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Mid Term Exam in Biochemistry for First Year Medical Students

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## CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER

- 1. A weak monoprotic acid (HA) has an acid dissociation constant of 4x10<sup>-5</sup> M. Which one of the solutions containing the acid and its sodium salt (NaA) will have a pH of exactly 5?
  - A. [HA] = 0.25 M; [NaA] = 0.1 M
  - B. [HA] = 0.4 M; [NaA] = 0.1 M
  - C. [HA] = 0.1 M; [NaA] = 0.4 M
  - D. [HA] = 0.1 M; [NaA] = 0.25 M
  - E. None of the above
- 2. The most abundant amino acid in collagens is:
  - A. Proline.
  - B. Hydroxyproline.
  - C. Hydroxylysine.
  - D. Glycine.
  - E. Aspartate.
- 3. Separation of an enzyme from a mixture of proteins by binding to its substrate which is covalently linked to a resin in a chromatography column is known as:
  - A. ion exchange chromatography.
  - B. gel filtration chromatography.
  - C. high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC).
  - D. affinity chromatography.
  - E. gas liquid chromatography.
- 4. All the following statements regarding phosphatidy choline are correct **EXCEPT**:
  - A. it contains two fatty acid.
  - B. it carries one positive charge & one negative charge at neutral pH.
  - C. it is called Lecithine.
  - D. the molecule contains 2 ester bonds.
  - E. it contains phosphatidic acid.

Answer question 5 and 6 based on the short peptide fragments (1-4) obtained from a larger polypeptide chains:

1.----- Gly-Met-Pro-Lys-Ala----2.-----Gly-Cys-Asp-Ser-His----3. -----Cys-Phe-Gly-Ser-Val-Gln---4.----- Gly -Arg-His-Lys-Arg-----

- 5. Which one will move fastest toward the anode during electrophoresis at pH 7.0:
  - A. 1 and 4
  - B. 3
  - C. 2
  - D. 1
  - E. 4
- 6. Which one of above segments can  $\underline{NOT}$  form one continuous  $\alpha$  helical segments:
  - A. lonly
  - B. 2 only
  - C. 3 and 2
  - D. 4 and 1
  - E. 3 and 4
- 7. An aqueous solution that contains 0.10 M ammonia and 0.10 M ammonium chloride acts as a buffer solution with a pH of 9. Calculate  $pK_b$  of ammonia.
  - A. 5
  - B. 9
  - C. 4
  - D. 10<sup>-5</sup>
  - E. 10<sup>-9</sup>
- 8. The fatty acid eicosapentaenoic belongs to which  $\omega$  family.
  - Α. ω3
  - Β. ω5
  - C. 004
  - D. ω7
  - Ε. ω9

Answer questions 9 and 10 regarding the following compound (1-4)  1. cerebrosides	
2. plasmalogens	
3. chondroitin	
4. gangliosides	
9. Which of the above lipids contain glycerol:	
A. 1	
B. 2	
C. 1 and 4	
D. 1 and 3	
E. 3	
10. Which of the above lipids contain ceramide:	
A. 3	
B. 2	
C. 2 and 3	
D. 1	
E. 1 and 4	
11. Glycoproteins:	
A. are found in cells but not in plasma.	
B. In the plasma membrane, typically have the carbohydrate portion on the cytosolic side.	THE STATE OF
C. May have the carbohydrate portion covalently linked to the protein through asparagine residues.	
D. May have the carbohydrate portion covalently linked to the	
protein mostly to the hydroxylysine residue in most proteins.	
E. All of the above are correct.	
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Consider the following peptide for the questions numbered (12-13)	
Lys-Ser-Ala-Cys-Phe-Ser-Lys-Gly-Met-Trp-Leu-Arg-Cys-Tyr- Lys-Glu	STATE OF THE PERSON NAMED IN
Asp-Arg	
12. The number of peptide bonds that can be cleaved when the peptide	
Is incubated with the digestive enzyme chymotrypsin is:	

E. 5

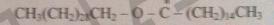
D. 4

C. 3

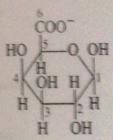
B. 2

A. 1

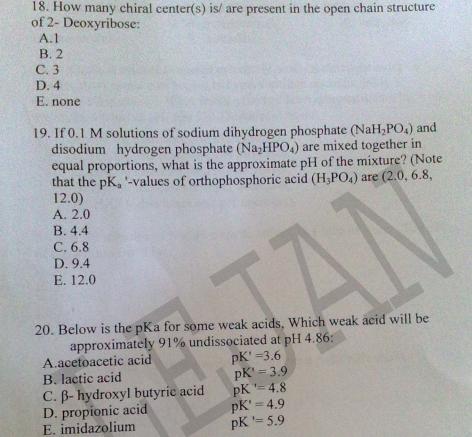
- 13. How many positive & negative charges carried by the peptide at neutral pH:
  - A. one negative four positive.
  - B. two negative & three positive
  - C. three negative & six positive
  - D. nine negative &12 positive
  - E. no charges because the pH is neutral.
- 14. You are given 1 liter of 0.5 M histidine solution at pH=0.5. How many moles of NaOH you need to add to the solution to raise the pH to 6 (note the pK, for the side chain is 6):
  - A 0.25
  - B.05
  - C. 0.75
  - D. 1.5
  - E\_3.0
- 15. The following structure is:



- A. Monoacylglycerol B. Prostaglandin
- C. Leukotreins
- D. Wax
- E. Long fatty Acid Chain
- 16. The following structure is:
  - A. Galaciose.
  - B. Sorbitol.
  - C. Glucuronic acid.
  - D. Gluconic acid.
  - E. Galacturonic acid.



