

TOPIC	QUESTION	ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE	NOTES
Question 1: Vascular changes of inflammation	Describe the vascular changes that occur in acute inflammation	1. Vasodilation & increased blood flow mediated by histamine and NO, action on vascular smooth muscle 2. Increased permeability 3. Stasis - incr blood viscosity and concentration of RBCs 4. Accumulation of leukocytes on vascular endothelium	Need 1 + 2 and 1 other
	What are the causes of the increased vascular permeability?	1. Gaps due to endothelial contraction via mediators ("immediate transient response"); histamine (fast), bradykinin, sub P, leukotrienes, cytokines (longer). Venules. 2. Direct injury to vessel: ("immediate sustained") 3. "Delayed prolonged" 2-12 hrs burn, radiation, toxins 4.. Leukocyte mediated injury: venules, pult caps, hours 5. Incr transcytosis: vesicles, vacuoles, incr channels VEGF 6. New vessel formation; new bvs leaky; VEGF, mediators	Need 1 and 2 others
Question 2: Role of platelets in haemostasis	Describe the formation of a primary haemostatic plug after vascular injury	1. Circulating platelets exposed to extracellular matrix (esp collagen) resulting in adhesion via vWF/Gp1b/V/IX. 2. Activation – a) Secretion of granule contents (esp $\text{Ca}^{++}$ and ADP from dense granules) and b) expression phospholipids with platelet thromboxane A <sub>2</sub> leads to 3. Aggregation = primary haemostatic plug (reversible process)	Need 3/3 bold Prompt: <i>What is the role of platelets at the site of injury?</i>
	How does this then become the secondary haemostatic plug?	1. Thrombin binds to platelet with ADP/TxA2 - increased aggregation 2. Platelet contraction occurs ("viscous metamorphosis") = secondary haemostatic plug 3. Fibrin formation locks platelets into clot (irreversible process)	Need 2/3 bold
Question 3: Tumour invasion and metastasis	Describe the steps involved in tumour cell invasion of the extracellular matrix	1. Detachment ('loosening up') of the tumour cells from each other, with breaking of intercellular bonds 2. Attachment to extracellular matrix (ECM) components, via laminin and fibronectin receptors 3. Degradation of ECM, via type IV collagenase and plasminogen activator, creating passageways 4. Migration of tumour cells, which may then lead to vascular dissemination	Accept $\geq 3$ of 4 bolded words (or a similar explanation) for a pass? Prompt: <i>"Detachment is the first step."</i>
	Describe possible mechanisms that influence the distribution of metastases	1. Tumour cell adhesion molecules ligands preferentially expressed on target organ cells 2. Chemoattractants for target tissues 3. Chemoattractants from target organs	Prompt: <i>"Chemokines have an important role"</i>

Question 4: Influenza	<p><b>How does the Influenza virus cause pneumonia?</b></p> <p>How does Influenza A cause epidemics and pandemics</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Attachment of virus to upper resp tract epithelium</li> <li>2. Necrosis of cells followed by inflammatory response</li> <li>3. Interstitial inflammation with outpouring of fluid into alveoli</li> <li>4. Secondary infection by Staph / Strep</li> </ol> <p>Mutations of Influenza A haemagglutinin and neuraminidase allow virus to escape host antibodies ( antigenic drift) and epidemics, whereas replacement of these with animal-derived RNA segments leads to new virus ( antigenic shift) and pandemics</p>	Need bolded
Question 5: Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy	<p><b>What are the characteristics of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy?</b></p> <p>What are the complications of HCM?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Myocardial hypertrophy without ventricular dilatation</li> <li>2. Asymmetrical septal thickening (septum &gt; free wall)</li> <li>3. Impaired diastolic filling and LV outflow obstruction in 25% of cases</li> </ol> <p>1. Heart Failure 2. Sudden death, ventricular arrhythmias 3. Atrial fibrillation, mural thrombus / embolisation 4. Stroke 5. Infective endocarditis mitral valve</p>	<p>Need bolded</p> <p>Prompt: What are the structural effects on the myocardium?</p> <p>Need 3/5</p>

