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Q3.1.1 Short Answer: What is psychopharmacology, and why do we study it?

Answer:

Q3.1.2 Multiple Choice: Which of the following is NOT a function of psychopharmacology?

- (A) Study the effects of drugs on the nervous system
- (B) Study the effects of drugs on behavior
- (C) Study the effects of drugs on the immune system
- (D) Study the effects of drugs on neurotransmitter systems

Q3.1.3 Fill in the Blank: The location at which a drug interacts with the body to produce its effects is called the _____.

Q3.1.4 Short Answer: What is the difference between an agonist and an antagonist?

Answer:

Q3.1.5 True or False: Drugs directly create effects in the body.

Answer:

Q3.1.6 Multiple Choice: Which of the following is an example of a drug that acts as an agonist?

- (A) Naloxone
- (B) Morphine
- (C) Curare
- (D) Atropine

Q3.1.7 Short Answer: What is selective action?

Answer:

Q3.1.8 Short Answer: What is an example of how an agonistic effect can become antagonistic?

Answer:



Q3.1.9 Multiple Choice: What is a precursor?

- (A) A substance that inhibits neurotransmitter release
- (B) A substance that enhances neurotransmitter release
- (C) A substance from which another substance is formed
- (D) A substance that blocks neurotransmitter receptors

Q3.1.10 Fill in the Blank: The process of creating a neurotransmitter from its precursors is called _____.

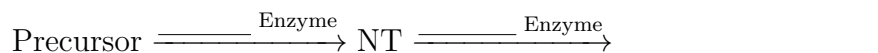
Q3.1.11 Fill in the Blanks: A(n) _____ agonist binds to the same receptor as the neurotransmitter and _____ its effects, while a(n) _____ agonist binds to a different site on the receptor and _____ the effects of the neurotransmitter.

Q3.1.12 Fill in the Blanks: A(n) _____ antagonist binds to a different site on the receptor and _____ the effects of the neurotransmitter, while a(n) _____ antagonist binds to the same receptor as the neurotransmitter and _____ its effects.

Q3.1.13 Multiple Choice: Drugs that cause the action potential to stay in a depolarized state are called:

- (A) Agonists
- (B) Depolarizing agents
- (C) Antagonists
- (D) Inverse agonists

Q3.1.14 Fill in the Blanks: In the following diagram, label the specific enzyme for each arrow, and identify the outcome:



Q3.1.15 Long(-ish) Answer: Describe the difference between a neurotransmitter and a neuromodulator.

Answer:



Q3.1.16 Matching: Match the following examples with them either being an antagonist or an agonist. (Some of these may be direct or indirect. Specify each one.)

Choices

- (a) *Curare*
- (b) *Atropine*
- (c) *Morphine*
- (d) *Naloxone*
- (e) *Botulinum Toxin*
- (f) Interfering with docking proteins
- (g) Blocking the reuptake of a neurotransmitter
- (h) *Sarin*
- (i) Interfering with vesicles
- (j) Blocking receptors
- (k) Black widow spider venom
- (l) Cobra and Krait Venom
- (m) Parathion
- (n) DFP
- (o) *Physostigmine*

- (1) Direct antagonist _____
- (2) Indirect antagonist _____
- (3) Direct agonist _____
- (4) Indirect agonist _____
- (5) Antagonist _____
- (6) Agonist _____

3.2

Q3.2.1 Multiple Choice: Which of the following neurochemicals does NOT transmit information (according to our notes)?



- (A) Dopamine
(C) GABA

- (B) Glutamate
(D) Glycine

Q3.2.2 Fill in the Blank: Peptides are short chains of _____.

Q3.2.3 Fill in the Blanks: The difference between opioids and opiates are that opioids are _____ and opiates are _____.

Q3.2.4 Short Answer: What is the pain pathway for the face? What about from the neck down? (Generally speaking.)

Answer:

Q3.2.5 Fill in the Blanks: The three types of opioid receptors are _____, _____, and _____.

Q3.2.6 Long Answer: What are each of the three opioid receptors responsible for, and what neurochemicals bind to each the most?