- 17. Digoxin, an effective drug for congestive heart failure, is an ether that contains a sugar component and a non sugar component attached via oxygen . Digoxin would be classified as :
  - A. glycoprotein
  - B. glycoside
  - C. glucuronic acid
  - D. glucosteroid
  - E. a disaccharide



21. All the following statements are correct regarding

linoleic acid EXCEPT:

A. there are two double bonds.

B. double bonds are in trans configuration.

C. double bonds are separated by -CH<sub>2</sub>- group.

D. it is an essential fatty acids.

E. it contains 18 carbon atoms

22. One of the following designates palmitoleic acid: A 18:1  $\Delta^9$  B. 16:1  $\Delta^9$  C. 16:1  $\Delta^{9,12}$ 

A. 18:1 Δ' B. 16:1 D. 18:0 E. 16:0

- 23. All the followings are derived from cholesterol EXCEPT:

  A. testosterone.

  B. progesterone

  C. bile acids.

  D. leukotreins

  E. estradiol.

  24. A medical student becomes extremely anxious the night before a biochemistry exam and begins to hyperventilate uncontrollably (excessive breathing). What initial effects does hyperventilation have on the student's blood pH, and H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> concentration:

  A. H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> increases and pH increases.

  B. H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> decreases and pH decreases.

  C. H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> increases and pH decreases.

  D. H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> increases and pH decreases.

  E. H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> decreases and pH decreases.
  - 25. if a 10 mmoles of NaOH were dissolved in 1 liter of water. The pH of the solution will be:
  - A.2
  - B. 3
  - C. 1
  - D. 12
  - E. 9
  - 26. Which of the following amino acid(s) has a polar side chain:
  - A. valine.
  - B. leucine.
  - C. methionine.
  - D. trypyophan.
  - E. tyrosine.
  - 27. All sphingolipids have in common:
  - A. phosphate group.
- B. ceramide.
- C. phosphorylcholine.
- D. N-acetylneuraminic acid.
- E. mono- or disaccharide
- 28. The amino acid methionine:
- A. Is required for the formation of tertiary structure in proteins.
- B. Is the site where peptide bonds are broken by cyanogen bromide.
- C. Forms disulfide bonds in secreted proteins.
- D. Has an acidic pK for the thiol on the side chain.
- E, all of the above are correct.

29. oleic acid will be produced if a one double bond is introduced to one of the followings:

A. linoleic.

B. stearic acid.

C. palmitoleic acid.

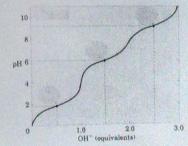
D. linolenic acid.

E. plamitic acid.

30. Compare the [H<sup>+</sup>] of gastric juice ( assume pH= 1.4) to that of blood plasma (assume pH= 7.4):

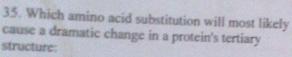
A. the [H<sup>+</sup>] of gastric juice is 6 times higher.

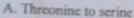
- B. the [H<sup>+</sup>] of gastric juice is 10<sup>6</sup> times higher.
- C. the [H+1] of blood plasma is 6 times higher than gastric juice.
- D. the [H<sup>+</sup>] of blood plasma is 10<sup>7</sup> times higher.
- E. the [H<sup>+</sup>] of gastric juice is about 7 times higher.
- 31. Separation of proteins based on solubility is done by which of the separation methods:
- A. electrophoresis.
- B. affinity chromatography.
- C. ion-exchange ehromatography.
- D. salting out
- E. gel filtration.
- 32. Regarding the pI of proteins, which is NOT CORRECT:
- A. the pI is the pH at which a protein has a total net charge of zero.
- B. A basic protein will have a pI greater than 7.
- C. A protein will not move in an electric field at a pH value equal to it's pI.
- D. The pI is the pH at which a protein has no negative or positive charges.
- E. A protein have least solubility at pH equal to its pI.
- 33. Shown is a titration curve of an amino acid, what is this amino acid?
  - A. Cysteine
  - B. Valine
  - C. Lysine
  - D. Histidine
  - E. Glutamic acid



34. What is the isoelectric point of the amino acid whose titration curve is shown to the right?

- A. 32
- A 3.7
- 4.25
- D. 9.67





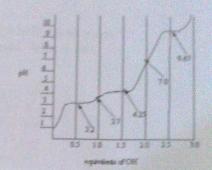
- B. Arginine to lysine
- C. Valine to leucine
- D. Isoleucine to arginine
- E. Asparagine to glutamine

## 36. Super secondary structure is:

- A. association of protein subunits (monomers)
- B. aggregate of α-helical and β-sheet structures
- C. spatial arrangement of amino acids that are near each other in the linear sequence.
- D. is called a domain
- E. any single secondary structure consist of more than 20 residues.

