

Ph.D. Entrance Examination of PHARMACY

1. Which route of administration is most likely to subject a drug to a first pass effect?
 - a) Intravenous
 - b) Oral
 - c) Sublingual
 - d) Inhalational
2. If a drug is repeatedly administered at dosing intervals that are equal to its elimination half-life, the number of doses required for the plasma concentration of the drug to reach the steady state is
 - a) 2 to 3
 - b) 4 to 5
 - c) 6 to 7
 - d) 8 to 9
3. Which of the following is classified as belonging to the tyrosine kinase family of receptors?
 - a) GABA-A receptor
 - b) Adrenergic receptor
 - c) Insulin receptor
 - d) Nicotinic receptor
4. The principal action of nospapine is
 - a) Analgesic
 - b) Antiemetic
 - c) Antitussive
 - d) Antihistaminic
5. The short duration of action of thiopental is thought to be due to
 - a) Metabolism
 - b) Redistribution
 - c) Excretion
 - d) Tachyphylaxis
6. Which of the following is not an alkylating agent?
 - a) Cytarabine
 - b) Chlorambucil
 - c) Cyclophosphamide
 - d) Thiotepa
7. Oral hypoglycemic agents increase the metabolism of
 - a) Propranolol
 - b) Penicillin
 - c) Lidocaine
 - d) Digitoxin
8. The most specific agent for the treatment of petitmal epilepsy is
 - a) Carbamazepine
 - b) Phenytoin
 - c) Gabapentin
 - d) Ethosuximide
9. Antihypertensive agents that act primarily at arterioles include:
 - a) Hydralazine
 - b) Minoxidil
 - c) Diazoxide
 - d) All of the above

10. A diuretic agent that is potassium-sparing and does not depend upon the adrenal cortex for action is
- Spirolactone
 - Triamterene
 - Ethacrynic acid
 - Chlorothiazide
11. Valerian has a peculiar odour which is because of the presence of chemical constituent
- Valerenic acid
 - Isovaleric acid
 - Hydroxyvalerenic acid
 - Acetoxyvalerenic acid
12. Which of the following is true for the structure of Artemisinin
- A sesquiterpene lactone and an organic epoxide.
 - A sesterpene lactone and an organic endoperoxide.
 - A sesterpene lactone and an organic epoxide.
 - A sesquiterpene lactone and an organic endoperoxide.
13. Generally used composition of Dragendorff's reagent is
- bismuth subnitrate, tartaric acid, and sodium iodide
 - bismuth subnitrate, phosphoric acid, and potassium iodide
 - bismuth subnitrate, tartaric acid, and potassium iodide
 - bismuth subnitrate, phosphoric acid, and sodium iodide
14. Which of the following is true for ergometrine?
- Its water soluble and gives green fluorescence.
 - Its water insoluble and gives green fluorescence.
 - Its water soluble and gives blue fluorescence.
 - Its water insoluble and gives blue fluorescence.
15. Two characteristic UV absorption bands i.e. Band I (320-385nm) and Band II (250-285nm) is present in
- Quercetin
 - Menthol
 - Stigmasterol
 - None of the above
16. The end products of Shikimic acid pathway are
- Terpenes
 - Phenolics
 - Both a and b.
 - None of the above
17. Which of the following is true in terms of herbal drug adulteration.
- Digitalis leaves are adulterated with mentha leaves.
 - Mangosteen fruits are used for Bael fruits.
 - Tinnevely senna is adulterated with primrose leaves.
 - None of the above
18. As per Ayurveda, Withania somnifera is used in the ailment of
- Cardiac disorders
 - Sleep disorders
 - Sexual disorders
 - Digestive disorders.
19. Calcium present in plant tissue culture nutrient media is the component of which plant cell organelle?
- Endoplasmic reticulum
 - Cell wall and cell membrane
 - Mitochondria
 - Nucleus

