

PATHOLOGY

1. A performed mediator of inflammation is
 - A. Prostaglandin
 - B. Histamine
 - C. Leukotriene
 - D. Nitric oxide
 - E. Platelet activating factor
2. In normal haemostasis
 - A. Factor V inhibits thrombosis
 - B. Alpha 2 microglobulin is antithrombotic
 - C. PGI₂ favours platelet aggregation
 - D. Platelet aggregation is inhibited by von Willebrand factor
 - E. Tissue plasminogen activator is responsible for prothrombotic events
3. Mononuclear phagocytes
 - A. Are the predominant cells in three day old wounds
 - B. Are common in liver, spleen and pancreas
 - C. Produce fibroblast growth factor
 - D. Secrete interferon Y
 - E. Have a half life of one day
4. Normal endothelial cells decrease platelet aggregation by secreting
 - A. Interleukin 1
 - B. von Willebrand factor
 - C. Prostacyclin
 - D. Factor V
 - E. Thromboplastin
5. Interleukin 1 causes
 - A. Neutropaenia
 - B. Decreased sleep
 - C. Decreased prostaglandin synthesis
 - D. Increased collagen synthesis
 - E. Decreased leukocyte adherence
6. Thrombosis is potentiated by all of the following except
 - A. von Willebrand factor deficiency
 - B. Protein S deficiency
 - C. Antithrombin III deficiency
 - D. Thrombotic thrombocytopenia
 - E. Acute leukaemia

7. Acute compensatory mechanisms in shock include all of the following except

- A. Baroreceptor reflexes
- B. Reverse stress-relaxation of vascular smooth muscle
- C. The effects of increased aldosterone secretion
- D. Activation of the renin-angiotensin system
- E. The central nervous system ischaemic response

8. The following are primary mediators of type I hypersensitivity reactions except

- A. Adenosine
- B. Neutrophil chemotactic factor
- C. Heparin
- D. Platelet activating factor
- E. Acid hydrolases

9. Malignant neoplasms

- A. Are independent of hormonal influence
- B. Are always composed of homogeneous cell lines
- C. Arise from differentiated cells by a process of anaplasia
- D. Display abnormal nuclei with pale nucleoli
- E. Typically grow more rapidly than benign

10. Regarding metastasis

- A. All carcinomas have the ability to metastasise
- B. Highly invasive carcinomas rarely metastasise
- C. Carcinomas typically spread via lymphatics compared with haematogenous spread
- D. Tumour cells develop increased cohesiveness of their cell surface in the formation of cancer cell emboli
- E. Cells involved in lymphatic dissemination release degradative enzymes

11. HIV infection

- A. Is caused by rhinovirus
- B. Results in increased CD₄ and T cell memory
- C. Results in inversion at the CD₄-CD₈ ratio
- D. Increases immature precursors of CD₄ and T cells
- E. Causes a CD₄-CD₈ ratio close to 2

12. A typical feature of AIDS

- A. Decreased delayed type hypersensitivity reaction
- B. Lymphocytosis
- C. Hypogammaglobulinaemia
- D. Increase CD₄ and T cells
- E. Increase chemotaxis and phagocytosis

13. In reversible cell injury, all are true except

- A. ATP depletion is responsible for acute cellular swelling
- B. Can cause myocardial cells to cease contraction within 60 seconds
- C. ATP is generated anaerobically from creatine phosphate
- D. Mitochondrial swelling and degranulation of ER are the hallmarks of irreversible cellular damage
- E. Is associated with myelin figures

14. Metaplasia

- A. Is irreversible
- B. Is commonly a change from squamous to columnar epithelium
- C. An example is the transformation of epithelial cells into chondroblasts to produce cartilage
- D. Retinoids may play a role
- E. Even if the stimuli is persistent, it is a benign lesion

15. In apoptosis

- A. It involves physiologic and pathologic stimuli
- B. Histologically, it involves coagulation necrosis
- C. Its DNA breakdown is random and diffuse
- D. Its mechanism involves ATP depletion
- E. It involves an inflammatory tissue reaction

16. Hyperplasia

- A. Occurs after partial hepatectomy
- B. Refers to an increase in the size of cells
- C. Is always a pathologic process
- D. Often occurs in cardiac and skeletal muscle
- E. Usually progresses to cancerous proliferation