## 37. The major role of SDS in SDS-PAGE is to

- A. make proteins negatively charged
- B. increase buffering capacity
- C. prevent proteins from denaturation
- D. increase the pI of proteins
- E. prevent proteins from degradation

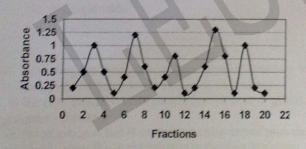


38. A mixture of proteins is applied in a pH 6.5 buffer to an anion-exchanger chromatography column and eluted. What is the FIRST protein eluted:

Protein	pI	mol. Wt.
urease	5.1	482,700
catalase	5.6	247,500
lactoglobin	5.2	37,100
hemoglobin	6.9	64,500

- A. Urease
- B. Lactoglobin
- C. Catalase
- D. Hemoglobin
- E. Both hemoglobin and lactoglobin

39. You have performed a size-exclusion chromatography to separate different proteins with different sizes. Based on the plot shown to the right, the smallest protein is the one eluted (came out) at fraction:



- A. 3
- B. 7 C. 1
- D. 15
- E. 18

- 40. You can determine when a protein is eluted out of a chromatography column by directly measuring the protein samples absorbance at nearly:
  - A. 190 nm
  - B. 260 nm
  - C. 280 nm
  - D. 460 nm
  - E. 590 nm
- 41. In α helix, which is not true:
  - A. Side chain groups project outward from the helix.
  - B. Each peptide bond can form two hydrogen bonds.
  - C. There are 3.6 amino acid residues per turn of the helix
  - D. H bonds are parallel to  $\alpha$  helix
  - E. Frequent small amino acid, glycine, is very compatible to a helix structure.
- 42. the bond connecting the two monosaccharides in sucrose is a (an) linkage:
  - A. α-1,4 glycosidic
  - B. β-1,4 glycosidic
  - C. 1,2 anomeric
  - D. a-1,6 glcosidic
  - E. 8-1,6 glcosidic
- 43. Regarding the membrane oligosaccharide structure in various blood Groups (ABO), which statement is not correct:
- A. the core structure in all people is:- N- acetyl- glucose aminegalactose fucose.
  - B. blood group A has N-acetyl galactose amine plus the core structure.
  - C. blood group B has galactose plus the core structure.
  - D. blood group O has only the core structure.
  - E. blood group AB contain core structure plus the disaccharide unit, galactose- N- acetyl galactose amine.

\*\*\*\*\*\*For the following questions (44 - 50 ) choose: A. if 1, 2 & 3 are correct. B. If 1 & 3 are correct. C. 2 & 4 are correct. D. If only 4 is correct. E. If all 1, 2, 3 & 4 are correct 44. Which of the followings are (is) glycosaminoglycan: 1. chondroitin -6-sulfate 2. heparan sulfate

- 3. hyaluronate
- 4. dermatan sulfate
- 45. Hemoglobin & myoglobin have which of the following characteristics in common:
  - 1. highly α-helical structures.
  - 2. bind one molecule of heme per globin chain.
  - 3. can bind one O2 per heme
  - 4. bind heme in a hydrophobic pocket in the globin chain.

46.B turn:

- Is a type of super secondary structure.
- It usually has a proline residue.
- It is stabilized by hydrogen bonds with another adjacent  $\beta$ turn.
- It changes the direction of polypeptide chain.
- 47. D-glucose & D- galactose are:
  - I, constituent of lactose.
  - 2. isomers
  - 3. epimers.
  - 4.aldoses
- 48. Which of the following is/are a reducing carbohydrate(s): 3. amylose 4. Erythrose 2. lactose 1. sucrose
- 49. Which of the following can cause protein denaturation:
  - 1.6 M guanidine
  - 2, 70% ethanol
  - 3.8 M urea
  - 4. strong acids or bases

- 50. Correct statements regarding the structure of various polysaccharides include:
  - 1. amylopectin is a branched polymer of  $\alpha$ -D-glucose with  $\alpha$ -1,4-glycosidic linkages& with  $\alpha$ -1,6 branching points.
  - 2. Glycogen is a branched polymer of  $\alpha$  D-glucose with  $\alpha$  1,4 glycosidic linkages & with  $\alpha$ -1,6 branching points.
  - 3. Cellulose is a non-branched polymer of glucose with  $|\beta-1,4-1|$  linkage.
  - 4. glycogen molecule is more branched than starch.