20. Ergometrine is which of the following confirmation?
- Laevo
 - Dextro
 - cis
 - trans
21. Which one of the following is not used in QSAR.
- Molecular connectivity index
 - Molecular similarity index
 - c) Topological polar surface area
 - Partition coefficient
22. Which of the following terms refers to the molecular modelling computational method that uses equations obeying the laws of classical physics?
- Quantum mechanics
 - Molecular calculations
 - Molecular mechanics
 - Quantum theory
23. It is unlikely that a 'cure' of HIV is possible with current drugs because:
- Even in combination current drugs do not completely block viral replication
 - They do not penetrate to cells
 - They cannot block viral transcription from integrated viral DNA
 - They cannot penetrate to the CNS
24. The range of IR absorption for N-H bond is _____ cm-1
- 1700
 - 3400
 - 780
 - 1100
25. RBCs are hemolysed by _____ in G6PD deficiency.
- Clofazimine
 - Dapsone
 - Streptomycin
 - All of the above
26. Assay of the chloride ion in intraperitoneal dialysis fluid is carried out by
- Complexometric titration
 - Gravimetric method
 - Mohr's method
 - Karl Fischer titration
27. Nitrogen estimation is done by
- Kjeldahl method
 - Gasometry
 - Karl Fischer
 - None of the above
28. Phosphodiesterase inhibitor is used as
- Vasoconstrictor
 - Vasodilator
 - Hypotension
 - Antidiuretic agent
29. Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) certification is issued in India by
- Controller, Weights and measure, Government of India
 - Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS), Government of India
 - Department of science and Technology, Government of India
 - Drug controller General of India (DCGI), Government of India

30. Magic angle NMR is carried out at which angle?
- 52.7
 - 54.7
 - 56.7
 - 58.7
31. An ingredient that is added to a tablet formula to improve flow properties into a die for compression is known as a/an
- disintegrant
 - dissolution-enhancing agent
 - lubricant
 - surfactant
32. Which of the following is the first process that must occur before a drug can become available for absorption from a tablet dosage form?
- dissolution of the drug in the GI fluids
 - dissolution of the drug in the epithelium
 - ionisation of the drug
 - dissolution of the drug in the blood
33. An antibiotic which has a half-life of one day is formulated as a 200 mg tablet. How many milligrams of antibiotic would remain after three days?
- 25
 - 50
 - 100
 - 150
34. Sodium chloride equivalents are used to estimate the amount of sodium chloride needed to render a solution isotonic. The sodium chloride equivalent or "E" value may be defined as the
- amount of sodium chloride that is theoretically equivalent to one gram of a specified chemical
 - amount of a specified chemical theoretically equivalent to one gram of sodium chloride
 - milliequivalents of sodium chloride needed to render a solution isotonic
 - weight of a specified chemical that will render a solution isotonic
35. For many drugs, bioavailability can be evaluated using urinary excretion data. This is based on the assumption that
- bioavailability studies can be done only on drugs that are completely excreted unchanged by the kidneys
 - drug levels can be measured more accurately in urine than in blood
 - a drug must be first absorbed into the systemic circulation before it can appear in the urine
 - all of the administered dose can be recovered from the urine
36. The renal excretion of a weakly acidic drug of pKa 3.5 will be more rapid in alkaline urine than in acidic urine because
- all drugs are excreted more rapidly in alkaline urine
 - the drug will exist primarily in the unionised form, which cannot easily be reabsorbed
 - the drug will exist primarily in the ionised form, which cannot be easily reabsorbed
 - weak acids cannot be reabsorbed from the kidney tubules
37. Indicate which one of the following statements is correct. The main reason why surfactants form micelles is because:
- There is a decrease of entropy when surfactant molecules are transferred from water to a micelle
 - There is an increase of entropy when surfactant molecules are transferred from water to a micelle
 - There is a large decrease of enthalpy when micelles form
 - There is a large increase of enthalpy when micelles form

38. Indicate which one of the following statements is correct. In the solubilisation of poorly soluble drugs by aqueous surfactant solutions:
- a) Non-polar drugs are usually solubilised in the palisade layer of a non-ionic micelle
 - b) Polar drugs are usually solubilised in the micelle core
 - c) Drugs with a high octanol/water partition coefficient will usually have a high micelle/water partition coefficient
 - d) The solubilisation capacity of a non-ionic surfactant usually decreases with increase of temperature
39. Which of the following lead to attractive interaction between two particles?
- a) Born forces
 - b) electrostatic forces
 - c) van der Waals forces
 - d) steric forces
40. Indicate which of the following statements is true. Two particles will repel each other when:
- a) The primary maximum is very small.
 - b) The secondary minimum is less than the thermal energy.
 - c) The primary minimum is very deep.
 - d) None of the above

Answer Key (PHARMACY)

1. b
2. b
3. c
4. c
5. b
6. a
7. d
8. d
9. d
10. b
11. b
12. d
13. c
14. c
15. a
16. b
17. b
18. c
19. b
20. b
21. b
22. c
23. c
24. b
25. b
26. c
27. a
28. b
29. d
30. b
31. c
32. a
33. a
34. a
35. c
36. c
37. b
38. c
39. c
40. b

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