17. Metastatic calcification

- A. Causes widespread tissue damage
- B. Occurs with normal calcium levels
- C. Can be caused by systemic sarcoidosis
- D. Occurs in hypothyroidism
- E. Is caused by drinking large quantities of milk

18. Mumps virus is a

- A. Adenovirus
- B. Herpes virus
- C. Paramyxovirus
- D. Pox virus
- E. Picornavirus

19. Prothrombotic characteristics of endothelium include
- A. Plasminogen activator
 - B. Prostacyclin
 - C. von Willebrand factor
 - D. Thrombomodulin
 - E. Heparin like molecules
20. Regarding giant cell arteritis, which statement is not correct
- A. Affects medium arteries
 - B. Affects small arteries including vertebral
 - C. Affects small arteries including ophthalmic
 - D. Has an increased prevalence of HLA-DR₄
 - E. Has no gastrointestinal manifestations
21. All of the following organisms cause a clinical effect via the production of an exotoxin except
- A. Clostridium tetani
 - B. Staphylococcus aureus
 - C. E. coli
 - D. Pseudomonas aeruginosa
 - E. Vibrio cholera
22. Select the true statement concerning atherosclerosis
- A. Congenital absence of LDL cholesterol leads to premature atherosclerosis
 - B. Thoracic aorta is more likely to be involved than the abdominal
 - C. Fatty streaks appear in the aortas of children as young as 1 year
 - D. Fatty streaks are destined to become atherosclerotic plaques
 - E. Endothelial disruption always precedes atheroma development
23. Select the false statement concerning atherosclerosis
- A. Familial hypercholesterolaemia is associated with inadequate hepatic uptake of LDL
 - B. CMV has been detected in human atheromatous plaques
 - C. Fibrous atheromatous plaques are capable of regression
 - D. Foam cells can be considered to be specialised macrophages
 - E. Atherosclerosis is associated with medial calcific sclerosis
24. An infectious complication of transfusion
- A. Is most commonly Hepatitis C
 - B. Is most commonly Hepatitis B
 - C. Is rarely transmission of HIV since screening was instituted
 - D. Never includes gonorrhoea or malaria
 - E. Can be clinically apparent mononucleosis in about 7% of cases

25. Which of the following is true concerning rhabdomyolysis
- A. It is caused by injury to smooth muscle
 - B. Its diagnosis depends on the presence of characteristic physical findings
 - C. The final common pathway of injury involves damage to the sarcolemma
 - D. Renal failure is due to acute glomerular nephritis
 - E. Occurs only in trauma
26. Neutrophilia is generally caused by all of the following except
- A. Inflammatory disease
 - B. Bacterial infection
 - C. Viral infection
 - D. Corticosteroids
 - E. Stress
27. Which of the following is true of chronic myeloid leukaemia
- A. Most common leukaemia
 - B. Decreased leukocyte alkaline phosphatase level
 - C. Usually occurs in patients less than 40 years old
 - D. Increased WBC count with an abnormal differential
 - E. Rarely associated with the Philadelphia chromosome
28. All of the following are cardiac compensatory responses that occur in heart failure except
- A. Cardiac muscle fibre stretching
 - B. Increased adrenergic receptors on cardiac cells
 - C. Chamber hypertrophy
 - D. Decreased heart rate
 - E. Increased vasopressin levels
29. Shock in burn patients is primarily due to
- A. Neurogenic factors
 - B. Hypovolaemia
 - C. Acute erythrocyte haemolysis
 - D. Myocardial depression factor
 - E. All of the above
30. The immediate lethal dose of radiation exposure for humans in a non-mass casualty situation is
- A. 50 rads
 - B. 150 rads
 - C. 250 rads
 - D. 350 rads
 - E. 450 rads

31. With regard to apoptosis, which of the following is incorrect

- A. it may be regarded as a normal physiological process
- B. it is characterised by chromatin condensation
- C. it often elicits a strong inflammatory response
- D. it is the process by which ovaries atrophy in post menopausal women
- E. it is characterised by cell shrinkage

32. With regard to the acute inflammatory response, which is the most common mechanism of vascular leakage

- A. endothelial cell contraction
- B. junctional retraction
- C. direct injury
- D. leukocyte-dependent leakage
- E. regenerating endothelium

