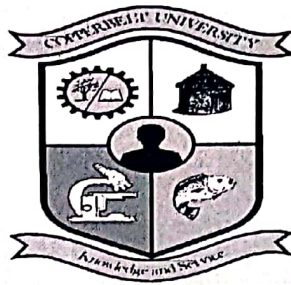


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MBS 240**

**Term 1- Laboratory Sciences**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: 1 hr and 15 minutes.

**Instructions:**

**Section A: Multiple choice Questions (20 marks).**

Choose one correct answer and circle the letter in front of it.

There are 20 questions

Answer all questions

**Section B: Short answers (30 marks).**

Write short notes on 3 out of the 5 questions.

10 Marks are allocated to each question.

Write your Student ID number on top of each page of the answer book.

**Section A. Multiple choice questions.**

1. Which one of the following is TRUE about "Steady state"?

- ☒ a) Is the same as chemical equilibrium
- ☐ b) Is the same as homeostasis
- ☐ c) Is not the same as chemical equilibrium
- ☐ d) Conditions are not stable within the system
- ☐ e) None of the above

2. In Resting state:

- ☐ a) Minor pathology may be missed
- ☒ b) Excretory function is investigated
- ☐ c) Secretory function is investigated
- ☒ d) All of the above
- ☐ e) None of the above

3. In chemical pathology, what information is given by a biochemical test that addressed the question "what else is wrong"?

- ☐ a) Definite diagnosis of the disease
- ☐ b) Complication of the disease
- ☒ c) Progression of the disease
- ☐ d) Prognosis of the disease
- ☐ e) All of the above

4. Which of the following body fluids is NOT usually analysed in chemical pathology?

- a) Cerebral spinal fluids
- b) Peritoneal fluid
- c) Synovial fluid
- ☒ d) Sweat
- e) Pleural fluids

5. What is the total volume of blood of a woman who weighs 55Kg?

- ☒ a) 3.6L
- b) 4.2L
- c) 5.0L
- d) 2.7L
- e) 6.0L

6. Which one of the following lies in the normal range of Haemoglobin A2 in adults?

- a) 1%
- ☒ b) 2%
- c) 5%
- d) 6%
- e) 0.8%

7. Which one of the following anticoagulants is commonly used in haematology?

- a) Double oxalate
- ☒ b) Versene
- ☒ c) Heparin
- d) Sodium fluoride
- e) None of the above

None of the above: the correct answer was supposed to be EDTA  
Ethylene Diamine Tetra Acetic Acid

8. In which symbiotic relationship is there physiological dependency of both symbionts on each other?

- a) Parasitism
- ☒ b) Phoresis
- ☒ c) Mutualism
- d) Commensalism
- e) None of the above

9. Which one of the following is NOT an example of tissue damage due to parasitic infection?

- ☒ a) Necrosis
- ☒ b) Erosion
- ☒ c) Neoplasia
- d) Fatty degeneration
- ☒ e) None of the above

Neoplasia, its under tissue change, not damage

10. One of the following is NOT an essential component of Standard Operation Procedure Manual (SOPM):

- a) Antimicrobial susceptibility testing
- ☒ b) Serological testing
- ☒ c) Inoculation procedures
- d) Specimen collection
- ☒ e) Consistent with laboratory policy

11. The following virus has a complex symmetry

- ☒ a) Adenovirus
- ☒ b) Pox virus
- ☒ c) SARS 2 Coronavirus
- d) Retroviruses
- e) Influenza virus



12. Viruses are released from the cells by

- a) Excretion
- b) Budding
- ~~c) Ejection~~
- d) Adsorption
- ~~e) Hemostasis~~

This is a process where the virus particle pushes against the cell membrane, creating a bulge. This bulge eventually pinches off, enclosing the virus within a new envelope derived from the host cell membrane. This is common in enveloped viruses like HIV and influenza.

13. Baltimore classified viruses based

- a) Shape of capsid
- ~~b) Size of virus~~
- ☒ c) Messenger RNA
- d) DNA strands
- e) RNA Strands

14. During slide preparation for microscopic examinations:

- a) Fixation is the treatment of cells with a mild surfactant which dissolves the cell membrane.
- ☒ b) Auramine-rhodamine is fluorescent dye that stains acid fast organisms.
- c) The gram stain is used to detect blood parasites.
- d) Potassium hydroxide is used as a contrast stain.
- e) India ink is used to differentiate gram positive bacteria from gram negative bacteria.

15. With regards to microscopic methods:

- a) Fluorescent microscopy has a higher resolution than an electron microscopy.
- b) All microscopes require staining of the specimen before visualisation.
- ~~c) Brightfield microscopy creates a 3D image.~~
- ☒ d) Darkfield microscopy causes the specimen to appear dark against an illuminated background.
- ☒ e) The phase contrast microscope relies on the principle of light being dispersed according to specimen density.

16. Which of the following statements on the parts of the microscope is correct?

- a) The condenser magnifies the specimen.
- b) The ocular lenses on the light microscope typically have a magnification of 100x.
- ☒ c) The magnification of a microscope is determined by the power of the ocular and objective lenses.
- d) The phase contrast uses a mercury lamp as a light source.
- e) All of the above.

17. Pili are thin short appendages extruding from the cytoplasmic membrane of certain bacteria. These pili are involved in

- a) Movement
- b) Attachment
- ☒ c) Attachment and DNA transfer
- d) Movement and attachment

18. Protective mechanisms used by bacteria to survive in the host may be

- ☒ a) Capsule
- b) Various enzymes
- c) Adhesion to cells
- d) All the above

19. The ability of an infectious agent to cause disease is called

- a) Virulence
- b) Toxigenicity
- ☒ c) Pathogenicity
- d) Infection

20. Which is the correct way to write the genus and species names of bacteria?

- ☒ a) *Staphylococcus aureus*
- b) *staphylococcus aureus*
- c) *Staphylococcus Aureus*
- d) *Staphylococcus. aureus*

**Section B. Short answer questions.**

1. Describe how you would go about setting up a functional medical laboratory in a hospital (in a logical sequence).
2. The normal range of serum iron for an adult man is 12.5-31.3  $\mu\text{mol/l}$ . What is the meaning of this statement? Define "Normal range". Which factors cause variation in this normal range?
3. Briefly describe group 3 viruses according to Baltimore.
4. Compare and contrast features of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells.
5. Bacteria can either be pathogenic or commensal. Describe the features that make some bacteria pathogenic.



## Question 2

The normal range of Serum iron for an adult man is  $12.5 - 31.3 \text{ } \mu\text{mol/L}$ . This statement means that if levels of Serum iron are less than 12.5 or greater than 31.3 they are considered to be abnormal.

Normal range is a set of defined minimum and maximum normal values of a particular analyte in the body fluid.

The following are some of the factors that affect normal range;

### Methodology.

The type of method used when collecting body fluids affects the normal range. There is no one type of method, different types of methods affect the body fluid differently.

### Physiological factors.

- i.e. menstrual cycle

### Racial

- nutritional
- Environmental

### Sex

Normal ranges of some body fluids are higher in male compared to female.

### Age:

Age also affects the normal range of body fluid in that at different stages of age certain body fluids are either high or low.

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