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Question 1: Cellular changes following ischaemia	Describe the types of damage that occur inside a cell after severe ischaemia	1. ATP depletion leading to NaK pump failure, anaerobic metabolism, Ca pump failure, reduced protein synthesis and protein misfolding 2. Membrane damage - mitochondria, lysosomes and plasma membrane 3. Increased intracellular $\text{Ca}^{++}$ / loss $\text{Ca}^{++}$ homeostasis 4. Accumulation of reactive $\text{O}_2$ species 5. Defects in membrane permeability	Need 3/5 bold  Prompt: What would happen to energy production in the cell?
Question 2: Septic shock	What is an endotoxin?	Bacterial cell wall Lipopolysaccharides usually from Gram -bacilli. Consists of a generic fatty acid core and a complex polysaccharide coat unique for each species.	<b>Bold</b>
	How does an endotoxin cause septic shock?	Dose dependent activation of neutrophils, macrophages and monocytes → mediator release → local/systemic inflam. response. Activation via: LPS binding prot. + CD14 receptor via IC toll I receptor. Mediators: TNF, IL-1, 6, 8, chemokines → cytokine release  Low dose: enhanced local inflammatory response and clearance of infection. Moderate dose: fever, procoagulant activity. High dose: Syndrome of septic shock <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Systemic vasodilatation</li> <li>• Decreased myocardial contractility</li> <li>• Widespread endothelial injury → alveolar capillary damage (ARDS)</li> <li>• Activation coag system → DIC</li> </ul>	3/4 needed
Question 3: Hepatitis C	What are the routes of transmission of Hepatitis C virus?	1. Blood inoculation with IV drug use 60%. 2. Unknown 3. Transmission via blood products pre1991 10% 4. Dialysis < 5% 5. Occupational exposure < 5% 6. Sexual transmission infrequent 7. Vertical transmission very low.	Need bold and 2 other?  Need bold
	What are the potential outcomes of infection?	1. Acute Infection generally asymptomatic, rarely fulminant hepatitis 2. 85% progress to chronic persistent hepatitis 3. 15% resolve completely 4. 20% of chronic infection progress to cirrhosis 5. Some cirrhotics develop Hepatocellular carcinoma	Need bold

Question 4: von Willebrand Disease	<p>What are the haematological and clinical effects of von Willebrand disease?</p> <p>Describe the types of von Willebrand Disease</p>	<p>Haem:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased bleeding time with normal platelets</li> <li>Increased PT time (Types 1 &amp; 3)</li> <li>Decreased Ristocetin cofactor activity</li> <li>Spontaneous bleeding from mucous membranes</li> <li>Increased bleeding from wounds</li> <li>Menorrhagia</li> <li>Bleeding into joints rare except in Type 3</li> </ul> <p>Clin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spontaneous bleeding from mucous membranes</li> <li>Increased bleeding from wounds</li> <li>Menorrhagia</li> <li>Bleeding into joints rare except in Type 3</li> </ul>	<p>Need 3/4</p> <p>Need 2/3</p> <p>1. Type 1 and Type 3 associated with decreased circulating vWF. Type 1 most common (70%), autosomal dominant and usually mild. Type 3 autosomal recessive and severe</p> <p>2. Type 2 has defective vWF, autosomal dominant, mild severity and 25% of cases.</p>
			<p>1. Increased incidence among people with heavy exposure to asbestos. Lifetime risk up to 7-10%.</p> <p>2. Asbestos bodies found in increased numbers in lungs of patients with mesothelioma.</p> <p>3. Long latent period for mesothelioma (25-45 yrs).</p> <p>4. No increased risk in asbestos workers who smoke (in contrast to asbestos related lung carcinoma). Asbestos workers more at risk of dying from lung carcinoma (especially if they smoke).</p> <p>Where can malignant mesothelioma arise?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pleura</li> <li>2. Peritoneum</li> <li>3. pericardium</li> <li>4. tunica vaginalis</li> <li>5. genital tract</li> </ol> <p><b>Bold</b></p>

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Question 1: Thrombosis	What factors lead to formation of a thrombus?	<p>1. <b>Endothelial injury:</b> dominant influence, by itself can lead to thrombosis, especially in <b>high flow</b> circulation (e.g. arterial circulation; cardiac chambers). Any alteration in <b>dynamic balance</b> of pro- and anti-thrombotic effects of endothelium can influence clotting</p> <p>2. <b>Stasis or turbulence:</b> Turbulence contributes to thrombosis by causing endothelial injury or dysfunction, and local pockets of stasis. Disrupts laminar flow and bring platelets into contact with endothelium; prevents dilution of clotting factors by fresh flowing blood; retards inflow of clotting factor inhibitors. Stasis is a major factor in development of venous thrombi.</p> <p>3. <b>Blood hypercoagulability:</b> Less frequent. Any alteration of the coagulation pathways that predisposes to thrombosis. <b>Primary:</b> Genetic mutations (e.g. Factor V gene; prothrombin gene); genetic deficiencies (e.g. antithrombin III; protein C; protein S) <b>Secondary (acquired):</b> High risk for thrombosis (prolonged bed rest; immobilisation; MI; AF; tissue damage; cancer; DIC; HITS; APLA); lower risk (cardiomyopathy; nephritic syndrome; hyperestrogenic states / pregnancy; OCP use; sickle cell anaemia; smoking)</p>	All three plus brief description to pass Prompt: What is Virchow's triad?
Question 2: Type 4 Delayed type hypersensitivity	What are the cellular events in delayed type hypersensitivity in a previously sensitised individual?	<p>1. Delayed type hypersensitivity <math>T_H 1</math> cells are activated and secrete cytokines that are responsible for the delayed type reaction - IL-12, IFN-<math>\gamma</math>, TNF, lymphotoxin, chemokines. Accumulation of mononuclear cells around small veins and venules, <b>perivascular cuffing</b>, increased <b>microvascular permeability</b>, escape of <b>plasma proteins</b> and <b>deposition of fibrin</b> in interstitium</p> <p>Typical example = tuberculin reaction</p> <p>2. T cell mediated cytotoxicity</p> <p>Sensitised CD 8+ T cells (cytotoxic T lymphocytes) kill Ag bearing target cells</p>	2/4 bold In naïve individual, <b>CD4+T cells</b> differentiate into $T_H 1$ cells after recognising antigen presented on APCs in association with class II MHC molecules. <b>T<sub>H</sub>1 cells</b> can enter the circulation and remain in the memory pool of T cells for long periods (years)

