



## THE COLLEGES OF MEDICINE OF SOUTH AFRICA

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Primary Examination for the Fellowship of the  
College of Maxillo-Facial and Oral Surgeons of South Africa

29 June 2017

Paper 2

Physiology

(3 hours)

*All questions to be answered. Each question to be answered in a separate book (or books if more than one is required for the one answer)*

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- 1 Knowledge of the Renal system is essential for the maxillofacial and oral surgeon; answer the following questions in this regard
- a) Regarding glomerular filtration rate (GFR)
    - i) What is the normal adult range for GFR? (1)
    - ii) How is glomerular filtration rate controlled? (4)
  - b) What is the juxtaglomerular apparatus? (4)
  - c) List stimulants of renin release. (3)
  - d) Describe the production of angiotensin II. (3)
- [15]
- 2 Answer the following questions involving Acid/Base balance or homeostasis
- a) What is a buffer? (3)
  - b) What makes an ideal buffer? (2)
  - c) Describe the role of the phosphate and ammonium buffers in renal tubular fluid. (12)
  - d) Describe the role of protein and haemoglobin as buffers. (8)
- [25]
- 3 Briefly discuss the following questions involving functions of the blood
- a) List 5 products secreted by platelets and explain the role of each one. (10)
  - b) What are the causes of polycythaemia? (4)
  - c) Why is factor Xa so pivotal in the coagulation cascade? (1)
- [15]
- 4 Answer the following questions involving the Cardiovascular and Respiratory systems
- a) Name five factors affecting stroke volume. (5)
  - b) Write the complete oxygen flux formula for oxygen delivery to tissues. (5)
  - c) List the non-respiratory functions of the lung. (10)
- [20]
- 5 Answer the following question on the physiology of the Liver
- a) List five functions of the liver. (5)
  - b) List the major components of liver blood supply and indicate the contribution of each component to liver oxygen delivery. (2)
  - c) Describe the mechanism of action of protein C and protein S. (2)
  - d) What percentage of the cardiac output goes to the liver? (1)
- [10]

- 6 Answer the following on the physiology of Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)
- a) Where is cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) produced? (2)
  - b) What is the rate of CSF production? (1)
  - c) Where is CSF reabsorbed? (2)
- [5]
- 7 The physiology of the stress response to for example surgery is important knowledge to the aspirant maxillofacial and oral surgeon. Answer the following questions in this regard
- a) List the relevant hormones involved. (6)
  - b) List the systemic manifestations of the stress response to surgery. (4)
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Pathology

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- 1 A 21-year-old woman sustains multiple injuries including fractures of the right femur, tibia and the left humerus, in a motor vehicle collision. She is admitted to the hospital, and the fractures are stabilised surgically. Soon after admission to the hospital, she is in a stable condition. Two days later, however, she suddenly becomes severely dyspnoeic with a provisional diagnosis of fat embolism
- Define an embolus and list five different types of embolism. (7)
  - Briefly discuss fat embolism as the most likely cause of the sudden respiratory difficulty in this patient. (10)
  - Mention three predisposing factors for Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) in this patient. (4)
  - List four major consequences of pulmonary thrombo-embolisation. (4)
- [25]
- 2
- Discuss the oncogenic potential of Human Papillomavirus. (10)
  - Define the terms “dysplasia” and “carcinoma in situ”. (5)
  - Briefly discuss the role of ionising and UV radiation in development of cancers of the head and neck. (10)
- [25]
- 3
- What is a suture granuloma? (2)
  - Draw an annotated diagram to demonstrate the most important histologic features of the tuberculosis granuloma. (4)
  - Briefly discuss the types of diseases in the head and neck that present with granulomatous inflammation and mention the aetiology of each disease. (14)
  - Briefly discuss the role of special stains in the differential diagnosis of granulomatous inflammation. (5)
- [25]
- 4
- List the distinct morphologic patterns of tissue necrosis and give an example of each. (12)
  - Tabulate three differences between necrosis and apoptosis at the cellular level. (6)
  - Define the terms “metaplasia” and “atrophy” and give an example of each. (7)
- [25]