

**Question 1 (0.5 points)**

What is the effect of oxidized low-density lipoproteins (LDLs) in atherosclerosis?

**Question 1 options:**

- a) LDLs cause smooth muscle proliferation.
- b) LDLs cause regression of atherosclerotic plaques.
- c) LDLs increase levels of inflammatory cytokines.
- d) LDLs direct macrophages to the site in the endothelium.

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**Question 2 (0.5 points)**

Which inflammatory cytokines are released when endothelial cells are injured?

**Question 2 options:**

- a) Granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor (GM-CSF)
- b) Interferon-beta (IFN- $\beta$ ), interleukin 6 (IL-6), and granulocyte colony-stimulating factor (G-CSF)
- c) Tumor necrosis factor-alpha (TNF- $\alpha$ ), interferon-gamma (IFN- $\gamma$ ), and interleukin 1 (IL-1)
- d) Interferon-alpha (IFN- $\alpha$ ), interleukin 12 (IL-12), and macrophage colony-stimulating factor (M-CSF)

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**Question 3 (0.5 points)**

When endothelial cells are injured, which alteration contributes to atherosclerosis?

Question 3 options:

- a) Toxic oxygen radicals that oxidize low-density lipoproteins (LDLs) are released.
- b) Cells are unable to make the normal amount of vasodilating cytokines.
- c) Cells produce an increased amount of antithrombotic cytokines.
- d) Cells develop hypersensitivity to homocysteine and lipids.

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Question 4 (0.5 points)

Which factor is responsible for hypertrophy of the myocardium associated with hypertension?

Question 4 options:

- a) Increased norepinephrine
- b) Adducin
- c) Angiotensin II
- d) Insulin resistance

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Question 5 (0.5 points)

What effect does atherosclerosis have on the development of an aneurysm?

Question 5 options:

- a) Atherosclerosis causes ischemia of the intima.
- b) Atherosclerosis increases nitric oxide.
- c) **Atherosclerosis erodes the vessel wall.**
- d) Atherosclerosis obstructs the vessel.

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**Question 6 (0.5 points)**

Regarding the endothelium, what is the difference between healthy vessel walls and those that promote clot formation?

**Question 6 options:**

- a) **Inflammation and roughening of the endothelium of the artery are present.**
- b) Hypertrophy and vasoconstriction of the endothelium of the artery are present.
- c) Excessive clot formation and lipid accumulation in the endothelium of the artery are present.
- d) Evidence of age-related changes that weaken the endothelium of the artery is present.

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**Question 7 (0.5 points)**

Which form of angina occurs most often during sleep as a result of vasospasms of one or more coronary arteries?

**Question 7 options:**

- a) Unstable
- b) Stable

c) Silent

d) Prinzmetal

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#### Question 8 (0.5 points)

The pulsus paradoxus that occurs as a result of pericardial effusion is caused by a dysfunction in which mechanism?

#### Question 8 options:

- a) Diastolic filling pressure of the right ventricle and reduction of blood volume in both ventricles
- b) Blood ejected from the right atrium and reduction of blood volume in the right ventricle
- c) Blood ejected from the left atrium and reduction of blood volume in the left ventricle
- d) Diastolic filling pressure of the left ventricle and reduction of blood volume in all four heart chambers

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#### Question 9 (0.5 points)

Ventricular dilation and grossly impaired systolic function, leading to dilated heart failure, characterize which form of cardiomyopathy?

#### Question 9 options:

a) Congestive

b) Hypertrophic

c) Septal

- d) Dystrophic

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**Question 10 (0.5 points)**

Amyloidosis, hemochromatosis, or glycogen storage disease usually causes which form of cardiomyopathy?

**Question 10 options:**

- a) Infiltrative
- b) Restrictive**
- c) Septal
- d) Hypertrophic

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**Question 11 (0.5 points)**

In systolic heart failure, what effect does the renin–angiotensin–aldosterone system (RAAS) have on stroke volume?

**Question 11 options:**

- a) Increases preload and decreases afterload
- b) Increases preload and increases afterload**
- c) Decreases preload and increases afterload
- d) Decreases preload and decreases afterload

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**Question 12 (0.5 points)**

What is the cause of the dyspnea resulting from a thoracic aneurysm?

Question 12 options:

- a) Pressure on surrounding organs
- b) Poor oxygenation
- c) Formation of atherosclerotic lesions
- d) Impaired blood flow

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Question 13 (0.5 points)

Which statement is true concerning the cells' ability to synthesize cholesterol?

Question 13 options:

- a) Cell production of cholesterol is affected by the aging process.
- b) Cells produce cholesterol only when dietary fat intake is low.
- c) Most body cells are capable of producing cholesterol.
- d) Most cholesterol produced by cells is converted to the low-density form.

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Question 14 (0.5 points)

What is the trigger for angina pectoris?

Question 14 options:

- a) Atherosclerotic lesions
- b) Hyperlipidemia
- c) Myocardial necrosis
- d) **Myocardial ischemia**

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**Question 15 (0.5 points)**

Individuals being effectively managed for type 2 diabetes mellitus often experience a healthy decline in blood pressure as a result of which intervention?

Question 15 options:

- a) Managed carbohydrate intake
- b) Appropriate exercise
- c) **Insulin-sensitivity medication therapy**
- d) Introduction of minimal doses of insulin

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**Question 16 (0.5 points)**

Most cardiovascular developments occur between which weeks of gestation?

Question 16 options:

- a) **Fourth and seventh weeks**

- b) Eighth and tenth weeks
- c) Twelfth and fourteenth weeks
- d) Fifteenth and seventeenth weeks

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**Question 17 (0.5 points)**

The function of the foramen ovale in a fetus allows what to occur?

Question 17 options:

- a) Right-to-left blood shunting
- b) Left-to-right blood shunting
- c) Blood flow from the umbilical cord
- d) Blood flow to the lungs

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**Question 18 (0.5 points)**

An infant has a continuous machine-type murmur best heard at the left upper sternal border throughout systole and diastole, as well as a bounding pulse and a thrill on palpation. These clinical findings are consistent with which congenital heart defect?

Question 18 options:

- a) Atrial septal defect (ASD)

- b) Ventricular septal defect (VSD)
- c) Patent ductus arteriosus (PDA)
- d) Atrioventricular canal (AVC) defect

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**Question 19 (0.5 points)**

An infant has a crescendo-decrescendo systolic ejection murmur located between the second and third intercostal spaces along the left sternal border. A wide fixed splitting of the second heart sound is also found. These clinical findings are consistent with which congenital heart defect?

Question 19 options:

- a) Atrial septal defect (ASD)
- b) Ventricular septal defect (VSD)
- c) Patent ductus arteriosus (PDA)
- d) Atrioventricular canal (AVC) defect

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**Question 20 (0.5 points)**

An infant has a loud, harsh, holosystolic murmur and a systolic thrill that can be detected at the left lower sternal border that radiates to the neck. These clinical findings are consistent with which congenital heart defect?

Question 20 options:

- a) Atrial septal defect (ASD)
- b) Ventricular septal defect (VSD)
- c) Patent ductus arteriosus (PDA)
- d) Atrioventricular canal (AVC) defect

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