33. With regard to cellular injury, all of the following are reversible except

- A. decreased ATP
- B. intracellular release of lysosomal enzymes
- C. decreased Na pump activity
- D. detachment of ribosomes
- E. ER swelling

34. With regard to the role of complement in the acute inflammatory response, which of the following is incorrect

- A. C5a is a powerful, chemotactic agent for neutrophils, monocytes and eosinophils
- B. C5a increases leukocyte adhesion to endothelium by activating leukocytes
- C. C3a and C5a are called anaphylatoxins because they cause mast cell degranulation
- D. C3a activates the lipoxygenase pathway in leukocytes
- E. C3 and C5 can be activated in inflammatory exudate by lysosomal enzymes

35. Coagulative necrosis

- A. results from necrosis in which cellular enzymatic digestion predominates over denaturation
- B. is characterised by a marked leukocytic infiltrate
- C. is uncommon after myocardial infarction
- D. usually occurs after irreversible ischaemic cellular damage
- E. is not usually seen in association with caseous necrosis

36. Granulomatous inflammation

- A. may sometimes be a component of the acute inflammatory response
- B. indicates the presence of tuberculosis
- C. consists, in part, of microscopic aggregates of transformed lymphocytes
- D. is always associated with the presence of giant cells
- E. may result from non-immune mechanisms

37. Removal of sutures from a wound at day 7 coincides with a wound strength of
- A. 1% of unwounded skin strength
 - B. 10% of unwounded skin strength
 - C. 50% of unwounded skin strength
 - D. 75% of unwounded skin strength
 - E. 100%, ie. same as unwounded skin
38. In a healthy individual over the age of 5 years, lymphocytes are mainly found in
- A. bone marrow, thymus, spleen
 - B. liver, thymus, spleen
 - C. lymph nodes, spleen, thymus
 - D. bone marrow, spleen, liver
 - E. liver, spleen, pancreas
39. With regard to natural killer lymphocytes
- A. constitute less than 5% of blood lymphocytes
 - B. require opsonisation to enable their killing of cells
 - C. have a prime role in defense against parasites
 - D. require prior sensitisation to be effective
 - E. have an innate ability to lyse tumour cells and virally affected cells
40. With regard to B lymphocytes
- A. they constitute 50% of circulating lymphocytes
 - B. they are found in germinal centres in the red pulp of the spleen
 - C. they are genetically programmed to recognise specific antigens by means of antigen specific cell surface receptors
 - D. they release chemical mediators when attached to IgE Type I hypersensitivity reactions
 - E. they are not affected by HIV infection
41. Transplant rejection involves
- A. Type IV hypersensitivity only
 - B. Type IV and III hypersensitivity only
 - C. Type IV, III and II hypersensitivity only
 - D. Type IV and II hypersensitivity only
 - E. Type II and III hypersensitivity only
42. Major immune abnormalities associated with HIV infection include all of the following except
- A. hypergammaglobulinaemia
 - B. inversion of CD4-CD8 ratio
 - C. decreased delayed hypersensitivity reactions
 - D. decreased monocyte HLA class II expression
 - E. decreased IL2 and IFN γ production

43. Successful immune response to HIV during the acute phase of infection results from
- A. increase in the CD4+ lymphocyte numbers
 - B. appearance of anti-HIV antibodies
 - C. Type III hypersensitivity reaction
 - D. lymphoid tissue based destruction of infected cells
 - E. development of CD8+ virus specific cytotoxic cells
44. With respect to macrophages, which of the following is not true
- A. they can produce TNF and IL4 both of which cause fever
 - B. they have direct tissue toxicity due to the ability to release hydrogen peroxide
 - C. they have oxygen dependent microbicidal activity
 - D. they have cytotoxicity against tumour cells
 - E. they process antigens and act as antigen presenting cells to activate lymphocytes
45. In viral hepatitis
- A. the majority of cases of acute Hepatitis B infection result in a carrier state, without clinical evidence of disease
 - B. anti HB s appears in the first week of infection
 - C. anti HCV IgG does not confer immunity to Hepatitis C
 - D. the major cause of death from Hepatitis B is hepatocellular carcinoma
 - E. Hepatitis A virus has an outer surface envelope of protein, lipid and carbohydrate
46. The most common cause of pericarditis is
- A. SLE
 - B. drug hypersensitivity
 - C. trauma
 - D. post myocardial infarction
 - E. bacterial
47. All of the following are neoplastic syndromes associated with lung cancer except
- A. Cushing's syndrome
 - B. syndrome of inappropriate ADH secretion
 - C. hypocalcaemia
 - D. carcinoid syndrome
 - E. hypertrophic osteoarthropathy
48. All of the following are features of rheumatic fever except
- A. carditis
 - B. subcutaneous nodules
 - C. erythema nodosum
 - D. elevated antistreptolysin
 - E. aschoff bodies in the heart
49. Mediators of septic shock include all of the following except
- A. IL6
 - B. C5a
 - C. PAF
 - D. catecholamines
 - E. TNF antibodies