Answer:

Q3.2.7 Multiple Choice: Prostaglandins become active during

- (A) Resting-and-Digesting (B) Crying
(C) Daydreaming (D) Bleeding

Q3.2.8 True or False: *Celecoxib (Celebrex)*, a COX-2 Inhibitor, was removed from the market because it causes heart attacks and stroke.

Answer:

Q3.2.9 Fill in the Blank: *Cylooxygenase (COX)* is an enzyme that converts inactive _____ to its active state.

Q3.2.10 Long Answer: List the characteristics for the direct pain pathway and the indirect pain pathway.

Answer:

Q3.2.11 Fill in the Blanks: Pain arrives at the _____, then travels to the _____. Once there, it is processed by several brain regions. First, the _____ contributes to arousal. Then, the _____, particularly the



anterior cingulate cortex (ACC), processes the emotional aspects of pain. When the pain is overwhelming, the _____ activates and releases endogenous opioids to reduce the sensation—this allows a person, for example, to escape danger despite a severe injury. Finally, the _____ and other areas help interpret and associate the pain with context.

Q3.2.12 Matching: Match the following drugs with their respective NSAID class.

Choices

- (a) Ibuprofen
- (b) Aspirin
- (c) Diflunisal
- (d) Naproxen
- (e) Salsalate
- (f) Ketoprofen

- (1) Propionic Acid Derivatives _____
- (2) Salicylates _____

Q3.2.13 Long Answer: Some studies show that both the placebo effect and acupuncture can be blocked by Naloxone, an opioid antagonist. What does this suggest about the mechanism of acupuncture's pain-relieving effects? Does this prove that acupuncture is not entirely a placebo?

Answer:

Q3.2.14 Short Answer: What are some of the functions of opioids? (List the main effects and the side effects.)

Answer:

Q3.2.15 True or False: The term *colocalized* means two or more neurotransmitters are released from two separate neurons at the same time.

Answer:

Q3.2.16 Short Answer: What is the definition of pain? (DO NOT say this exam!!!!!!!)

Answer:





3.3

Q3.3.1 True or False: The amines (monoamines) are derived from amino acids.

Answer:

Q3.3.2 Short Answer: Name three neurotransmitters that fall under the amino acid category.

Answer:

Q3.3.3 Fill in the Blank: The two indolamines are _____ and _____.

Q3.3.4 Multiple Choice: What amino acid are indolamines derived from?

- (A) Tryptophan (B) Tyrosine (C) Glutamate (D) Glycine

Q3.3.5 Fill in the Blank: The precursor to glutamate is _____, and the enzyme that synthesizes glutamate from it is _____.

Q3.3.6 Short Answer: What receptor does ketamine bind to, and what is its effect?

Answer:

Q3.3.7 Fill in the Blank: The enzyme _____ deactivates anandamide.

Q3.3.8 True or False: The most common excitatory neurotransmitter in the brain is GABA.

Answer:

Q3.3.9 Fill in the Blank: The drug _____ is a direct antagonist of the NMDA receptor and can cause hallucinations and dissociation.

Q3.3.10 Short Answer: What transporters are responsible for glutamate reuptake, and why is this process important?

Answer:

Q3.3.11 Multiple Choice: Which receptor is closely associated with glutamate and is important for synaptic plasticity and memory formation?

- (A) GABA receptor (B) NMDA receptor
(C) Serotonin receptor (D) Dopamine receptor

Q3.3.12 Short Answer: What enzyme converts glutamate into GABA, and what type of neurotransmitter is GABA?

Answer:

Q3.3.13 Fill in the Blanks: The three catecholamine neurotransmitters are _____, _____, and _____.



Q3.3.14 Multiple Choice: What do all catecholamines contain, and what amino acid are they derived from?

- (A) Catechol and are derived from tryptophan
- (B) Catechol and are derived from tyrosine
- (C) Indole and are derived from tryptophan
- (D) Indole and are derived from tyrosine

Q3.3.15 Fill in the Blank: The enzyme _____ converts tyrosine into L-DOPA.

Q3.3.16 Short Answer: Explain how botox interferes with emotional expression.

Answer:

Q3.3.17 Fill in the Blank: The orbicularis oculi muscle influences _____.

Q3.3.18 True or False: Tyrosine is the precursor for serotonin.

