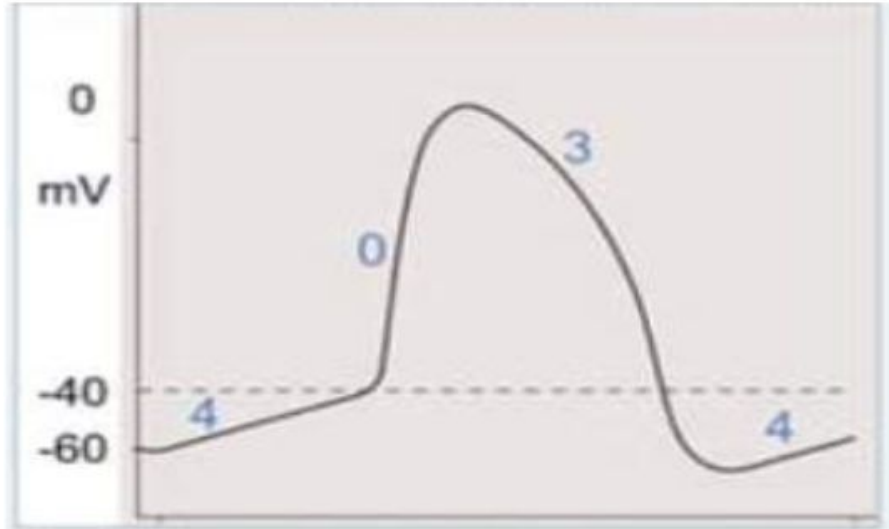
Answer: C

Q21: Sinoatrial node cells are characterized by one of the following:

- A. Able to generate intrinsic and rhythmic impulses because their membrane potential is unstable.
- B. Unable to generate impulses when completely denervated.
- C. Innervated by the vagus (parasympathetic) only.
- D. Connected to the AV node by fine bundles of Purkinje tissue.
- E. Found in both atria.

Answer: A

Q22: The curve below represents the slow response action potential of the sinoatrial node of the conduction system. Which of the following phases is due to leakage of Na^+ ions?



- A. 4
- B. 0
- C. 3
- D. 4 & 0
- E. None of the above

Answer: A

Q23: Sympathetic stimulation of the heart normally causes which of the following conditions?

- A. Decreased force of contraction (negative inotropic) of the atria.
- B. Decreased rate of conduction (negative dromotropic effect) of the cardiac impulse.
- C. Acetylcholine release at the sympathetic endings.
- D. Negative chronotropic effect on the heart rate.
- E. Increased force of contraction (positive inotropic) of the ventricles.

Answer: E

Q24: The SA node is the pacemaker of the heart because:

- A. Leakier to K^+ than other cells.
- B. It is the only cells leaky to Na^+ in the heart.
- C. Its membrane property (reach threshold faster than any other cell).
- D. Its location in the right atrium between the venae cava.
- E. It is connected to autonomic nervous system.

Answer: C

Q25: Which of the following is true about the heart?

- A. All parts contract simultaneously.
- B. Purkinje fibers are located in the atria.
- C. The AV node is also called the bundle of His.
- D. The heart has not one but two syncytia.
- E. The pacemaker is the AV node.

Answer: D

**Q26: All of the following are true about cardiac muscles
EXCEPT:**

- A. They have a plateau (phase 2).
- B. Their depolarization (phase 0) is very fast.
- C. They have stable RMP.
- D. Transient potassium current is responsible for phase 3.
- E. They are FRAP cells.

Answer: D

Q27: Which of the following cases is responsible for the relative refractory period (closed and inactive)?

- A. The m gate open
- B. The h gate open
- C. Both gates closed
- D. m gate closed
- E. h gate closed

Answer: E

Q28: The ratio of intracellular concentration of Ca^{++} to its extracellular concentration is:

- A. 0.01
- B. 0.001
- C. 0.0001
- D. 1000
- E. 10000

Answer: C

Q29: The sodium funny channels in SRAP cells:

- A. Opens at -60 and closes at -50
- B. Opens at -60 and closes at -45
- C. Opens at -90 and closes at -45
- D. Opens at -90 and closes at +10
- E. Opens at -60 and closes at +10

Answer: A

Q30: Which of the following is true?

- A. Cardiac output always increases with heart rate
- B. Stroke volume depends on calcium ions
- C. The vagal stimulation causes negative inotropic effect
- D. Sympathetic nerves innervate SA & AV nodes as well as the ventricles
- E. The cardiac output is about 5000 L/min

Answer: B + D

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Microcirculation and Edema

(30) Questions

Q1: Listed below are the hydrostatic and oncotic pressures across a muscle capillary wall.

