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**COURSE CODE: PHC 116**

**COURSE TITLE: GENERAL PHYSIOLOGY I**

**DATE: THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DEC 2023**

**TIME: 8:00-10:00 AM**

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## SECTION A: MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

10 MARKS

1. In which part of a cell does the process of making ATP from oxygen and glucose take place?
  - A. Lysosomes
  - B. Ribosomes
  - C. Mitochondria
  - D. Golgi apparatus
2. Which of the following is a function of membrane proteins?
  - A. To process lipids and proteins for secretion through the plasma membrane
  - B. To act as receptors for hormones
  - C. To synthesise proteins from amino acids
  - D. To act as a cytoskeleton to support and shape the cell
3. Which cell organelles contain an acidic environment capable of digesting a wide variety of molecules?
  - A. Lysosomes
  - B. Ribosomes
  - C. Centrosomes
  - D. Golgi complex
4. Which form of transport through the plasma membrane requires the expenditure of energy by the cell?
  - A. Facilitated diffusion
  - B. Osmosis
  - C. Active transport
  - D. Diffusion
5. A major role for mitochondria is to
  - A. Transcribe the information in DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid)
  - B. Produce ATP (adenosine triphosphate)
  - C. Synthesise proteins from amino acids
  - D. Use enzymes to lyse molecules
6. Facilitated diffusion refers to the process of
  - A. movement along a concentration gradient assisted by protein carrier molecules.
  - B. movement of ions and molecules along a concentration gradient.
  - C. transport of molecules and ions against their concentration gradient.
  - D. water movement through a semi-permeable membrane
7. What mechanism transports the largest portion of oxygen around the body?
  - A. Oxygen is carried bound to plasma proteins
  - B. Oxygen is transported in solution dissolved in blood plasma
  - C. Oxygen is bound to haemoglobin within red blood cells
  - D. Oxygen is transported as bicarbonate after reacting with water to form carbonic acid
8. All of the following are hormones of the anterior pituitary except:
  - A. Human growth hormone (GH).
  - B. Follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH).

- C. Parathyroid hormone(PTH).
  - D. Thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH).
9. Blood flow through the heart follows which of the sequences listed below?
- A. From left atrium, then mitral valve, right ventricle, aorta, left ventricle
  - B. From right atrium, then mitral valve, right ventricle, pulmonary trunk, left ventricle.
  - C. From pulmonary trunk, then tricuspid valve, left atrium, aortic valve, aorta
  - D. From vena cava, then right ventricle, pulmonary trunk, left ventricle, aorta.
10. What is the name of the valve between the left atrium and the left ventricle?
- A. Mitral valve
  - B. Tricuspid valve
  - C. Semi-lunar valve
  - D. Aortic valve

**SECTION B: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS 20 MARKS**

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| 1. Discuss the physiology of swallowing mechanisms                       | 5 marks |
| 2. Explain the similarities between the prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells | 5 marks |
| 3. Discuss the structure of endoplasmic reticulum                        | 5 marks |
| 4. Explain the Physical properties that affect lung functions            | 5 marks |

**SECTION C: LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS****30 MARKS**

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| 1. Discuss the functions of membrane proteins | 15 marks |
| 2. Discuss the mechanism of ventilation       | 15 marks |

