## PBIO 376 First Midterm

- 1. Which of the following has the <u>lowest</u> pressure?
  - a. the aorta at the end of systole
  - b. the aorta at the end of diastole
  - c. a coronary artery at any time during the cardiac cycle
  - d. the pulmonary trunk at the end of systole
  - e. the pulmonary trunk at the end of diastole
- 2. Which of the following is TRUE about papillary muscles?
  - a. are the last part of the heart to contract during systole
  - b. are located in the atria
  - c. their contraction prevents stenosis of the semilunar valves
  - d. their contraction prevents prolapse of the AV valves
  - e. their contraction causes the AV valves to close
- 3. Which of the following causes the second heart sound at the beginning of diastole?
  - a. turbulent blood flow through the AV valves
  - b. opening of the AV valves
  - c. closing of the AV valves
  - d. closing of the pulmonary and aortic valves
  - e. turbulent blood flow through the pulmonary and aortic valves
- 4. In the SA node, what type of ion channel is responsible for <u>repolarization</u> (returning to a negative membrane potential)?
  - a. "funny" channel that opens in response to hyperpolarization
  - b. voltage-gated  $K^+$  channel
  - c. voltage-gated Na<sup>+</sup> channel
  - d. voltage-gated Ca<sup>++</sup> channel
  - e. ligand-gated K<sup>+</sup> channel
- 5. What prevents contractile cells from firing action potentials in rapid succession, allowing the heart time to relax between contractions so that it can pump?
  - a. inhibition by parasympathetic nerve fibers
  - b. long refractory period
  - c. intercalated discs
  - d. fibrous connective tissue of the cardiac skeleton

- Refer to the figure at right, showing the action potential in a cardiac muscle cell. Which phase corresponds to the time when voltage-gated Ca<sup>++</sup> channels are open?
  - a. phase 0
  - b. phase 1
  - c. phase 2
  - d. phase 3
  - e. phase 4





- 8. **Refer to the figure above**. Which of the following best explains the rapid change in pressure indicated by the arrow?
  - a. all the valves are closed
  - b. all the valves are open
  - c. the ventricles are contracting
  - d. the atria are contracting
  - e. heart muscle is being activated by the sympathetic nervous system

## 9. Heart failure

- a. is a term that is used to mean cardiac arrest.
- b. can occur when the ventricles don't fill properly.
- c. usually leads to decreased extracellular fluid volume.
- d. can result from an abnormally high cardiac output.
- e. is associated with decreased peripheral resistance

- 10. What is the effect of <u>norepinephrine</u> at the SA node?
  - a. increases K<sup>+</sup> permeability
  - b. causes a longer opening time for I<sub>f</sub> ("funny") channels to speed depolarization
  - c. makes the pacemaker potential take longer to get to threshold
  - d. hyperpolarizes pacemaker cells
  - e. decreases contractility
- 11. Fill in the blank. According to the Frank-Starling law of the heart, stroke volume is increased by increasing the \_\_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. afterload
  - b. peripheral resistance
  - c. heart rate
  - d. end-systolic volume
  - e. end-diastolic volume
- 12. Which of the following causes constriction of the veins to preserve blood pressure following a hemorrhage?
  - a. increased activity of the sympathetic nervous system
  - b. decreased activity of the parasympathetic nervous system
  - c. nitric oxide
  - d. acetylcholine
  - e. increased compliance of the veins
- 13. Which of the following Is responsible for short term regulation of the mean arterial pressure?
  - a. Frank-Starling law of the heart
  - b. baroreceptor reflex
  - c. kidney regulation of ECF osmolarity
  - d. increased ventilation
- 14. Heart failure causes decreased blood flow to the kidneys, resulting in which of the following pathological changes?
  - a. low ECF osmolarity
  - b. dilation of arterioles and decrease in peripheral resistance
  - c. edema (fluid accumulation in the tissues)
  - d. decreased formation of angiotensin II
  - e. orthostatic hypotension