<p><b>Question 3: Neisserial infections</b></p> <p><b>What are the two clinically significant <i>Neisseria</i>?</b></p> <p><b>Describe the pathogenesis of a <i>N. meningitidis</i> infection</b></p>	<p>1. <i>meningitidis</i>    2. <i>gonorrhoeae</i></p> <p>1. Respiratory spread 2. Common coloniser of the oropharynx 3. (10% of the population at any one time) 4. Colonisation lasts for months 5. Immune response leads to protection against that strain 6. Invasive disease crosses respiratory epithelium to enter blood 7. Capsule of <i>Neisseria</i> reduces opsonisation &amp; protects against destruction by complement proteins 8. Outbreaks in young people living in crowded quarters who encounter new strains</p>	<p>Both</p> <p>Need 5/8</p> <p>Prompt: How does it spread?</p>
<p><b>Question 4: Vitamin K</b></p>	<p><b>What is the function of Vitamin K?</b></p> <p><b>What are the causes of Vitamin K deficiency?</b></p>	<p>1. Required co-factor for a liver microsomal carboxylase which carboxylates a glutamate residue in Factors VII, IX, X &amp; prothrombin (PLUS Proteins C &amp; S and a few others)</p> <p>2. Necessary for binding calcium and thus functional activity of the proteins</p> <p>1. Fat malabsorption syndrome 2. Destruction of endogenous Vitamin K-synthesizing flora in the gut by broad spectrum antibiotics 3. Neonates (small liver reserves, no bacterial flora and low Vitamin K in breast milk) 4. Diffuse liver disease (hepatocyte dysfunction interferes with synthesis of Vitamin K dependent factors)</p>
<p><b>Question 5: Crohn disease</b></p>	<p><b>What are the pathological features of Crohn disease?</b></p> <p><b>What are the extraintestinal manifestations of Crohn disease?</b></p>	<p><b>Transmural inflammation of bowel with skip lesions</b></p> <p>1. Transmural inflammation of bowel with skip lesions 2. Noncaseating granulomata 3. Fissures and fistulae</p> <p>Migrating polyarthritis, sacroiliitis, ank spondylitis, erythema nodosa, finger clubbing, sclerosing cholangitis (uncommon), Uveitis, mild hepatic pericholangitis, renal disorders due to trapping of the ureters (uncommon). Systemic amyloidosis (rare) GI tract cancer (less common than UC). May occur prior to intestinal symptoms.</p> <p>At least three systems</p> <p>Prompt: What other inflammatory conditions may be seen in Crohn disease?</p>

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS IF REQUIRED

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Question 1:	Assuming a patient survives the immediate effects, what is the fate of the thrombus itself?	Some combination of the following four events: 1. <b>Propagation</b> (accumulates more platelets and fibrin, eventually leading to vessel occlusion); 2. <b>Embolisation</b> (dislodges and travels to other sites); 3. <b>Dissolution</b> (removal by fibrinolytic activity); and 4. <b>organisation</b> (inflammation leading to fibrosis) and recanalisation (vascular flow re-established or thrombus incorporated into a thickened vascular wall)	3 out of four to pass
Question 2:			
Question 3:	What are the microbiological features of <i>Neisseria</i> ?	1. Aerobic 2. Gram negative diplococci 3. Coffee bean shaped 4. Require chocolate blood agar 5. 13 serotypes of <i>N. meningitidis</i>	Prompt: What are the staining characteristics of <i>Neisseria</i> ?
Question 4:			
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