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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE
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MELS 242: ADVANCED HAEMATOLOGY

STREAM: Y2 S2

TIME: 3 HOURS

DAY: MONDAY, 9:00-12:00 P.M.

DATE: 27/03/2023

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.***
- 2. Answer ALL questions in Section A and B (Compulsory). In section C, Answer question ONE (Compulsory) and any other one question.***

SECTION A (ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS)-20 MARKS

- Which of the following is not considered a post-analytic variable?
 - Delta checks
 - Proper anticoagulant used
 - Specimen check for clots
 - Critical results called
- Of the following formulas, which formula indicates the correlation check between hemoglobin and hematocrit?
 - $(\text{Hgb} \div \text{Hct}) \times 100$
 - $\text{Hgb} \times 3 = \text{Hct}$
 - $\text{Hct} = \text{MCV} \times \text{RBC}$
 - $(\text{Hgb} \div \text{RBC}) \times 100$
- Which red blood cell inclusions originate as a result of denatured hemoglobin?
 - Howell-Jolly bodies

- b. Heinz bodies
 - c. Pappenheimer bodies
 - d. Malarial parasites
- 4.** Epsilon and zeta chains are part of which of the following haemoglobins?
- a. Hgb Portland
 - b. Hgb F
 - c. Hgb A
 - d. Hgb A₂
- 5.** List two sets of laboratory data that can distinguish Iron Deficient Anaemia (IDA) from beta thalassemia trait.
- a. Serum iron and RBC
 - b. Hemoglobin and hematocrit
 - c. WBC and RDW
 - d. Red blood cell indices and platelets
- 6.** A patient presents with a microcytic, hypochromic anemia with ragged-looking red blood cells in the peripheral smear and a high reticulocyte count. A brilliant cresyl blue preparation reveals inclusions that look like pitted golf balls. These inclusions are suggestive of?
- a. Hgb H disease.
 - b. Beta thalassemia major.
 - c. Hereditary hemochromatosis.
 - d. Beta thalassemic trait.
- 7.** A macrocytosis that is not megaloblastic in origin can be seen in all of the following except?
- a. Chemotherapy
 - b. Postsplenectomy
 - c. Thyroid conditions
 - d. Reticulocytosis
- 8.** Which one of the following substances is necessary for vitamin B12 to be absorbed?
- a. Transferrin
 - b. Erythropoietin
 - c. Intrinsic factor
 - d. Cubilin
- 9.** In the osmotic fragility test, normal red blood cells haemolyze at which level?
- a. 0.65%
 - b. 0.45%
 - c. 0.20%
 - d. 0.30%
- 10.** One of the least severe clinical manifestations of G6PD deficiency is:
- a. Acute hemolytic anemia.
 - b. Favism.

- c. Neonatal jaundice.
 - d. Congenital nonspherocytic hemolytic anemia.
- 11.** Which red blood cell morphology is formed as a result of Heinz bodies being pitted from the red blood cell?
- a. Acanthocytes
 - b. Bite cells
 - c. Burr cells
 - d. Stomatocytes
- 12.** Autosplenectomy is characteristic of?
- a. Sickle cell trait
 - b. Hgb C disease
 - c. Thalassemia
 - d. Sickle cell anemia.
- 13.** Which one of the following features distinguishes a monocyte from a lymphocyte?
- a. Nucleoli
 - b. Abundant gray-blue cytoplasm
 - c. Irregularly shaped flattened nucleus
 - d. Large blue-black granules
- 14.** A 17-year-old boy is admitted to the hospital for a fever of unknown origin. His WBC is $20.0 \times 10^9/L$. All of the following can be seen on his peripheral smear except?
- A. Toxic granulation
 - B. Reactive monocytes.
 - C. Increased band neutrophils
 - D. Döhle bodies
- 15.** Migration to extramedullary sites is a feature of which of the following leukemias?
- a. Acute progranulocytic leukemia
 - b. Acute myelocytic leukemia
 - c. Acute monocytic leukemia
 - d. Acute lymphocytic leukemia
- 16.** The BCR: ABL fusion gene leads to?
- a. Increased LAP activity
 - b. Increased tyrosine kinase activity.
 - c. Organomegaly
 - d. Increased platelet count.
- 17.** A round-shaped nucleus with fragile, spiny projections similar to cytoplasm best describes?
- a. Sézary cells.
 - b. Lymphoblasts.
 - c. Hairy cells.
 - d. Smudge cells.

- 18.** Which of the following is the predominant red blood cell morphology in patients with MDSs?
- Schistocytes
 - Macrocytes
 - Target cells
 - Bite cells
- 19.** Receptors found on the platelets are called?
- Glycoproteins.
 - Vwf.
 - Fibrinogen.
 - Beta-thromboglobulin.
- 20.** Chronic idiopathic thrombocytopenia purpura (ITP):
- Is found in children.
 - Usually remits spontaneously within several weeks.
 - Affects males more commonly than females.
 - Involves the immune destruction of platelets.

SECTION B-STRUCTURED QUESTIONS (ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS)-20 MARKS

- Briefly discuss Activated Partial Thromboplastin Time (5 marks)
- Discuss the Kinin system as related to haemostasis (5 marks)
- Briefly explain the common clinical findings in acute leukemia putting in consideration the pathogenesis (5 marks)
- Discuss stomatocyte as one of the abnormal red blood cells.

SECTION C (QUESTION ONE IS COMPULSORY THEN CHOOSE ANY OTHER

- Describe acute myeloid leukemia with emphasis on symptoms and peripheral blood and bone marrow findings. (15 marks)
- (a) Discuss disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC) with bias to the clinical symptoms and laboratory profile (10 marks)
(b) List five laboratory features of megaloblastic anaemias (5 marks)
- Briefly discuss Hodgkin's lymphoma (10 marks)
 - Briefly elaborate the differential diagnosis of macrocyte (5 marks)