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# MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MMUST)

**MAIN CAMPUS** 

# UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

#### SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

### FOR THE DEGREE OF

# BACHELOR OF MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCES & BACHELOR OF MEDICAL BIOTECHNOLOGY

COURSE CODE: BML 223

COURSE TITLE: CLINICAL HAEMATOLOGY

DATE: TIME:

#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

This paper is divided into three sections, **A B** and **C**, carrying respectively: Multiple Choice Questions (**MCQs**), Short Answer Questions (**SAQs**) and Long Answer Questions (**LAQs**). Answer ALL questions.

TIME: 2 Hours

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**BML 223: CLINICAL HAEMATOLOGY** 

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

- Q1. Which of the following is a lympho-morphologic change in reactive states?
  - a) Decrease in cytoplasm relative to the nucleus
  - b) Increase in cytoplasm relative to the nucleus
  - c) Increase in nucleus relative to the cytoplasm
  - d) Decrease in size
- Q2. The International Normalized Ratio (INR) was developed for the purpose of
  - a) Monitoring heparin therapy
  - b) Monitoring oral anticoagulant therapy
  - c) Screening for intrinsic clotting system abnormalities
  - d) Standardizing the monitoring of warfarin therapy
- Q3. Which of the following is associated with normocytic normochromic anaemia?
  - a) Iron deficiency
  - b) Primaquine
  - c) Pregnancy
  - d) Sickle cell disease
- Q4. Which of the following moves furthest to the anode on cellulose acetate electrophoresis of normal haemoglobin at pH 8.6?
  - a) Haemoglobin A
  - b) Haemoglobin D
  - c) Haemoglobin A<sub>2</sub>
  - d) Haemoglobin S
- Q5. During haemostasis, prostacyclin
  - a) Cleaves prothrombin into thrombin
  - b) Causes vasodilation
  - c) Stimulates platelet aggregation
  - d) Activates fibrinolysis
- Q6. Which of the following is a cause of secondary neutropaenia in adults?
  - a) Congenital
  - b) Anti-hypertensive drugs
  - c) Part of general pancytopaenia
  - d) Familial

- Q7. Which of the following sign is associated with anaemia?
  - a) Insomnia
  - b) Palmer pallor
  - c) Fever
  - d) Angina
- Q8. According to the FAB classification, the L2 stage is characterized by:
  - a) Large heterogenous blasts with prominent nucleoli
  - b) Small homogenous blasts with scanty nucleoli and higher nucleus to cytoplasm ratio
  - c) Large homogenous blasts with scanty nucleoli and higher nucleus to cytoplasm ratio
  - d) Large blasts with basophilic vacuolated cytoplasm
- Q9. In microcytic hypochromic anaemia
  - a) Red cells are larger with normal staining
  - b) Red blood cell count is increased
  - c) Haemtocrit and mean corpuscular haemoglobin are normal
  - d) Red cells are smaller with a pale large central pallor
- Q10. In iron deficiency anemia there is characteristically
  - a) An atrophic gastritis
  - b) A low mean corpuscular volume
  - c) A reduced total iron binding capacity
  - d) Megaloblastic changes in the bone marrow
- Q11. A laboratory finding of agranulocytosis
  - a) Complete absence of peripheral blood granulocytes and their precursors in the bone marrow
  - b) Acute bacterial infections
  - c) Myeloproliferative disorders
  - d) Increased numbers of granulocytes in blood and bone marrow
- Q12. A laboratory finding of aplastic anaemia
  - a) Pancytopaenia
  - b) Erythrocytosis
  - c) Bone marrow hypercellularity
  - d) Reticulocytosis

- Q13. Which of the following is a vitamin K-dependent coagulation factor?.
  - a) Thromboplastin
  - b) Stuart Prower factor
  - c) Hageman factor
  - d) Proaccelerin
- Q14. Which of the following is a cause of hereditary haemolytic anaemia?
  - a) Anti-erythrocyte IgM
  - b) Spherocytosis
  - c) Henna
  - d) Burns
- Q15. Which of the following is a mechanism underlying antithrombin III mediated inhibition of coagulation?
  - a) Inhibition of Christmas factor
  - b) Inactivation of anti-haemophilic factor
  - c) Inhibition of thrombin
  - d) Inhibition of plasmin
- Q16. Which of the following is a cause of basophilia?
  - a) Hodgkin's disease
  - b) Hypothyroidism
  - c) Lymphoma
  - d) Bacterial infections
- Q17. Which of the following is a characteristic of infectious mononucleosis?
  - a) Caused by herpes simplex virus
  - b) Decreased atypical mononuclear cells in peripheral blood
  - c) High titers of heterophile antibodies
  - d) Peak incidence at ages 20–25 years
- Q18. Which of the following is a laboratory finding in leukaemia?
  - a) Cutaneous haemorrhagic lesions
  - b) More than 90% blasts in bone marrow aspirates
  - c) Splenomegaly
  - d) Enlarged cervical lymph nodes
- Q19. Alpha platelet granules contain?
  - a) Serotonin
  - b) Protein S
  - c) Adenosine diphosphate
  - d) Calcium

- Q20. The beta-chain variant affecting the sixth amino acid is caused by?
  - a) Substitution of lysine for glutamic acid
  - b) Deletion of valine
  - c) Inversion of glutamic acid
  - d) Substitution of valine for glutamic acid

### SECTION B: SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONS (40 MARKS)

- 1. Define the following terms (5 marks).
  - a) Polycythaemia
  - b) Leukemoid reaction
  - c) LAP test
  - d) Lymphocytosis
- 2. Outline the causes of macrocytic anaemia (8 marks)
- 3. State any 8 laboratory findings in haemolytic anaemia (5 marks).
- 4. Explain the role of Philadelphia chromosome in the pathogenesis of chronic myeloid leukaemia (8 marks).
- 5. Describe the causes of neutrophilia (8 marks).

#### **SECTION C: LONG-ANSWER QUESTIONS (40 MARKS)**

- 1. Describe laboratory tests for blood coagulation (20 marks).
- 2. Discuss the laboratory tests for the diagnosis of haemoglobinopathies (20 marks).