Mean capillary hydrostatic pressure = 25 mmHg.

Plasma colloid osmotic pressure = 28 mmHg.

Interstitial colloid osmotic pressure = 5 mmHg.

Interstitial hydrostatic pressure = 5 mmHg.

What is the net filtration pressure (in mmHg) for fluid movement across the capillary wall?

- A. No enough information
- B. +7
- C. -7
- D. +3
- E. -3

Answer: -3

Q2: The net loss of fluid from capillaries to the interstitial fluid in the legs is decreased by:

- A. Decrease plasma albumin.
- B. Lymphatic obstruction and increased interstitial hydrostatic pressure.
- C. Arteriolar dilation to increase capillary pressure.
- D. Change from the recumbent to the standing position.
- E. Leg exercise and capillary hydrostatic pressure.

Answer: B

Q3: Which of the following pairs are NOT related to each other?

- A. Increased capillary permeability and Generation of edema.
- B. Increased colloid pressure in capillaries and Development of edema.
- C. Increased lymph drainage and Wash down of proteins in interstitial fluid.
- D. Hydrostatic pressure in arterial end of capillaries and Filtration.

Answer: B

Q4: Which of the following will cause an increase in the plasma oncotic pressure inside the capillaries?

- A. Decrease in plasma protein concentration
- B. Increase in plasma protein concentration
- C. Increased lymphatic activity
- D. Decreased lymphatic activity

Answer: B

Q5: In the equation of NFP, what does negative net pressure indicate?

- A. Fluid filtration
- B. Fluid reabsorption
- C. Outflow of proteins from the capillaries
- D. Inflow of proteins into the capillaries

Answer: B

Q6: Which of the following changes favor(s) the movement of surrounding interstitial fluid into the capillary lumen (i.e., fluid reabsorption into the capillary):

- A. An increase in the colloid osmotic pressure of the interstitial fluid surrounding the capillary
- B. An increase in the hydrostatic blood pressure in the capillary
- C. An increase in the colloid osmotic (oncotic) pressure of plasma
- D. An decrease in the hydrostatic pressure of the interstitial fluid surrounding the capillary
- E. An increase in the capillary permeability

Answer: C

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- A. Increased oncotic pressure in interstitial fluids
- B. Increased albumin concentration in plasma
- C. Increased hydrostatic pressure in capillaries
- D. Decreased lymph flow from interstitial fluids
- E. Increased capillary permeability

Answer: B

Q8: A 65-year-old man has a 20-year history of nephrotic syndrome (kidney disease). He visits his physician complaining of swelling of his extremities. A decrease in which of the following is one of the most likely cause of his lower limb edema?

- A. Arteriole conductance
- B. Interstitial hydrostatic pressure
- C. Plasma colloid osmotic pressure
- D. Capillary hydrostatic pressure
- E. Interstitial colloid osmotic pressure

Answer: C

Q9: Edema at interstitial fluids can be generated by all the following EXCEPT :

- A. Increased hydrostatic pressure in capillaries.
- B. Decreased lymph flow from interstitial fluids.
- C. Decreased albumin concentration in plasma.
- D. Increased wash down of protein from interstitial fluid.
- E. Increased venous pressure.

Answer: D

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- C. Arteriolar dilation to increase capillary pressure.
- D. Change from the recumbent to the standing position.
- E. Leg exercise and capillary hydrostatic pressure

Answer: B

Q11: Which of the following is the largest contributor to the plasma oncotic pressure?

- A. Small molecules (e.g., glucose, amino acids, vitamins, etc).
- B. Red blood cells and white blood cells.
- C. Large proteins found in plasma (e.g., albumin and globulins).
- D. Cations and anions in plasma.
- E. Fibrinogen

Answer: C

Q12: Which of the following pairs are NOT related to each other?

- A. High albumin concentration in plasma and Reabsorption.
- B. Increased capillary permeability and Generation of edema.
- C. Increased colloid pressure in capillaries and Development of edema.
- D. Increased lymph drainage and Wash down of proteins in interstitial fluid.
- E. Hydrostatic pressure in arterial end of capillaries and Filtration

Answer: C

Q13: The structure that is considered the blood reservoir:

- A. Systemic capillaries
- B. Systemic arteries
- C. Systemic veins
- D. Pulmonary vessels
- E. The heart atria

Answer: C

Q14: All of the following are causes of edema EXCEPT:

- A. High filtration
- B. High hydrostatic pressure in the capillaries
- C. High lymphatic activity
- D. Low protein concentration in the plasma
- E. High permeability of the capillary walls

Answer: C

Q15: The pressure of capillaries does not change unless the force on the walls changes because:

- A. The arterial end has higher pressure than the venous end
- B. The high protein concentration in the plasma
- C. Sympathetic activity on the AV node
- D. Pulsatility of the capillary flow
- E. The absence of smooth muscles in the capillary walls

Answer: E

Q16: Regarding the pulsatile flow of the systemic cycle, which of the following is TRUE?

