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## UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA, SRI LANKA

## FIRST EXAMINATION (2nd) FOR MEDICAL DEGREES

### June 2021

# Physiology Paper II

Date: 16.06.2021. Time allowed: 3

hours

Answer all the ten questions.

 1.1 A 40 year old female patient was admitted to the hospital with a history of tiredness and palpitation on exertion. On examination, she had pale mucous membrane. Investigations revealed the following:

Hb - 7.5 g/dl

 $MCV - 70 u^3$ 

MCH - 24 pg

MCHC - 24%

1.1.1 Identify the condition giving reasons.

(30 Marks)

1.1.2 List 2 possible causes for the above mentioned (1.1) condition

(20 Marks)

- 1. 2. Briefly explain the physiological basis of the following statements.
- 1.2.1 Anaphylactic reactions can occur after exposure to an antigen. (25 Marks)
- 1.2.2 The response of the body to an antigen is faster when the same antigen enters the body second time than the first time. (25 Marks)

2.

- 2. 2.1. Describe quiet breathing (inspiration and expiration) (50 Marks)
  - 2.2 A 20 Year old male was asked to voluntarily hyperventilate for 3 minutes.
  - 2.2.1 Mentioned the change in his respiration observed at the end of voluntary hyperventilation. (10 Marks)
  - 2.2.2 Briefly explain basis for the change observed in 2.2.1 (40 Marks)
- 3.1 Describe the events and the pressure changes in the left ventricle during a normal cardiac cycle (40 Marks)
  - 3.2 Briefly explain the change in heart rate:
  - 3.2.1. At the onset (beginning) of exercise (25 Marks)
  - 3.2.2 After severe hemorrhage. (35 Marks)
- Briefly explain the physiological advantages of the following.
  - 4.1 Plateau phase in the action potential of cardiac muscle (40 Marks)
  - 4.2 SA node being the pacemaker of the heart (30 Marks)
  - 4.3 Presence of haemoglobin F in the fetus (30 Marks)





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- 5. Briefly explain the effect of following hormones on blood glucose level.
- 5.1 Insulin (25 Marks)
- 5.2 Thyroxine (25 Marks)
- 5.3 Cortisol (25 Marks)
- 5.4 Growth hormone (25 Marks)
- 6. 6.1 Describe withdrawal reflex. (40 Marks)
  - 6.2 Briefly explain the physiological basis of the following:
  - 6.2.1 Pain around umbilicus during appendicitis (30 Marks)
  - 6.2.2 Drunken gait in patients with lesion in cerebellum (30 Marks)
- 7. Briefly explain:
- 7.1 REM sleep (50 Marks)
- 7.2 Detection of frequency of sound (50 Marks)

8.

- 8.1 Describe the process of deglutition (50 Marks)
- 8.2. Briefly explain the basis of the following.
- 8.2.1 Giving omeprazole (porton pump inhibitor) to relive the symptoms of gastritis (25 Marks)

9.

- 9.1 List the components of counter current mechanism in the kidney and outline its role in concentrating the urine (40 Marks)
- 9.2 Briefly describe the role of ADH in concentrating urine (30 Marks)
- 9.3 Briefly explain the basis of glycosuria when plasma glucose concentration is about 250 mg/dl (30 Marks)

10.

- Monitoring of basal body temperature can be used as an indicator of ovulation (30 Marks)
- 10.2. Risk of miscarriage (abortion) is high during the 3rd month of pregnancy (40 Marks)
- 10.3 Males wearing tight underwear are at risk of infertility (30 Marks)