Answer:

Q3.3.19 Short Answer: What are the names of the systems that use dopamine, norepinephrine, and epinephrine? *Answer:*

Q3.3.20 Fill in the Blanks: Melatonin is synthesized from _____ and is involved in regulating _____.

Q3.3.21 Short Answer: What is another name for peptides in the context of neurotransmitters, and give an example. *Answer:*

Q3.3.22 Multiple Choice: What is the name of the endogenous cannabinoid neurotransmitter whose name means “bliss” in Sanskrit?

- (A) Anandamide
- (B) Cannabidiol
- (C) Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)
- (D) 2-Arachidonoylglycerol (2-AG)

Q3.3.23 Short Answer: How are lipid-based neurotransmitters synthesized and stored?

Answer:

Q3.3.24 Fill in the Blank: The gaseous neurotransmitter that is required for an erection is _____.

Q3.3.25 Long Answer: Describe the study that addressed the question, “Does Botox decrease emotional experience?” Describe the population, the method, and the results

Answer:



Q3.3.26 Short Answer: Name one neurotransmitter that is a nucleoside. What is its function?

Answer:

Q3.3.27 Fill in the Blanks: Fill in the following spaces that describe the process of dopamine metabolism: DA is broken down by _____ into _____. Then, _____ converts it into _____.

Q3.3.28 Short Answer: What are the results of the study into depression that asks “Can Botox be used as a good thing?”

Answer

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### 3.4:

**Q3.4.1 Short Answer:** What does cholinergic mean?

*Answer:*

**Q3.4.2 Multiple Choice:** Who first discovered acetylcholine in 1921?

(A) Otto von Loewy

(B) James Olds

(C) Neal Miller

(D) Peter Milner

**Q3.4.3 Short Answer:** What experiment led to the discovery of acetylcholine?

*Answer:*

**Q3.4.4 Fill in the Blank:** The original name given to acetylcholine by its discoverer was \_\_\_\_\_.

**Q3.4.5 Short Answer:** What are the two types of ACh receptors?

*Answer:*

**Q3.4.6 True or False:** Acetylcholine is the only neurotransmitter used in the parasympathetic branch of the autonomic nervous system.

*Answer:*

**Q3.4.7 Fill in the Blanks:** In the sympathetic nervous system, ACh is used at the \_\_\_\_\_, while NE is used at the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Q3.4.8 Multiple Choice:** Which of the following is NOT a function of ACh in the CNS?





- (A) Learning and alertness (B) Memory  
(C) REM sleep generation (D) Pain modulation

**Q3.4.9 Short Answer:** Describe the synthesis of acetylcholine.

*Answer:*

**Q3.4.10 Fill in the Blanks:** The precursor to acetylcholine is \_\_\_\_\_ and the enzyme that synthesizes acetylcholine is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Q3.4.11 Short Answer:** Explain how acetylcholine is metabolized.

*Answer:*

**Q3.4.12 Multiple Choice:** Which type of ACh receptor is ionotropic?

- (A) Nicotinic receptors  
(B) Muscarinic receptors  
(C) Both nicotinic and muscarinic receptors  
(D) Neither nicotinic nor muscarinic receptors

**Q3.4.13 Short Answer:** Explain what the sympathetic chain is, and where it is located.

*Answer:*

**Q3.4.14 Fill in the Blank:** The drug \_\_\_\_\_ is a direct antagonist of nicotinic receptors, causing paralysis.

**Q3.4.15 True or False:** Atropine blocks muscarinic receptors and is derived from the plant known as belladonna alkaloids (deadly nightshade).

*Answer:*

**Q3.4.16 Short Answer:** How does Botulinum Toxin interfere with acetylcholine function?

*Answer:*

**Q3.4.17 Fill in the Blanks:** Black Widow Spider venom causes \_\_\_\_\_ of ACh, while Cobra venom \_\_\_\_\_ ACh receptors.

**Q3.4.18 Multiple Choice:** Which of the following is a reversible AChE blocker used to treat myasthenia gravis?

- (A) Sarin (B) Parathion  
(C) Neostigmine (Prostigmin) (D) DFP (Diisopropylfluorophosphate)

**Q3.4.19 True or False:** *Donepezil* (**Aricept**) crosses the blood-brain barrier and is used to treat the cognitive symptoms of Alzheimer's disease.