50. Metaplasia is seen in all of the following except

- A. respiratory epithelium of cigarette smokers
- B. vitamin A excess
- C. Barrett's oesophagitis
- D. epithelium of a pancreatic duct containing stones
- E. foci of cell injury

51. The commonest site of a Berry aneurysm in the Circle of Willis is

- A. junction of anterior cerebral and anterior communicating arteries
- B. junction of middle cerebral and internal carotid arteries
- C. bifurcation of the basilar artery
- D. the middle cerebral artery
- E. junction of the posterior cerebral and posterior communicating arteries

52. The virus causing molluscum contagiosum belongs to the following viral family

- A. adeno
- B. herpes
- C. parvo
- D. pox
- E. picorna

53. Most pulmonary emboli

- A. cause centrally located pulmonary haemorrhage
- B. cause pulmonary infarction
- C. cause acute right heart failure
- D. are clinically silent
- E. lead to pulmonary hypertension

54. Acute pancreatitis

- A. may be caused by Helminth infection
- B. causes hypercalcaemia
- C. develops in 50% of patients with gallstones
- D. leads to inhibition of elastase
- E. involves acinar cell injury as a late event

55. Which of the following is not a para-neoplastic syndrome associated with lung carcinoma

- A. ectopic ADH secretion
- B. dermatomyositis
- C. migratory thrombophlebitis
- D. Eaton-Lambert (myasthenic) syndrome
- E. thrombocytosis

56. Which of the following tumour is benign

- A. chondrosarcoma
- B. osteochondroma
- C. chondroblastoma
- D. Ewing's tumour
- E. none of the above

57. Which of the following is not a feature of acute Crohn's disease

- A. segmental lesions
- B. serosal involvement
- C. fissures penetrating deep into the wall of affected mucosa
- D. inflammatory pseudo-polyps
- E. epithelioid granulomata

58. A 50-year old woman presents with back pain. X-rays suggest a malignant deposit in the 10th thoracic vertebra. The least likely primary site is

- A. breast
- B. ovary
- C. thyroid
- D. kidney
- E. colon

59. Regarding haemorrhagic infarction of the brain, which of the following is not true

- A. it usually results from an embolic event
- B. it usually contains multiple petechial haemorrhages which may be confluent
- C. the distinction between this and non haemorrhagic infarcts is clinically insignificant
- D. the haemorrhages are presumed to be secondary to reperfusion injury
- E. the size of it will depend in part upon the collateral blood supply to that area

60. The histological appearance of contraction bands in association with acute myocardial infarction indicate

- A. previous old myocardial infarctions
- B. early aneurysmal formation
- C. compensatory responses to decreased myocardial contractility
- D. a right ventricular infarct
- E. recent reperfusion therapy

61. After occlusion of a coronary artery

- A. the ischaemia is most pronounced in the epicardial region
- B. loss of contractility only occurs when ultra structural changes in the myocyte are present
- C. reperfusion of the ischaemic area can result in new cellular damage, due to the generation of oxygen free radicals
- D. Q waves on the ECG are diagnostic of transmural infarction
- E. none of the above are true

62. With regard to aortic dissection, which is incorrect

- A. it tends to occur in 40-60 year old men
- B. approximately 90% of non-traumatic cases occur in patients with antecedent hypertension
- C. it is usually associated with marked dilatation of the aorta
- D. it is unusual in the presence of substantial atherosclerosis
- E. it is usually caused by an intimal tear within 10cm of the aortic valve