- A. It depends on the precapillary sphincter activity
- B. It ranges from a minimum of 0% to a maximum of 100%
- C. The systolic phase is longer than the diastolic phase
- D. It goes from the right ventricle to the left atrium
- E. It carries most of the blood in the human body

Answer: E

Q17: If the capillary pressure was 40 mmHg, if the venous-end pressure increases by 12 mmHg, what is the final pressure in the capillary (in mmHg)?

- A. 42
- B. 45
- C. 48
- D. 50
- E. 52

Answer: D

Q18: What would happen if the pressure gradient across the capillary collapses (P at venous = P at arterial)?

- A. Flow is halved
- B. Flow stops
- C. No effect
- D. Positive dromotropic effect
- E. None of the above

Answer: B

Q19: If the radius of a capillary is reduced to half its original value, the required driving force to maintain the same flow is (times relative to the original):

- A. $1/16$
- B. 16
- C. $1/4$
- D. 4
- E. Same DF as before

Answer: B

Q20: If P_v increases by X mmHg and P_a decreases by X mmHg, what would happen to P_c ?

- A. Increases by $\frac{2}{3}$ of X
- B. Decreases by $\frac{1}{5}$ of X
- C. No change
- D. Increases by $\frac{5}{6}$ of X
- E. It depends on the value of X

Answer: A

Q21: Which of the following has the highest P_c ?

- A. Lungs
- B. Skeletal muscles
- C. Smooth muscles
- D. Glomerular capillaries
- E. All have the same P_c

Answer: D

Q22: In the case of a bee sting, what is the correct order?

1. Edema forms
2. High filtration
3. Release of histamine
4. Increased permeability of the capillary walls

- A. 1, 3, 4, 2
- B. 3, 4, 1, 2
- C. 4, 3, 2, 1
- D. 3, 4, 2, 1
- E. 1, 2, 4, 3

Answer: D

Q23: All of the following are causes of edema EXCEPT:

- A. Malnutrition
- B. Malabsorption in intestines
- C. High loss of proteins in kidneys
- D. Hyperalbuminemia
- E. Insufficient production of albumin in the liver

Answer: D

Q24: Which of the following is FALSE regarding lymphatics?

- A. Help reduce edema
- B. Introduce a negative hydrostatic pressure in the ISF
- C. Return fluids and proteins via systemic arteries
- D. Activity increases 20 to 30 times while exercising
- E. All of the above are true

Answer: C

Q25: What percentage of the filtered fluids is usually reabsorbed into the capillaries?

- A. 100
- B. 85
- C. 50
- D. 15
- E. 0

Answer: B

Q26: Something special to encapsulated organs is:

- A. Positive P_c values
- B. Positive interstitial hydrostatic pressure values
- C. Negative interstitial hydrostatic pressure values
- D. A + B
- E. A + C

Answer: B

Q27: Which of the following forces (pressures) has changing values across the capillary?

- A. P_c
- B. P_{if}
- C. Π_c
- D. Π_{if}
- E. All except P_c

Answer: A

Q28: If we assumed that the relation between albumin concentration and Π is linear, the real value for Π is:

- A. Less than expected linearly
- B. More than expected linearly
- C. Equal to the value expected linearly
- D. Twice the expected linearly
- E. No enough information to decide

Answer: E; because Π behaves linearly below the critical conc. and nonlinearly after that.

Q29: If we have 1 mmol/L of NaCl, what is the expected osmotic pressure approximately (in mmHg)?

- A. 0
- B. 10
- C. 20
- D. 30
- E. 40

Answer: E, exact calculations will give $19.3 \times 2 = 38.6$ mmHg \rightarrow 40 mmHg

Q30: The most important capillary exchange mechanism for solute exchange is:

- A. Diffusion
- B. Transcytosis
- C. Bulk flow
- D. B + C
- E. None of the above

Answer: A

Q31: Which of the following will increase blood flow through an artery?

- A. Increased resistance along the artery
- B. Decrease in diameter of the artery
- C. Increased pressure at the end of the artery
- D. Increased pressure at the beginning of the artery
- E. Increased length of the artery

Answer: D