*Answer:*



**Q3.4.20 True or False:** Nicotinic receptors are antagonists at low doses, but agonists at high doses.

*Answer:*

**Q3.4.21 Multiple Choice:** In the PNS, where are nicotinic receptors predominantly located?

- (A) Brain and spinal cord
- (B) Neuromuscular junctions
- (C) Autonomic ganglia
- (D) All of the above

**Q3.4.22 Long Answer:** Define the neuromuscular junction and the paravertebral ganglion.

*Answer:*

**Q3.4.23 Multiple Choice:** In the sympathetic nervous system, which neurotransmitter is used at the neuromuscular junction with smooth muscles and glands?

- (A) Acetylcholine
- (B) Norepinephrine
- (C) Dopamine
- (D) Serotonin

**Q3.4.24 True or False:** In the sympathetic nervous system, acetylcholine is the neurotransmitter used at the neuromuscular junction with sweat glands.

*Answer:*

**Q3.4.25 Fill in the Blanks:** The \_\_\_\_\_ is a chain of ganglia that runs parallel to the spinal cord. This is why when you get anxious, \_\_\_\_\_ of your body responds at once.

**Q3.4.26 Short Answer:** Compare the neurotransmitters used in the parasympathetic nervous system versus the sympathetic nervous system.

*Answer:*

**Q3.4.27 Multiple Choice:** Which of the following statements about acetylcholine in the autonomic nervous system is FALSE?

- (A) ACh is the only neurotransmitter in the parasympathetic branch
- (B) ACh is used at preganglionic synapses in both sympathetic and parasympathetic branches
- (C) ACh is used at postganglionic synapses to sweat glands in the sympathetic branch
- (D) ACh is the primary neurotransmitter at the neuromuscular junction with smooth muscles in the sympathetic branch

**Q3.4.28 Fill in the Blank:** In the somatic nervous system, ACh \_\_\_\_\_ the neuromuscular junction.



**Q3.4.29 Short Answer:** Explain the role of acetylcholine in the somatic nervous system.

*Answer:*

**Q3.4.30 Matching:** Match each brain structure with its projection target.

**Choices**

- (a) Nucleus Basalis
- (b) Medial Septal Nucleus and Nucleus of Diagonal Band
- (c) Pedunculopontine nucleus (PPT) and Laterodorsal Tegmental Nucleus (LDT)

- (1) Projects to the cortex ..... \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Projects to the hippocampus through the fornix ..... \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) Projects to the pons and thalamus ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Q3.4.31 Multiple Choice:** Which structure in the basal forebrain that uses ACh is primarily responsible for activating the cortex and facilitating learning?

- (A) Nucleus Basalis
- (B) Medial Septal Nucleus
- (C) Nucleus of Diagonal Band
- (D) Pedunculopontine nucleus

**Q3.4.32 True or False:** The Medial Septal Nucleus, which uses ACh, primarily modulates the amygdala.

*Answer:*

**Q3.4.33 Long Answer:** Explain the function of acetylcholine in REM sleep generation, including the specific brain structures involved.

*Answer:*

**Q3.4.34 Fill in the Blanks:** The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are structures that use acetylcholine and project to the hippocampus through the fornix.

**Q3.4.35 Short Answer:** What are the four main functions of acetylcholine in the central nervous system?

*Answer:*



**Q3.4.36 True or False:** When comparing the sympathetic and parasympathetic nervous systems, both use ACh at their preganglionic synapses.

*Answer:*

**Q3.4.37 Multiple Choice:** Which of the following correctly describes the neurotransmitter pathway in the parasympathetic nervous system?

- (A) ACh at preganglionic synapse, ACh at postganglionic synapse
- (B) ACh at preganglionic synapse, NE at postganglionic synapse
- (C) NE at preganglionic synapse, ACh at postganglionic synapse
- (D) NE at preganglionic synapse, NE at postganglionic synapse

**Q3.4.38 Shoet Answer:** What is the connection between vikings, Koryaks and ACh?

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3.5:

Q3.5.1 Fill in the Blanks: The three catecholamines are _____, _____, and _____.

