

PHARMACOKINETICS TEST BANK

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Q.1: All of the following are general mechanisms of drug permeation EXCEPT:

- (a) Aqueous diffusion
- (b) Aqueous hydrolysis
- (c) Lipid diffusion
- (d) Pinocytosis or endocytosis
- (e) Special carrier transport

Q.2: If the plasma concentration of a drug declines with “first-order kinetics”, this means that:

- (a) There is only one metabolic path for drug disposition
- (b) The half-life is the same regardless of the plasma concentration
- (c) The drug is largely metabolized in the liver after oral administration and has low bioavailability elimination
- (d) The rate of elimination is proportionate to the rate of administration at all times
- (e) The drug is not distributed outside the vascular system

Q.3: Distribution of drugs to specific tissues

- (a) Is independent of blood flow to the organ
- (b) Is independent of the solubility of the drug in that tissue
- (c) Depends on unbound drug concentration gradient between blood and tissue
- (d) Is increased for drugs that are strongly bound to plasma proteins
- (e) Has no effect on the half-life of the drug

Q.4: A physical process by which a weak acid becomes less water-soluble and more lipid-soluble at low pH is:

- (a) Distribution
- (b) Elimination
- (c) First-pass effect
- (d) Permeation
- (e) Protonation

Q.5: The following are excreted faster in basic urine:

- (a) Weak acids
- (b) Strong acids
- (c) Weak bases
- (d) None of the above

Q.6: With regard to distribution of a drug from the blood into tissues

- (a) Blood flow to tissue is an important determinant
- (b) Solubility of the drug in the tissue is an important determinant
- (c) Concentration of the drug in the blood is an important determinant
- (d) Size (volume) of the tissue is an important determinant
- (e) All of the above are important determinants

Q.7: Active transport differs from facilitated transport in following ways, EXCEPT:

- (a) Carrier is involved
- (b) It is against concentration gradient
- (c) Energy is required
- (d) All of the above

Q.8: Based on the relation between the degree of ionization and the solubility of a weak acid, the drug aspirin (pKa 3.49) will be most water-soluble at :

- (a) pH 1.0
- (b) pH 2.0
- (c) pH 3.0
- (d) pH 4.0
- (e) pH 6.0

Q.9: The route of drug administration that gives the most rapid onset of pharmacological effect is:

- (a) Intramuscular injection
- (b) Intravenous injection
- (c) Intradermal injection
- (d) Peroral administration
- (e) Subcutaneous injection

Q.10: The passage of drug molecules from a region of high drug concentration to a region of low drug concentration is known as:

- (a) Active transport
- (b) Bioavailability
- (c) Biopharmaceutics
- (d) Simple diffusion
- (e) Pinocytosis

Q.11: The earliest evidence that a drug is stored in tissue is:

- (a) An increase in plasma protein binding
- (b) A large apparent volume of distribution
- (c) A decrease in the rate of formation of metabolites by the liver
- (d) An increase in the number of side effects produced by the drug
- (e) A decrease in the amount of free drug excreted in the urine

Q.12: The intensity of the pharmacologic action of a drug is most dependent on the:

- (a) Concentration of the drug at the receptor site
- (b) Elimination half-life of the drug
- (c) Onset time of the drug after oral administration
- (d) Minimum toxic concentration (MTC) of the drug in plasma
- (e) Minimum effective concentration (MEC) of the drug in the body

Q.13: Drug that show nonlinear pharmacokinetics have which property?

- (a) A constant ratio of drug metabolites is formed as the administered dose increases
- (b) The elimination half-life increases as the administered dose increases
- (c) The area under the plasma drug concentration versus time curve (AUC) increases in direct proportion to an increase in the administered dose
- (d) Both low and high doses follow first-order elimination kinetics
- (e) The steady-state drug concentration increases in direct proportion to the dosing rate

Q.14: The loading dose of a drug is usually based on the:

- (a) Total body clearance of the drug in
- (b) Percentage of drug bound to plasma proteins
- (c) Fraction of drug excreted unchanged in the urine
- (d) Apparent volume of distribution and desired drug concentration in plasma
- (e) Area under the plasma drug concentration versus time curve

Q.15: Which tissue has the greatest capacity to bio-transform drugs?

