

2013 AP[®] BIOLOGY FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

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Appropriate questions include but are not limited to the following:

- How does alcohol consumption affect urine output in rats (or any mammal)?
- How does alcohol consumption affect regulation of the kidney?

- (b) **State** a hypothesis that could be tested to address the question you posed in part (a). (1 point)

Appropriate hypotheses include but are not limited to the following:

- Alcohol consumption increases urine output in rats.
- Alcohol consumption increases water retention/reabsorption in rat kidneys.
- Alcohol consumption reduces urine output in rats.
- Alcohol consumption has no effect on urine output in rats.

NOTE: This point may be earned without earning the point in part (a)

- (c) Using the data in the table, **describe** the effect of ethyl alcohol on urine production. (1 point)

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