- 15. Which of the following is a treatment for hypertension?
  - a. angiotensin II agonist
  - b. drug that increases urine volume by inhibiting Na<sup>+</sup> reabsorption
  - c. muscarinic agonist
  - d. muscarinic antagonist
  - e. beta adrenergic agonist
- 16. What type of protein is defective in cystic fibrosis?
  - a. chloride channel
  - b. glucose transporter
  - c. mucus protein
  - d. neurotransmitter receptor
  - e. cilia protein
- 17. Which of the following is a role of the Type II alveolar cells?
  - a. form the delicate gas exchange barrier
  - b. produce the connective tissue framework of the lungs
  - c. secrete mucus in the airways
  - d. protect against pathogens
  - e. secrete surfactant
- 18. What is the key problem in asthma?
  - a. increased compliance of the lung
  - b. increased connective tissue surrounding the alveoli
  - c. hyperresponsiveness of airways causing increased airway resistance
  - d. deficient secretion by submucosal glands
  - e. fluid accumulation in the alveoli
- 19. Which of the following is responsible for <u>inhalation</u> during quiet breathing?
  - a. internal intercostals
  - b. abdominal muscles
  - c. diaphragm
  - d. elastic recoil of the lungs
  - e. relaxation of airway smooth muscle

- 20. Which of the following is a characteristic seen in chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)?
  - a. compliance of the lungs is too high
  - b. reduced FEV<sub>1</sub>/FVC ratio in spirometry testing
  - c. decreased alveolar ventilation
  - d. destruction of alveoli so that there is decreased surface area available for gas exchange
  - e. ALL of the above are characteristics seen in COPD.
- 21. Which of the following is TRUE about surfactant?
  - a. Surfactant contains amphipathic molecules that collect at the air-water interface.
  - b. Surfactant increases surface tension in the fluid lining the alveoli.
  - c. Excess surfactant causes restrictive lung disease.
  - d. Surfactant is the substance that causes the pleural membranes to stick together.
  - e. Surfactant decreases the compliance of the lungs.
- 22. Efficient amounts of oxygen are transported in the blood because
  - a. oxygen has a high solubility in plasma.
  - b. oxygen reacts with water to form bicarbonate.
  - c. oxygen binds to plasma proteins.
  - d. oxygen binds to hemoglobin.
- 23. Which of the following reduces the partial pressure of oxygen in <u>alveoli</u>?
  - a. breathing air at high altitude
  - b. hyperventilation
  - c. iron deficiency
  - d. anemia
  - e. metabolic acidosis
- 24. **Refer to the graph.** Given that  $CO_2$  is produced by metabolism, the effect of PCO<sub>2</sub> depicted means that
  - a. pH increases in metabolically active tissues.
  - b. there is increased dissociation of  $O_2$  from hemoglobin in metabolically active tissues.
  - c. there is increased binding of  $O_2$  to hemoglobin in metabolically active tissues.
  - d. PCO<sub>2</sub> decreases when hemoglobin is saturated.
  - e. PCO<sub>2</sub> increases when hemoglobin is saturated.

## (e) Effect of P<sub>CO2</sub>



- 25. What is the neurotransmitter released by neurons that stimulate contraction of respiratory muscles?
  - a. dopamine
  - b. GABA
  - c. norepinephrine
  - d. acetylcholine
  - e. glutamate
- 26. Which of the following is monitored by central chemoreceptors?
  - a. arterial PCO<sub>2</sub>
  - b. arterial PO<sub>2</sub>
  - c. arterial pH
- 27. Which of the following is most likely to double the rate of ventilation?
  - a. arterial  $PCO_2$  decreases from 40 to 35 mm Hg
  - b. arterial  $PO_2$  increases from 90 to 100 mm Hg
  - c. arterial  $PO_2$  decreases from 100 to 90 mm Hg
  - d. pH increases from 7.42 to 7.44
  - e. arterial PCO<sub>2</sub> increases from 40 to 45 mm Hg
- 28. Which of the following factors most directly stimulates hyperventilation during strenuous exercise?
  - a. decrease in arterial PO<sub>2</sub>
  - b. decrease in arterial PCO<sub>2</sub>
  - c. increased lactate in the circulation
  - d. increased  $[H^+]$  in the circulation
  - e. increased  $[HCO_3^-]$  in the circulation
- 29. During strenuous exercise
  - a. increased ventilation leads to metabolic acidosis.
  - b. increased anaerobic metabolism leads to metabolic acidosis.
  - c. increased ventilation leads to respiratory acidosis.
- 30. Active hyperemia is responsible for
  - a. increasing ventilation to keep pace with the body's needs during moderate exercise.
  - b. stimulating hyperventilation during strenuous exercise.
  - c. increasing peripheral resistance during exercise.
  - d. increasing blood flow to skeletal muscles during exercise.
  - e. increasing contractility in the heart.