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# **MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MMUST)**

**(MAIN CAMPUSES)**

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS  
2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS**

**FOR**

**1. THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
IN MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES**

**2. THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
IN HUMAN NUTRITION AND DIETETICS**

**COURSE CODE: BML 123 /HND 208**

**COURSE TITLE: SYSTEMIC HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY/ PHYSIOLOGY II**

**DATE: 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019**

**TIME: 9:00-11:00 AM 80 STUDENTS**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS EXAMINATION**

TIME: 2 Hours

MMUST observes ZERO tolerance to examination cheating

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

1. Which one of the following hormones is important in the development of spermatogonia into spermatids
  - (a) Relaxin
  - (b) Androgen binding protein (ABP)
  - (c) Testosterone
  - (d) None of the above
  
2. Which one of the following statements is NOT TRUE concerning osteoblasts / osteoclasts
  - (a) Osteoblasts are the bone forming cells formed from stromal cell precursors
  - (b) Osteoblasts differentiate into osteocytes in the bone lacunae
  - (c) Osteoblasts erode and resorb previously formed bones
  - (d) Osteoclasts dissolve collagen for the bone matrix
  
3. The masculinising hormones in the human body are categorised as
  - (a) Androgens
  - (b) Inhibins
  - (c) Oestrogens
  - (d) Gonadotropins
  
4. In sex determination, when a sperm containing the X chromosome fertilizes an ovum
  - (a) A genetic female will be formed
  - (b) A genetic male will be formed
  - (c) Seminiferous tubule dysgenesis arises
  - (d) There is female pseudo-hermaphroditism
  
5. The atrioventricular valves
  - (a) Open during ventricular relaxation
  - (b) Include the tricuspid and semilunar valves
  - (c) Are two-way valves that blood to flow from the atria to the ventricle
  - (d) Are located at the origin of the pulmonary artery
  
6. Select a role which is NOT one of the transportation roles of the blood and cardiovascular system

- (a) Respiratory transport
- (b) Nutritive transport
- (c) Deglutition transport
- (d) Excretory transport

7. The following statements are FALSE about the nephrons EXCEPT

- (a) The cup-shaped Bowman's capsule encloses blood capillaries called loops of Henle
- (b) A majority of them are juxtamedullary nephrons
- (c) The proximal convoluted tubule directly connects to the collecting duct
- (d) A kidney contains approximately one million nephrons

8. All the following are physical properties of the normal lungs EXCEPT

- (a) Compliance
- (b) Fibrosis
- (c) Surface tension
- (d) Elastic

9. Which one of the following is not a specialised function of the digestive system

- (a) Deglutition
- (b) Mastication
- (c) Absorption
- (d) Hormonal regulation

10. The following statements are FALSE concerning the female reproductive system EXCEPT

- (a) A new-born girl is born with approximately 300 000 – 400 000 primary oocytes
- (b) The corpus luteum secretes oestrogen only
- (c) The cumulus oophorus is the mound that supports the ovum in the secondary follicle
- (d) Meiotic division in the secondary oocyte is halted at prophase I and is never completed unless fertilisation occurs

11. The kidney's urine formation function involves the following processes EXCEPT

- (a) Filtration
- (b) Secretion
- (c) Selective reabsorption

- (d) Micturition
12. Natural killer cells release the following microbicidal agents EXCEPT
- (a) Granzymes
  - (b) Vitronectin
  - (c) Perforin
  - (d) Alpha defensins
13. Which one of the following cells of the gastric glands is INCORRECTLY matched with their function
- (a) Goblet cells – secrete mucus
  - (b) Argentaffin cells – secrete serotonin and histamine
  - (c) G cells – secrete hormone gastrin
  - (d) Chief cells – secrete hydrochloric acid
14. Identify a CORRECT statement concerning the T and B lymphocytes
- (a) They are both matured in the bone marrow
  - (b) T lymphocytes secrete immunoglobulins
  - (c) B lymphocytes require APC - processed antigenic peptides for their stimulation to occur
  - (d) They both differentiate to produce effectors that include memory cells
15. Select a substance that promotes the process of angiogenesis
- (a) Platelet factor 4
  - (b) Heparin
  - (c) 16 KD fragment of prolactin
  - (d) Acidic fibroblast growth factor (FGF)
16. Select a resultant effect of decreased extracellular calcium ( $Ca^{2+}$ ) at the myoneural junction
- (a) Excitatory effect on nerve and motor nerve fibers
  - (b) Hypocalcemic tetany due to reduced activity of motor nerve fibers
  - (c) Laryngospasm without fatal asphyxia
  - (d) Reduced skeletal muscle spasms

17. Identify a statement which is TRUE about the origin of the heart beat and the electrical activity of the heart
- (a) The atrioventricular node acts as the pacemaker that determines the heart rate
  - (b) The myocardium is capable of spontaneous discharge even under normal conditions
  - (c) Impulses pass through the Purkinje's system then into the bundle of His
  - (d) The sinoatrial node discharges most rapidly thereby spreading depolarisation
18. In the intestinal absorption of calcium
- (a) Active transport occurs in a brush border system
  - (b) Passive diffusion is hardly involved
  - (c) Phosphates and oxalates can increase the calcium absorption rate
  - (d) Absorption is regulated by calcitonin
18. Select a substance which is NOT contributed into semen by the seminal fluid from the seminal vesicles
- (a) Spermine
  - (b) Ascorbic acid
  - (c) Flavins
  - (d) Phosphorylcholine
20. Spermatogenesis
- (a) Occurs within the interstitial tissues of Leydig
  - (b) Requires a temperature of  $35^{\circ}\text{C}$  in order to occur efficiently
  - (c) Is a process that is supported by both androgen FSH effects
  - (d) Results in the production of fully capacitated sperms

**SECTION B: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS [40 MARKS]**

1. Briefly describe the functions of the active metabolite calcitriol **(4 marks)**
2. Outline the functions of the circulatory (blood and cardiovascular) system **(4 marks)**
3. Identify and distinguish between the two respiratory centers that are found in the pons **(4 marks)**
4. Describe the signal requirements for lymphocyte activation **(4 marks)**
5. Identify and describe the two major types of contractions that occur in the small intestines **(4 marks)**
6. Outline the organization of the gastrointestinal tract tunics **(4 marks)**
7. Apart from regulation of pH balance and urine formation, list the other functions that the kidneys perform **(4 marks)**
8. Describe how the kidneys are able to regulate pH balance in the body **(4 marks)**
9. Describe the roles played by androgens and the follicle stimulating hormone (FSH) in the maintenance of the gametogenic functions of the testes **(4 marks)**
10. Discuss the natural antimicrobial substances involved in non-specific host defense against microbes **(4 marks)**

**SECTION C: LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS [40 MARKS]**

1. Discuss the effects of agents in the extrinsic control of vascular resistance and blood flow and angiogenesis

**(20marks)**

2. With the aid of a diagram, describe the development of the female germ cells (oogenesis) from the embryonic period of development up to the formation of the secondary oocyte **(20 marks)**