

Chapter 01: Functional Organization of the Human Body and Control of the “Internal Environment”

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MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. Which of the following statements about homeostasis is incorrect?
 - a. It refers to the maintenance of a stable internal environment for the body.
 - b. Homeostatic mechanisms do not operate in diseases.
 - c. Homeostasis requires integrated actions of the cells, tissues, organs, and multiple nervous, hormonal, and local control systems.
 - d. Homeostatic compensations that begin after a major environmental challenge may contribute to abnormalities of body function.

ANS: B

2. What is the most abundant type of cell in the human body?
 - a. Neuron
 - b. Epithelial cell
 - c. Red blood cell
 - d. White blood cell
 - e. Vascular smooth muscle cell
 - f. Skeletal muscle cell

ANS: C

3. The most abundant substance in the human body and the approximate percentage of that substance in the body is which of the following?
 - a. Protein, 30%
 - b. Protein, 60%
 - c. Water, 30%
 - d. Water, 60%
 - e. Carbohydrate, 30%
 - f. Carbohydrate, 60%

ANS: D

4. If the feedback gain of a control system is -2.0 , this means that the system is
 - a. a negative feedback system capable of correcting $1/2$ of the initial disturbance to the system.
 - b. a negative feedback system capable of correcting $2/3$ of the initial disturbance to the system.
 - c. a negative feedback system capable of correcting $3/4$ of the initial disturbance to the system.
 - d. a positive feedback system capable of correcting $1/2$ of the initial disturbance to the system.
 - e. a positive feedback system capable of correcting $2/3$ of the initial disturbance to the system.
 - f. a positive feedback system capable of correcting $3/4$ of the initial disturbance to the system.

ANS: B

5. Which of the following substances has the highest extracellular fluid to intracellular fluid concentration ratio for most mammalian cells?
- Sodium ions
 - Potassium ions
 - Carbon dioxide
 - Glucose
 - Protein

ANS: A

6. Exchange of substances between the cardiovascular system and the interstitial fluid occurs mainly in which of the following?
- Arteries
 - Arterioles
 - Capillaries
 - Venules
 - Veins

ANS: C

7. What is the approximate distance from the capillaries to most cells of the body?
- Less than 50 angstroms
 - Less than 50 microns
 - Less than 50 millimeters
 - Less than 100 angstroms
 - Less than 100 microns
 - Less than 100 millimeters

ANS: A

8. When a person is at rest, how much time is required for the blood in the circulation to traverse the entire circulatory circuit?
- 1 second
 - 1 minute
 - 3 minutes
 - 4 minutes
 - 5 minutes

ANS: B

9. The type of control system that can sometimes cause instability and vicious cycles is called
- negative feedback.
 - feed-forward control.
 - positive feedback.
 - adaptive feedback.
 - delayed negative feedback.

ANS: C

10. Which of the following is an example of positive feedback in the body?

- a. Return of blood pressure toward normal after a hemorrhage
- b. Generation of action potentials in nerves
- c. Increased respiration rate caused by accumulation of carbon dioxide in the blood
- d. Decreased sympathetic nervous system activity that occurs in response to increased blood pressure

ANS: B

11. Which of the following is an example of a “feed-forward” control system?
- a. The arterial baroreceptor system
 - b. The progressive nature of uterine contractions during childbirth
 - c. Control of skeletal muscle movements by the brain
 - d. Generation of an action potential

ANS: C

12. Which of the following is an example of negative feedback?
- Example 1: Arterial baroreceptor control of blood pressure
- Example 2: Excitation of the respiratory center by increased blood carbon dioxide concentration
- Example 3: Hemorrhagic shock caused by severe blood loss
- a. Example 1 only
 - b. Example 2 only
 - c. Example 3 only
 - d. Examples 1 and 2, but not 3
 - e. Examples 1, 2, and 3

ANS: D