

## BIOCHEMISTRY TESTS TO PRACTICE

### 1st MTO (enzymology, bioenergetics, carbohydrates, lipids)

**1. Match the levels of protein structures in left column with the appropriate descriptions in the right column**

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| (a) Primary        | 1. Association of protein subunits  |
| (b) Secondary      | 2. Aggregate of $\alpha$ -helical and B-sheet structures                              |
| (c) Supersecondary | 3. Linear amino acid sequence   |
| (d) Tertiary       | 4. Spatial arrangement of amino acids that are near each other in the linear sequence |
| (e) Quaternary     | 5. Necessary for the catalytic activity of an enzyme                                  |

**2. Which of the following statements regarding simple Michaelis-Menten enzyme kinetics are correct? M**

- a)  $K_M$  is the concentration of substrate required to achieve one half of  $V_{max}$
- b)  $K_M$  is expressed in terms of a reaction velocity (e.g., mol s<sup>-1</sup>)
- c)  $K_M$  is the concentration of substrate required to convert one half of total enzyme into the enzyme-substrate complex
- d)  $K_M$  is the dissociation constant of the enzyme-substrate complex

**3. Which of the following statements about the different types of enzyme inhibition is/are correct? M**

- a) competitive inhibition is seen when the substrate and the inhibitor compete for the active site on the enzyme
- b) noncompetitive inhibition of an enzyme cannot be overcome by adding large amounts of substrate
- c) competitive inhibitors are often similar in chemical structure to the substrates of the inhibited enzyme
- d) competitive inhibitors often bind to the enzyme irreversibly

**4. When protein subunits combine to form a quaternary structure, which of the following interaction(s) may arise? M**

- a) hydrogen bonding
- b) hydrophobic interaction
- c) electrostatic bonding
- d) van der Waals forces

**5. Which of following statements about protein structure is/are correct? S**

- a) the extended  $\beta$ -configuration is not found in globular proteins
- b) the stability of the  $\alpha$ -helix is mainly due to hydrophobic interactions
- c) the primary structure of a peptide does not influence the formation of the native three dimensional configuration
- d) globular proteins tend to fold configurations that keep hydrophobic side chains in interior of the molecule

**6. Which of followings is a macroergic (high energy) compound of the glycolytic pathway? S**

- a) glucose-6-phosphate
- b) fructose-1,6-bisphosphate
- c) glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate
- d) 1,3-bisphosphoglycerate

**7. Which of the following aldolases is needed for the catabolism of fructose? S**

- a) threonine aldolase
- b) transaldolase
- c) aldolase A
- d) aldolase B

**8. What is the role of the hexose-monophosphate-shunt in the RBC-s? S**

- a) to generate NADPH+H<sup>+</sup>
- b) to produce ribulose-5-phosphate
- c) to oxidize glucose directly to CO<sub>2</sub>
- d) to produce more ATP

**9. Uronic acid plays a role in the following pathways of humans EXCEPT: S**

- a) conjugation of bilirubin
- b) formation of glycosaminoglycans
- c) hyaluronate synthesis
- d) synthesis of ascorbate

**10. Phosphorylase enzyme is regulated by the followings, EXCEPT: M**

- a) phosphorylase kinase
- b) Ca
- c) glucose
- d) enzyme induction

**11. ATP is an allosteric inhibitor of the following enzymes: M**

- a) lactate dehydrogenase
- b) phosphofructokinase 1
- c) phosphofructokinase 2
- d) pyruvate kinase
- e) pyruvate carboxylase

12. Which of the following statements are true in relation with glycogen storage diseases?

M

- a) in type IV disease (Andersen's), the branching enzyme is absent, thus the glycogen formed is without branches, therefore, only one phosphorylase enzyme is able to act upon one molecule of glycogen
- b) in type V disease (McArdle's), the liver phosphorylase is absent, therefore, the liver is not able to maintain the normal blood glucose level
- c) in type I disease (Gierke's), glucose-6-phosphatase is absent from the muscle, so the glucose supply for glycolysis is reduced, therefore, the patients are not capable to perform physical exercise
- d) in the B type of Gierke's disease, glucose-6-P translocase is missing