63. The most common site of origin of emboli causing cerebrovascular disease is

- A. common carotid artery
- B. internal carotid artery
- C. the heart
- D. either end of basilar artery
- E. intracranial vessels

64. Which of the following is malignant

- A. Squamous cell papilloma
- B. Hydatidiform mole
- C. Chondroma
- D. Mature teratoma
- E. Bronchial carcinoid

65. Anaplasia is not characterised by

- A. pleomorphism
- B. Abundant nuclear DNA
- C. A nuclear-cytoplasmic ratio of 1:6
- D. Coarsely clumped chromatin
- E. Lack of differentiation

66. All of the following are precancerous except

- A. Chronic gastritis of pernicious anaemia
- B. Solar keratosis
- C. Crohn's disease
- D. Leukoplakia
- E. Chronic ulcerative colitis

67. Prothrombogenic factors include all of the following except

- A. Platelet activating factor
- B. Von Willebrand factor
- C. Nitric oxide
- D. Tissue factor
- E. tPA inhibitor

68. In acute inflammation, all of the following are true except

- A. there is contraction of endothelial cells
- B. there is a mononuclear infiltrate
- C. there is induction of adhesion molecules on endothelium
- D. there is production of arachidonic acid metabolites
- E. cytokines induce a systemic acute phase response

69. Cellular events in acute inflammation include all of the following except

- A. redistribution of preformed adhesion molecules to the cell surface of leukocytes
- B. adhesion and transmigration of leukocytes to endothelium
- C. leukocyte activation
- D. margination of macrophages to vessel walls
- E. extracellular release of lysosomal enzymes and products of arachidonic acid metabolism

70. The factor conferring the most risk in thromboembolic disease is

- A. smoking
- B. atrial fibrillation
- C. oral contraceptives
- D. prolonged bed rest
- E. late pregnancy / post delivery

71. Systemic lupus erythematosus

- A. has a female : male gender ratio of 2:1
- B. is characterised by antinuclear antibodies (ANAs)
- C. rarely involves the kidney
- D. is associated with a seronegative arthropathy causing marked joint erosion
- E. is commonly fulminant with death in weeks to months

72. The most common cause of Traveller's diarrhoea is

- A. Rotavirus
- B. E.coli
- C. Shigella
- D. Salmonella
- E. Giardia

73. Iron deficiency anaemia features

- A. a normal haematocrit
- B. increased serum ferritin
- C. normal mean red cell volume
- D. low platelet count
- E. none of the above

74. Platelets

- A. have a normal concentration range in peripheral blood of $80-100 \times 10^3/\text{mm}^3$
- B. are important in haemostasis only
- C. remain viable in stored blood for 24 hours only
- D. normally are removed from the circulation almost entirely by the spleen
- E. have an average lifespan of average 20 days

75. In compensated heart failure

- A. right atrial pressure drops
- B. maximum cardiac output is unchanged
- C. resting cardiac output is unchanged
- D. renin level eventually drops below premorbid level
- E. fluid retention plays no role

76. Infective endocarditis

- A. in the acute form, is most commonly caused by streptococci
- B. involves abnormal valves in most acute cases
- C. is confirmed by positive blood cultures in less than 50% of cases
- D. may cause splenic infarction
- E. may cause MacCallum's plaques to form on affected valves

77. Cor Pulmonale may be caused by

- A. congenital heart disease
- B. mitral stenosis
- C. left ventricular failure
- D. primary pulmonary hypertension
- E. aortic regurgitation

78. Regarding peptic ulceration

- A. it occurs most commonly in the antrum of the stomach
- B. it has a strong genetic influence
- C. there is H. pylori infection of the mucosa in 50% of patients with duodenal ulceration
- D. it is more frequent in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- E. gastric acid is the only prerequisite for formation of ulcers

79. The features of bronchogenic carcinoma include

- A. the classification of “oat cell” tumour within the large cell type
- B. high initial response to chemotherapy for small cell type
- C. the strongest correlation with cigarette smoking in the adenocarcinoma type
- D. that 50% of small cell type occur in nonsmokers
- E. histological features identical in small cell carcinomas and squamous cell types

80. The major abnormalities of immune function in AIDS are characterised by

- A. Inversion of the CD4-CD8 ratio
- B. Increase in the number of memory T cells
- C. Hypogammaglobulinaemia and decreased circulating immune complexes
- D. Decreased secretion of TNF and IL-1
- E. All of the above

