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Instructions to candidates:

This paper consist of **TWO** sections A and B

Section A –Contains MCQS, any wrong response will be penalised. Answer **ALL** questions in **Section B**.

SECTION A – MCQs – (30marks)

1. What does a haematocrit of 40% indicate
 - a) In a sample of 100ml of blood 40mls are blood cells
 - b) In a sample of 100mls of plasma 40mls are blood cells
 - c) In a sample of 40mls of blood 100% is blood cells
 - d) In a sample of 40mls of plasma 100% is blood cells
 - e) In a sample of 40mls of blood 40mls are blood cells
2. Which below cannot affect haematoit value
 - a) Shock
 - b) Dehydration
 - c) Excessive intravenous fluid administration
 - d) Infection
 - e) Anemia

3. Which below best describes electrophoresis:
 - a) Separating the components of normal Hb
 - b) Separating the components of normal red blood cells
 - c) Separating and measuring normal and abnormal Hb
 - d) Separating and measuring components of haem
 - e) Separating and measuring components of globin

4. Which statement below is false
 - a) HbA is the normal haemoglobin found in 95- 100% of adults
 - b) HbA2 presence implies β -thalassaemia
 - c) Hemoglobin electrophoresis can be done on different medium –cellulose acetate or starch gel
 - d) The pH may be altered in Hemoglobin electrophoresis to expand the range of test
 - e) Presence of Hbs implies β – thalassaemia

5. MCHC which is false
 - a) Represent the term mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration
 - b) It depends upon the size of the RBC and also the amount of Hemoglobin in each cell
 - c) MCHC is not depended on the RBC count
 - d) Useful in diagnosis of diseases /Conditions that are not dependent upon the number of RBCs.
 - e) It's a rarely used RBC indices in diagnosis of anaemia

6. ESR which is true :
 - a) It measures the rate/time at which eosinophils from a whole blood sample settle to the bottom of a vertical tube
 - b) Its influenced by Red blood cell volume surface used, density , aggregation and surface change
 - c) Sample usually examined 24hrs after collection.
 - d) Sample is collected in a plain bottle
 - e) Normal values are 80 – 90mm/hr

7. ESR which statement below is false
 - a) It's a sensitive but non specific test
 - b) Early indicator of inflammation
 - c) Currently has reduced clinical use due to the preferred use of C- reactive protein
 - d) Normal physiological state can raise the ESR such as pregnancy
 - e) Polycythemia usually results in an increased ESR

8. Which below can not affect the osmotic fragility of a cell
 - a) Burns
 - b) Hereditary spherocytosis
 - c) Dehydration
 - d) Splenectomy
 - e) Iron deficiency anemia

9. A patient has a WBC (White blood Cell) count of 6000/vl and a differential count shows 30% neutrophils and 70% lymphocytes which statement best described above statement.
- Patient has lymphocytosis
 - {Patient has normal neutrophils count
 - The patient has decreased neutrophil production
 - The patient has a severe allergic reaction
 - The patient has a low white blood cell count.
10. The following can increase neutrophils except
- Exercise
 - Inflammatory disease
 - Stress response
 - Ischemic necrosis such as burns
 - Infections
11. Which statement below is true
- Anticagulants are substances that prevent coagulation and allow for separation of blood into plasma and saline components
 - EDTA is an example of anticoagulate
 - Excess EDTA caused no change to the RBCs
 - Sodium citrate is the anticoagulant of choice for a total blood count
 - Heparin is commonly used for blood films
12. In regards to heparin:
- It acts by asmplexing with factors XII to prevent blood clotting
 - Its suitable for blood films
 - It's the prepared anticoagulant for osmotic fragility test
 - Its never used for spun haematocrit
 - It doesn't cause platelet clumping
13. Which statement is false
- Growth factors allow for differentiation, proliferation and maturation of cells
 - Availability of growth factors has made it possible to administer chemotherapy
 - Availability of the growth factors has improved patient care by improving body's ability to fight infection
 - Growth factors are used in treating anaemia hence reducing transfusion
 - Growth factors used in clinical medicine are produced by chemical synthesis

14. G-CSF

- a) Acts primarily on the erythrocyte component of blood
- b) Its mechanism of action is only at the maturation stage
- c) Its function is to increase the amount of erythrocytes in response to an inflammation
- d) Medical use is in treatment of idiopathic or congenital neutropenia
- e) It has no adverse effects in clinical setup.

15. Which below is true :-

- a) Neutrophils have a prominent segmented nucleus
- b) Neutrophils have no granules
- c) Eosinophils have a bean shaped nucleus
- d) Basophils have no granules
- e) Monocytes are small granulated cells

16. Which statement below is false

- a) Plasma is composed of water, electrolytes, plasma proteins, hormones, fats
- b) A red blood cell loses the organelles as it matures
- c) Reticulocytes last in peripheral circulation for about 2 days
- d) Lymphocytes are most numerous in young children
- e) Lymphocytes have a multilobed nucleus

17. The following are hematopoietic organs. Which is not:

- a) Spleen
- b) Liver
- c) Pancreas
- d) Lymph nodes
- e) Kidneys

18. Which statement about hematopoiesis is true:

- a) Fetal hematopoiesis starts in the 3rd trimester
- b) Only erythrocytes are made in fetal hematopoiesis
- c) The liver is a major hematopoietic organ in adulthood
- d) Yellow marrow of the bones is involved in hematopoiesis
- e) Axial skeleton hardly plays a role in hematopoiesis

19. Extramedullary haematopoiesis:

- a) Occurs in a normal physiologically fit adult
- b) Commonest sites are the lymph nodes
- c) Results in hepatosplenomegaly
- d) It refers to haematopoiesis that occurs within the yellow marrow of the bones
- e) It is always pathological whether in fetus or in adulthood.

20. Which statement below is true:
- a) A stem cell is a well differentiated cell
 - b) Stem cells are always involved in biological activities at all stages
 - c) Proliferation results in acquisition of specific character
 - d) Apoptosis refers to programmed cell death
 - e) Stem cells are not imported in hematopoiesis
21. The stroma: which is false
- a) Also referred to as the Hematopoietic inductive mucus environment
 - b) It includes the cells and support tissues
 - c) Many growth factors and cytokines are secreted within the stroma
 - d) Refers to the hematopoietic organs
 - e) Essential for hematopoiesis
22. A good hematopoietic system can't operate without the following except
- a) Iron
 - b) Stem cells
 - c) Healthy haematopoietic organs
 - d) H₂O
 - e) Growth factors
23. Factors that affect erythropoiesis are some of the following except
- a) Hypoxia
 - b) Exercise
 - c) Dietary factors
 - d) Metal ions e.g. Fe
 - e) Hormonal factors: thyroid hormones
24. Which statement below is true:
- a) Myeloblasts are the last developmental stage of granulopoiesis
 - b) Myeloblasts can never be found in the peripheral blood
 - c) Myeloblast has moderate number of granules
 - d) Myeloblast can differentiate into any of the granulocyte
 - e) Monoblast is a committed cell for the granulopoiesis
25. Which statement is true about thrombopoiesis :
- a) Megakaryoblast is the first developmental stage for thrombopoiesis
 - b) Platelets have a lifespan of 120 days
 - c) Platelets have no granules
 - d) The stem cell for thrombopoiesis is promegakaryocyte
 - e) There is little or no fragmentation of the cytoplasm

26. Which statements is false about haemoglobin
- Synthesis begins in the proerythroblast stage
 - Consists of two parts Haem and globin
 - Both Haem and globin are produced in the ribosomes
 - Factors such as vitamin B is required for synthesis of Hem
 - In formation of Haem, the final step involves insertion of ferrous iron.
27. Which statement is true about globin synthesis:
- The β -like cluster is found on the short arm of chromosome 16.
 - The β -like cluster is found on the short arm of chromosome 14
 - Globin synthesis begins in adulthood
 - Haemoglobin Portland is a type of embryonic Haemoglobin
 - HbA is a pathological haemoglobin
28. Which below is a false statement
- The fetal haemoglobin has globin chains α_2 and δ_2
 - The adult haemoglobin has globin chains α_2 and β_2
 - Folding of the globin confers it solubility and rigidity
 - During oxygenation (reaction of Hb with oxygen) the α chains move closer together
 - One Hb can bind upto 4 O₂ molecules
29. The following are visual comparison methods for estimation of haemoglobin. Which is not
- Spectrophotometric method
 - WHO haemoglobin color scale
 - Spencer method
 - Tulliquist scale method
 - Acid haematin method
30. The following are source of error in Haemoglobinometry which is not
- Excessive squeezing of finger after pricking
 - Collection of capillary blood versus collection of venous blood which is prepared
 - Prolonged use of tourniquet when collecting venous blood
 - Dirty equipment
 - Non linearity

SECTION B

1. a) Discuss Erythropoiesis and the factors that affect erythropoiesis (15marks)
b) Write short notes on stem cells (5marks)

2. a) (i) Write short notes on the red blood cell indices
(ii) State the types of anemia that can be classified using the red cell indices (5marks)
b) (i) Discuss fetal and adult hematopoiesis and state the hematopoietic organs
(ii) Discuss one of the organs in details . (15marks)