13. The fate of  $\text{NADH} + \text{H}^+$  produced in glycolysis could be: M

- a) it can be reconverted to NAD in the pyruvate-lactate anaerobic reaction
- b) in aerobic conditions, it is transported into the mitochondria by donating its proton
- c) its protons are taken up by glycerol-3-phosphate, that transports them to the mitochondria
- d) its protons gain access into the mitochondria by the malate-aspartate shuttle
- e) its protons are transported into the mitochondria by the glycerophosphate shuttle

14. Which of the following enzymes are involved in gluconeogenesis? M

- a) phosphorylase
- b) fructose-1,6-bisphosphatase
- c) aldolase B
- d) pyruvate carboxylase
- e) glycerokinase

15. How many ATP molecules per one glucose molecule are produced (net gain) in anaerobic conditions if our precursor is an unbranched glycogen? S

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4

16. Which glucose transporter is regulated by insulin? S

- a) GLUT 1
- b) GLUT 2
- c) GLUT 3
- d) GLUT 4
- e) GLUT 5

17. Which of the following enzymes is activated by fructose 2,6-bisphosphate?

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- a) aldolase B
- b) phosphofructokinase 1
- c) phosphofructokinase 2
- d) phosphorylase kinase
- e) fructose-1,6-bisphosphatase

**18. Which apoprotein activates lecithin:cholesterol acyltransferase (LCAT) ? S**

- a) apo A-I
- b) apo A-II
- c) apo B-48
- d) apo C-III
- e) apo C-II

**19. Which process/reaction is involved in the formation of NADPH+H<sup>+</sup> that is necessary for the (de novo) fatty acid synthesis? M**

- a)  $\omega$ -oxidation of fatty acids
- b)  $\beta$ -oxidation of fatty acids
- c) oxaloacetate  $\rightarrow$  malate conversion (malate dehydrogenase)
- d) malate  $\rightarrow$  pyruvate conversion (malic enzyme)
- e) pentose phosphate pathway

**20. Which statements are INCORRECT? M**

- a) pancreatic lipase acts at positions 1 and 3 of triacylglycerols
- b) colipase forms a complex (in 1:1 molar ratio) with pancreatic lipase, that inhibits the linkage of the lipase to the lipids
- c) the absence of bile acids results in decreased digestion and absorption of lipids, so a considerable amount of the lipids is found in the feces
- d) cholesteryl ester from the diet is absorbed without enzymatic hydrolysis

**21. The absence of carnitine may inhibit: M**

- a)  $\beta$ -oxidation of fatty acids
- b) the synthesis of ketone bodies from acetyl-CoA
- c) gluconeogenesis
- d) mobilization of neutral lipids (triacylglycerols)
- e) fatty acid uptake of tissues from the blood

**22. Chylomicrons are characterized by: S**

- a) they are produced in the duodenum, where the lipids are bound to proteins by covalent bonds
- b) they are produced by specific liver cells and contain mainly cholesterol and proteins
- c) they are produced in the blood from circulating lipoproteins and contain cca. 65% triacylglycerol
- d) they are produced in the intestinal epithelial cells, and they are enriched primarily in triacylglycerols

**23. Which is true in relation with  $\beta$ -oxidation of fatty acids? S**

- a) ATP is generated even if the produced acetyl-CoA does not enter the citric acid cycle
- b) it is regulated by primary allosteric modulators
- c) its substrates include propionyl-CoA
- d) NADP is required for the process

24. Which part of the lipids can be a precursor for gluconeogenesis? S

- a) a part of cholesterol
- b) acetyl-CoA
- c) glycerol
- d) phosphoric acid
- e) dicarboxylic acid formed in  $\omega$ -oxidation

CORRECTION:

- 1. a3, b4, c2, d5, e1
- 2. a,c
- 3. a,b,c
- 4. a,b,c,d
- 5. d
- 6. d
- 7. d
- 8. a
- 9. d
- 10. b,d
- 11. b,d
- 12. a,d
- 13. a,d,e
- 14. b,d
- 15. c
- 16. d
- 17. b
- 18. a
- 19. d,e
- 20. b,d
- 21. a,b,c
- 22. d
- 23. a
- 24. c