- (a) Brain
- (b) Kidney
- (c) Liver
- (d) Lung
- (e) Skin

Q.16: Which of the following acids has the highest degree of ionization in an aqueous solution?

- (a) Aspirin $pK_a = 3.5$
- (b) Indomethacin $pK_a = 4.5$
- (c) Warfarin $pK_a = 5.1$
- (d) Ibuprofen $pK_a = 5.2$
- (e) Phenobarbital $pK_a = 7.4$

Q.17: The excretion of a weakly acidic drug generally is more rapid in alkaline urine than in acidic urine. This process occurs because

- (a) A weak acid in alkaline media will exit primarily in its ionized form, which cannot be reabsorbed easily
- (b) A weak acid in alkaline media will exit in its lipophilic form, which cannot be reabsorbed easily
- (c) All drugs are excreted more rapidly in an alkaline urine

Q.18: Alkalinization of urine hastens the excretion of

- (a) Weakly basic drugs
- (b) Weakly acidic drugs
- (c) Strong electrolytes
- (d) Non-polar drugs

Q.19: Active transport of a substance across biological membrane has the following characteristics EXCEPT:

- (a) It is specific
- (b) It is pH dependent
- (c) It is saturable
- (d) It requires metabolic energy

Q.20: Bioavailability differences among oral formulations of a drug are most likely to occur if the drug

- (a) Is freely water soluble
- (b) Is completely absorbed
- (c) Is incompletely absorbed
- (d) Undergoes little first-pass metabolism

Q.21: Bioavailability of drug refers to

- (a) Percentage of administered dose that reaches systemic circulation in the unchanged form
- (b) Ratio of oral to parenteral dose
- (c) Ratio of orally administered drug to that excreted in the feces
- (d) Ratio of drug excreted unchanged in urine to that excreted as metabolites

Q.22: Weakly acidic drugs

- (a) Are bound primarily to an acid glycoprotein in plasma
- (b) Are excreted faster in alkaline urine
- (c) Are highly ionized in the gastric juice
- (d) Do not cross blood-brain barrier
- (e) b+d

Q.23: High plasma protein binding

- (a) Increase the volume of distribution of the drug
- (b) Facilitates glomerular filtration of the drug
- (c) Minimizes drug interactions
- (d) Generally makes the drug long acting

Q.24: Biotransformation of drugs is primarily directed to

- (a) Activate the drug
- (b) Inactivate the drug
- (c) Convert lipid soluble drugs into non-lipid soluble metabolites
- (d) Convert non-lipid soluble drugs into lipid soluble metabolites

Q.25: Which of the following is not a primary/ fundamental, but a derived pharmacokinetic parameter

- (a) Bio-availability
- (b) Volume of distribution
- (c) Clearance
- (d) Plasma half-life

Q.26: If a drug is eliminated by first order kinetics

- (a) A constant amount of the drug will be eliminated per unit time
- (b) Its clearance value will remain constant
- (c) Its elimination half-life will increase with dose
- (d) It will be completely eliminated from the body in 2 x half-life period

Q.27: An undesirable effect of a drug that occurs at therapeutic doses and can be predicted from its pharmacological actions is called

- (a) Side effect
- (b) Toxic effect
- (c) Allergic reaction
- (d) Idiosyncrasy
- (e) Adverse effect

Q.28: First pass metabolism

- (a) Can increase the oral bioavailability of the drug
- (b) Occurs only in the liver
- (c) Is higher on intravenous administration
- (d) Necessitates high oral dose for certain drugs

Q.29: Pharmacokinetics is

- (a) The study of absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion of drugs
- (b) The study of biological and therapeutic effects of the drugs
- (c) The method of development of new pharmacological agent
- (d) The study of carcinogenic activity of a new drug

Q.30: In which form the drug is absorbed more rapidly?

- (a) In aqueous solution
- (b) In suspension
- (c) In oily solution
- (d) In solid form

ANSWERS

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7	8	9	10	11	12
a	e	b	d	b	a
13	14	15	16	17	18
b	d	c	a	a	b
19	20	21	22	23	24
b	c	a	b	d	c
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d	b	e	d	a	a