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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. A blood pH of 7.35 would indicate
  - a) Normal
  - b) Acidosis
  - c) Alkalosis
  - d) Neutral
  
2. Which of the following would occur from an increased capillary hydrostatic pressure?
  - a) Dehydration
  - b) Hypotonic hydration
  - c) Edema
  - d) Potassium

3. What is the major cation in the ECF?
- a) Chloride
  - b) Sodium
  - c) Bicarbonate
  - d) Potassium
4. Which of the following compartments has the highest proportion of water?
- a) Intracellular
  - b) Transcellular fluid compartment
  - c) Intravascular fluid compartment
  - d) Interstitial fluid compartment
5. What is the hormone which controls glycogenolysis?
- a) Aldosterone
  - b) ADH
  - c) Insulin
  - d) Glucagon
6. Match the following with the correct chemical formula:
- a) Weak base
  - b) Weak acid
  - c) Strong acid
  - d) Strong base
- a.  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  = a
- b. Lactic acid = b
- c. Sulphuric acid = b
- d. Potassium hydroxide = d

7. The end product of protein metabolism in man is
- a) Creatinine
  - b) Ammonia
  - c) Urea
  - d) Uric acid
8. Nitroprosside in the Berthetut reaction functions as a
- a) Buffer
  - b) Catalyst
  - c) Substrate
  - d) Chromogen
9. What is the name of the condition of high  $\text{Na}^+$  (sodium) levels in the ECF?
- a) Hyperkalemia
  - b) Hypokalemia
  - c) Hypernatremia
  - d) Hyponatremia
10. The bicarbonates
- a) Are anions of the intracellular fluids
  - b) Are anions of the extracellular fluid
  - c) Are cations of the extracellular fluid
  - d) Have a normal plasma range of 23-30mmol/l

11. How does alcohol function as a diuretic?

- a) Alcohol dilutes the blood and thus enables increased urine output
- b) Alcohol receptors in the liver senses its presence and trigger a biochemical pathway that increases urine output to rid the body of alcohol
- c) Alcohol inhibits the release of ADH and thus urine output is increased
- d) None of the above

12. Metabolic alkalosis is seen in

- a) An increase in rate and depth of breath
- b) A decrease in rate and depth of breath
- c) Excessive administration of sodium bicarbonate
- d) Administration of substances whose metabolism produces  $H^+$

13. The normal range of sodium in blood is

- a) 135 – 145 mmol/l
- b) 3.8 – 5.0 mmol/l
- c) 6.8 – 10.
- d) 5.0 – 6.8 mmol/l

14. Which of the following does not provide buffering power of blood?

- a)  $HCO_3^-/H_2CO_3$
- b)  $Na^+$
- c) Phosphate ions
- d) Plasma proteins

15. A blood pH of 7.45 would indicate

- a) Normal
- b) Acidosis
- c) Alaklosis
- d) Neutral

16. Fluid bathing tissue is classified specifically as \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Intracellular
- b) Extracellular
- c) Interstitial
- d) None of the above

17. How is it possible for the rate and depter of breathing to affect hydrogen ion concentrations in body fluids?

- a) During increased air exchange , more oxygen is exchanged with body cells, binding hydrogen ions
- b) During increased air exchange, more carbon dioxide is given, returning hydrogen ion concentrations in body fluids?
- c) During increased respiration over the long term more hemoglobin is produced, thus increasing the buffering of blood
- d) The rate and depth of breathing does not alter hydrogen ion concentration in body fluids

18. Which body compartment contains the lowest relative amount of water?

- a) Extracellular
- b) Intracellular
- c) Plasma
- d) Transcellular

19. Which of these conditions leads to a severe, life – threatening water loss?
- a) Diabetes mellitus, type 1
  - b) Diabetes mellitus, type 2
  - c) Diabetes insipidus
  - d) Hyponatremia
20. Regarding diabetes mellitus
- a) IDDM commonly seen in persons about 40 years
  - b) NIDDM tend to occur in obese persons
  - c) Serum insulin level is absolutely absent in IDDM
  - d) None of the above
21. Insulin
- a) Is a protein synthesized by B.Cells of islets of Langerhans
  - b) Secretion is stimulated by dietary glucose
  - c) Increase gluconeogenesis in liver
  - d) Increase glycogenolysis in liver and muscle
22. Which of the following conditions are associated with pre-renal elevated urea levels
- a) Severe diarrhea
  - b) Heart failure
  - c) Glomerulonephritis
  - d) None of the above

23. Which of the following disease conditions is associated with elevated bloods uric acid levels
- a) Diabetes insipid
  - b) Gout
  - c) Malaria
  - d) None of the above

**SECTION B – (40marks) Answer ALL questions**

1. Describe the following
  - a) Oval glucose tolerance test **(10marks)**
  - b) The measurement of serum electrolytes using ion selective electrodes **(10marks)**
  
2. Describe the following
  - a) Respiratory alkalosis **(5marks)**
  - b) Metabolic acidosis **(5marks)**
  
3. Describe insulin Dependent Diabetes mellitus **(10marks)**