Q3.5.2 Multiple Choice: What is the precursor for dopamine?

- (A) Tyrosine
- (B) L-DOPA
- (C) Tryptophan
- (D) Choline

Q3.5.3 Fill in the Blank: The rate-limiting enzyme in the synthesis of catecholamines is _____.

Q3.5.4 Short Answer: Describe the pathway of dopamine synthesis from its amino acid precursor.

Answer:

Q3.5.5 True or False: The word “tyrosine” is derived from a word meaning “tire.”

Answer:

Q3.5.6 Multiple Choice: Which pathway is involved in movement and motor control?

- (A) Nigrostriatal system
- (B) Mesocortical system
- (C) Mesolimbic system
- (D) Tuberoinfundibular system

Q3.5.7 Fill in the Blanks: The nigrostriatal pathway starts in the _____ and ends in the _____.



Q3.5.8 Short Answer: List four symptoms of Parkinson's disease.

Answer:

Q3.5.9 Multiple Choice: What neurotoxin led to the development of an animal model for Parkinson's disease?

- (A) MPTP (B) MPPP (C) MPP+ (D) MAO

Q3.5.10 Fill in the Blank: The misfolded proteins found in the brains of people with Parkinson's disease are called _____.

Q3.5.11 True or False: In Huntington's Chorea, there is too much GABA from the Striatum to the Substantia Nigra.

Answer:

Q3.5.12 Long Answer: Explain how the MPTP incident in 1982 contributed to our understanding of Parkinson's disease.

Answer:

Q3.5.13 Fill in the Blank: *Methylphenidate* (**Ritalin**) increases levels of _____ and _____ in the brain.

Q3.5.14 Multiple Choice: Which system is primarily responsible for reward and reinforcement?

- (A) Nigrostriatal system (B) Mesocortical system
(C) Mesolimbic system (D) Tuberoinfundibular system

Q3.5.15 Short Answer: What neuropeptide, also called orexin, is involved in the regulation of sleep and wakefulness?

Answer:

Q3.5.16 Fill in the Blank: The drug _____ is an orexin receptor antagonist used to treat insomnia.

Q3.5.17 True or False: The mesocortical system is involved in short-term memory, planning, and problem-solving.

Answer:

Q3.5.18 Multiple Choice: Which researchers discovered that electrical stimulation of certain brain areas could be rewarding rather than aversive?



- (A) Otto von Loewy and Vagusstoff (B) James Olds and Peter Milner
(C) Neal Miller and Delgado (D) Lateral hypothalamus researchers

Q3.5.19 Short Answer: What structure within the limbic system is considered the “pleasure center” of the brain?

Answer:

Q3.5.20 Fill in the Blanks: The following is a paragraph that describes dopamine synthesis: Tyrosine is converted to _____ by the enzyme _____. This converted form is then used to create dopamine by the enzyme _____.

Q3.5.21 Multiple Choice: Which of the following is NOT a function of dopamine in the CNS?

- (A) Movement and motor control (B) Reward and reinforcement
(C) Learning and memory (D) Sleep-wake cycles and REM sleep

Q3.5.22 Short Answer: Describe the metabolism of dopamine.

Answer:

Q3.5.23 Short Answer: Define choreoathetotic movements.

Answer:

Q3.5.24 Fill in the Blanks: The term _____ refers to slow, continuous writhing movements, while _____ (from the Greek word for “dance”) refers to rapid, purposeless, involuntary movements.

Q3.5.25 True or False: Both athetosis and choreic movements are characterized by too little movement.

Answer:

Q3.5.26 Short Answer: Where in the brain is hypocretin produced?

Answer:

Q3.5.27 Multiple Choice: Which drug increases both dopamine and norepinephrine in the brain and can be used to treat narcolepsy?

- (A) Suvorexant (Belsomra) (B) Methylphenidate (Ritalin)
(C) TAK-994 (D) Hypocretin

Q3.5.28 Short Answer: Explain the difference between athetosis and choreic movements.

Answer:



Q3.5.29 Fill in the Blank: _____ is a neuropeptide involved in the regulation of sleep and wakefulness that is also known as orexin.

Q3.5.30 Short Answer: What is the role of adenosine in the body?

Answer: