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## BIOLOGY 2A03 TEST #1

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### Special Instructions:

- This test contains 8 pages and 40 questions
  - Mark the letter of the one fully correct answer on the scan sheet.
  - One mark per questions. 40 marks total (there is no penalty for incorrect answers)
  - Only the McMaster Standard Calculator (Casio FX-991) is permitted
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THE FOLLOWING EQUATIONS MAY BE NEEDED TO ANSWER SOME OF THE QUESTIONS ON THE QUIZ:

$$V = \frac{[S] \cdot V_{max}}{K_m + [S]}$$

$$F = \frac{K_p \cdot A}{T} \cdot ([X]_{out} - [X]_{in})$$

$$E_{ion} = \frac{61}{z} \log \left( \frac{[ion]_{out}}{[ion]_{in}} \right)$$

1. Which of the following statement(s) is/are true of homeostasis?
  - a) Internal conditions are regulated so that they match external conditions.
  - b) The stability of the internal environment depends on negative feedback.
  - c) Regulatory systems maintain the stability of the internal environment.
  - d) B and C**
  - e) All of the above
2. Which of the following statements is TRUE in regards to the hierarchical organization of the body?
  - a) All cells in the body can be classified into 3 different types: neural, muscle, and epithelial cells.
  - b) An organ system refers to the function of one organ working in isolation.
  - c) Organs are intact structures composed of a single cell type.
  - d) Blood cells are classified as a type of epithelial cell.
  - e) None of the above.**
3. What distinguishes the terms “extracellular fluid” and “interstitial fluid”?
  - a) The interstitial fluid does not include plasma.**
  - b) The interstitial fluid is inside cells, while the extracellular fluid is outside cells.
  - c) Together, the two types of fluid represent all of the water in the body.
  - d) A and B
  - e) None of the above.

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4. Referring to the Michaelis-Menten equation of enzyme kinetics, a high  $K_m$ :
  - a) represents the effect of increasing substrate concentration on reaction rate
  - b) is caused by an increase in enzyme concentration
  - c) is characteristic of enzymes with a low affinity for substrate**
  - d) has no effect on the rate of enzyme reactions
  - e) is used to calculate the effect of substrate concentration on  $V_{max}$
5. Oxidative phosphorylation
  - a) occurs in the cytosol
  - b) requires high amounts of ATP to occur
  - c) requires a proton gradient across the inner mitochondrial membrane**
  - d) generates reducing equivalents that can be used to make ATP in the Krebs cycle
  - e) C and D
6. Enzymes reduce the \_\_\_\_\_ and, thereby, increase the speed of biochemical reactions.
  - a) transformation state
  - b) mass action
  - c) chemical equilibrium constant
  - d) activation energy barrier**
  - e) rate of catalysis
7. In Fick's Law, a substance's permeability constant for diffusion across a membrane is affected by
  - a) the area of the membrane
  - b) the substance's solubility in lipid bilayers
  - c) the temperature
  - d) B and C**
  - e) All of the above
8. When an uncharged solute diffuses across a membrane, the net flux
  - a) can be described by Fick's law
  - b) always occurs down the concentration gradient for that solute
  - c) is independent of membrane potential
  - d) All of the above**
  - e) None of the above
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10. Which of the following is NOT true for all three of these transport mechanisms: facilitated diffusion, primary active transport, and secondary active transport?
- a) **All three transport mechanisms require energy**
  - b) All three transport mechanisms can show specificity for a particular solute
  - c) All three transport mechanisms involve a membrane protein
  - d) The rate of transport can be increased for all three mechanisms by increasing the number of transport molecules in the plasma membrane
  - e) All of the above are true
11. The passive movement of water across a membrane is called
- a) osmolarity
  - b) symport
  - c) **osmosis**
  - d) facilitated diffusion
  - e) antiport
12. If there is a difference in osmolarity between a cell and its environment, water will move \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) **in the direction of higher osmolarity**
  - b) into a hypotonic environment
  - c) by active transport
  - d) in order to keep cell size constant
  - e) A and B
13. Which of the following about lipophilic messengers is true?
- a) They bind receptors on the cell surface
  - b) **They can regulate the transcription of genes**
  - c) They can activate G proteins
  - d) They are released into the blood from vesicles
  - e) All of the above
14. Membrane-bound receptors
- a) can act as ligand-gated ion channels
  - b) can activate second messenger pathways when they are bound by a ligand
  - c) can catalyze biochemical reactions
  - d) can produce graded potentials in post-synaptic neurons
  - e) **All of the above**
15. The central nervous system receives sensory information from \_\_\_\_\_ and sends information to effector cells *via* \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) visceral receptors; astrocytes
  - b) sympathetic neurons; multipolar neurons
  - c) efferent neurons; afferent neurons
  - d) **afferent neurons; efferent neurons**
  - e) myelin; microglia

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16. \_\_\_\_\_ branch from the cell body and receive input from other neurons at specialized junctions called \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Somas; synapses  
b) Dendrites; cell bodies  
c) Dendrites; axon hillocks  
**d) Dendrites; synapses**  
e) Axon hillocks; dendrites
17. What type of cell enhances the speed of action potential propagation along an axon in the central nervous system?  
**a) oligodendrocyte**  
b) Schwann cell  
c) astrocyte  
d) ependymal cell  
e) microglia
18. In a resting neuron, chemical driving forces tend to cause  $\text{Na}^+$  to diffuse \_\_\_\_\_ and  $\text{Cl}^-$  to diffuse \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) outward; outward  
**b) inward; inward**  
c) inward; outward  
d) outward; inward  
e) none of the above
19. In a resting neuron, electrical driving forces tend to cause  $\text{Na}^+$  to diffuse \_\_\_\_\_ and  $\text{Cl}^-$  to diffuse \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) outward; outward  
b) inward; inward  
**c) inward; outward**  
d) outward; inward  
e) none of the above
20. If the membrane potential is -70 mV and the equilibrium potential for a negatively charged ion is -90 mV, what are the directions of the electrical driving force and the electrochemical driving force for that ion?  
a) outward; outward  
b) inward; inward  
c) inward; outward  
**d) outward; inward**

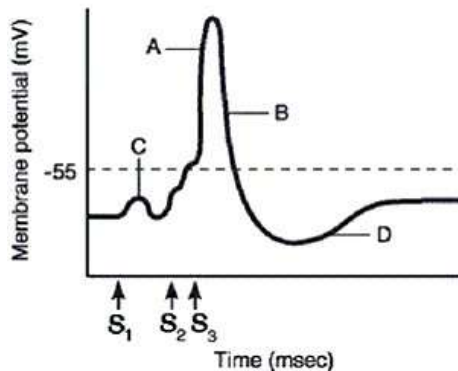
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21. What is the equilibrium potential for  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ? The concentration of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  in the intracellular fluid is 0.001 mM and in the extracellular fluid is 1.8 mM.

- a) **99 mV**
- b) 199 mV
- c) 60 mV
- d) -94 mV
- e) None of the above

The following figure illustrates the changes in membrane potential during an action potential in a neuron. Use the figure to answer questions 22 and 23.



22. What is the best term to describe the event indicated by the letter "D" in the above figure?

- a) Threshold
- b) Depolarization
- c) Repolarization
- d) **After-hyperpolarization**
- e) Absolute refractory period

23. Which statement best describes the event indicated by the letter "A" in the above figure, and how is that event initiated?

- a) It is the depolarization phase of an action potential, and it is caused by the closing of potassium channels.
- b) **It is the depolarization phase of an action potential, and it is caused by the opening of sodium channels.**
- c) It is a hyperpolarization of the membrane, and it is caused by the outward movement of potassium ions.
- d) It is a suprathreshold graded potential resulting from the opening of sodium channels.
- e) It is a subthreshold graded potential that represents an action potential.

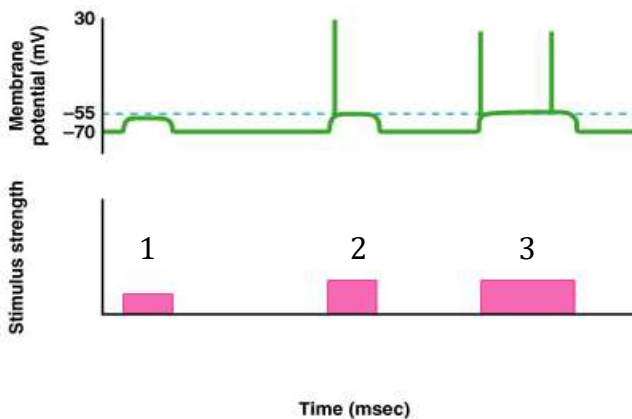
24. Which of the following is not a mechanism whereby neurotransmitters are removed from the synaptic cleft?

- a) diffusion out of the cleft
- b) degradation by enzymes
- c) active reuptake across the presynaptic membrane
- d) binding to the receptor
- e) **none – all of the above are valid mechanisms**

25. The binding of a neurotransmitter to its receptor at an inhibitory synapse can lead to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ channels.

- a) **opening : potassium**
- b) closing : potassium
- c) opening : sodium
- d) closing : chloride
- e) opening : calcium

The following figure shows the responses of a neuron to three different stimuli. Use the figure to answer questions 26 and 27.



26. Which of the following is true regarding the stimulus depicted at point 1?

- a) **It causes an excitatory graded potential.**
- b) It is sufficient to elicit an action potential.
- c) It likely caused  $K^+$  channels to open.
- d) Both A and C are true.
- e) None of the above are true.

27. Which of the following is true regarding the stimulus depicted at point 3?

- a) It is strong enough to bring the membrane to threshold.
- b) It lasts longer than the relative refractory period.
- c) It does not last as long as the absolute refractory period.
- d) It is below threshold.
- e) **Both A and B.**

28. Which of the following is false in regards to sensory systems?

- a) Sensory receptors can be specialized endings of afferent neurons.
- b) **One sensory unit comprises multiple afferent neurons and a single receptor cell.**
- c) Information about stimulus intensity is encoded by action potential frequency.
- d) Receptor potentials can decrease over time, even if stimulus strength is constant.
- e) Sensory systems are important for maintaining homeostasis.

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29. Why does eating chili peppers feel hot?
- a) They reduce action potential firing in cold thermoreceptors.
  - b) They initiate thermal signals that are transmitted to the thalamus.
  - c) They contain a substance that binds to TRP ion channels.
  - d) B and C.**
  - e) All of the above.
30. The sympathetic nervous system \_\_\_\_\_; the parasympathetic nervous system \_\_\_\_\_.
- a) innervates the heart; does not innervate the heart
  - b) is active during intense activity; is active at rest**
  - c) contains only pre-ganglionic fibres; contains only post-ganglionic fibres
  - d) uses acetylcholine as a neurotransmitter; uses epinephrine as a neurotransmitter
  - e) inhibits the cardiovascular system; inhibits the digestive system
31. Where in the central nervous system do the preganglionic neurons of the parasympathetic nervous system originate?
- a) Primarily in the thoracic region of the spinal cord
  - b) Only in the sacral region of the spinal cord
  - c) Only in the lumbar region of the spinal cord
  - d) Only in the thoracic and lumbar regions of the spinal cord
  - e) Primarily in the brainstem**
32. Which of the following describes the skeletal muscle sarcomere?
- a) The region of a myofibril between 2 adjacent Z-lines.**
  - b) The region of a myofibril between an M-line and an I-band.
  - c) The protein structure that connects a transverse tubule with a lateral sac of the sarcoplasmic reticulum.
  - d) The connection between myosin and actin during muscle shortening.
  - e) A tendon that connects skeletal muscle to bone.
33. Which of the following is an accurate description of the sliding filament model of muscle contraction:
- a) Contraction occurs as adjacent thick filaments slide past each other.
  - b) Muscle shortening occurs as myosin and tropomyosin slide past each other.
  - c) Muscle shortening occurs when thin filaments overlap each other.
  - d) Muscle shortening causes the H-zone between thin filaments to shorten.**
  - e) None of the above.
34. During the cross bridge cycle in skeletal muscle, the power stroke refers to the step when:
- a) ATP binds.
  - b) ATP is hydrolyzed.
  - c) Actin gets pulled towards the middle of the sarcomere.**
  - d)  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  binds to troponin.
  - e) None of the above.

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35. Excitation-contraction coupling in skeletal muscle depends upon:
- a) The association of troponin and myosin.
  - b) The release of calcium from the sarcoplasmic reticulum.
  - c) The physical coupling of DHP and ryanodine receptors.
  - d) B and C.**
  - e) All of the above.
36. Which of the following statements is false:
- a) Actin is the main ATP consumer in contracting skeletal muscle.**
  - b) Muscle relaxation occurs when  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ -ATPase removes excess  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  from the cytosol.
  - c) A single twitch is reproducible in magnitude and shape.
  - d) During the muscle contraction phase, cytosolic  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$  is rising.
  - e) None of the above.
37. Identify which of the following statement(s) is/are true:
- a) Large muscle fibres are recruited to contract before small fibres.
  - b) Fast glycolytic fibres tend to be recruited before slow oxidative fibres.
  - c) Each motor neuron innervates only one muscle fibre.
  - d) Recruitment order relates to the size of the cell bodies of motor neurons.**
  - e) C and D.
38. Type I fibres have many \_\_\_\_\_, are \_\_\_\_\_ contracting, and tend to be recruited \_\_\_\_\_ at the onset of contraction.
- a) Mitochondria; fast; first.
  - b) Mitochondria; fast; last.
  - c) Mitochondria; slow; first.**
  - d) Glycolytic enzymes; fast; last.
  - e) Glycolytic enzymes; slow; last.
39. During flight, hummingbirds increase power output by the flight muscles by
- a) increasing wingbeat frequency
  - b) increasing stroke amplitude**
  - c) recruiting motor units composed of fast glycolytic fibres
  - d) recruiting more motor units composed of different fibre types
  - e) none of the above
40. Having more subsarcolemmal mitochondrial is beneficial in a low oxygen environment because
- a) ATP is produced closer to myofibrils
  - b) the mitochondria are closer to capillaries**
  - c) the mitochondria require less oxygen
  - d) the mitochondria are smaller
  - e) all of the above