81. Regarding hypersensitivity reactions

- A. In anaphylaxis, IgE is bound to mast cells by their Fab portions to release vasoactive amines
- B. Goodpasture's syndrome is an example of type III hypersensitivity reaction
- C. Farmer's lung is a type III reaction to micropolyspora species
- D. Delayed hypersensitivity is mediated by macrophages
- E. The Mantoux reaction is a form of contact hypersensitivity

82. Acute appendicitis

- A. In preschool children, it usually presents with the so-called “classic” signs and symptoms
- B. It is associated with appendiceal obstruction in 10% of cases
- C. Histologically, it shows neutrophilic infiltration of the muscularis layer
- D. The clinical diagnosis is falsely positive in about 50% of cases
- E. It cannot cause liver abscesses

83. Pneumocystis carinii

- A. Produces pneumocystis pneumonia in normal persons
- B. Causes a Ghon's focus in the lung
- C. Causes patchy atelectasis
- D. Is a fungus
- E. Attaches selectively to Type II alveolar cells

84. Regarding septic shock

- A. Endotoxin is the only cause
- B. Marked vasoconstriction occurs in the non-infected tissue
- C. Cardiac output is low in 75% of patients
- D. Endotoxin entering the circulation causes an effect very similar to anaphylaxis
- E. Blood viscosity is unchanged

85. Acute pancreatitis

- A. Is associated with increased serum amylase concentration without elevation in serum lipase concentration
- B. Occurs most often in later life
- C. Occurs in about 5% of patients with gallstones
- D. When associated with alcohol is not usually preceded by chronic pancreatitis
- E. Is often associated with hypercalcaemia

86. The acute nephritic syndrome has all of the following features except

- A. Proteinuria
- B. Haematuria
- C. Hypertension
- D. Hyaline casts
- E. Oliguria

87. A young baby presents with jaundice, dark urine and pale stools. He is most likely to have

- A. Physiologic jaundice of the newborn
- B. Breast milk jaundice
- C. Gilbert's syndrome
- D. Biliary atresia
- E. None of the above

88. With regard to the leukocyte extravasation of the acute inflammatory response, which of the following is incorrect

- A. ELAM-1 is a selectin found on endothelium
- B. E and P-selectins bind to oligosaccharides found on neutrophils and monocytes
- C. L-selectin is found on neutrophils, monocytes and lymphocytes
- D. ICAM-1 belongs to the immunoglobulin family of molecules, and is found on leukocytes
- E. VCAM-1 binds to integrins

89. IgE mediated Type I hypersensitivity reactions require the action of which lymphocyte class

- A. B only
- B. CD8 T cells and B cells
- C. T μ 2 T cells and B cells
- D. T μ 1 T cells and B cells
- E. Natural Killer cells and B cells

90. Thrombus formation is inhibited by

- A. Von Willebrands factor
- B. IL-1
- C. Alpha 2 macroglobulin
- D. TNF
- E. Endothelial cell injury

PATHOLOGY ANSWERS

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| 1. B | 16. A | 31. C | 46. D | 61. C | 76. D |
| 2. B | 17. C | 32. A | 47. C | 62. C | 77. D |
| 3. C | 18. C | 33. B | 48. C | 63. C | 78. D |
| 4. C | 19. C | 34. D | 49. E | 64. E | 79. B |
| 5. D | 20. E | 35. D | 50. B | 65. C | 80. A |
| 6. A | 21. D | 36. E | 51. A | 66. C | 81. C |
| 7. C | 22. C | 37. B | 52. D | 67. C | 82. C |
| 8. D | 23. E | 38. C | 53. D | 68. B | 83. D |
| 9. E | 24. A | 39. E | 54. A | 69. D | 84. D |
| 10. E | 25. C | 40. C | 55. E | 70. D | 85. C |
| 11. C | 26. C | 41. C | 56. B | 71. B | 86. D |
| 12. A | 27. B | 42. A | 57. D | 72. B | 87. D |
| 13. D | 28. D | 43. E | 58. D | 73. E | 88. D |
| 14. D | 29. E | 44. A | 59. C | 74. C | 89. C |
| 15. A | 30. E | 45. C | 60. E | 75. C | 90. C |