

# Cell Metabolism

**Answer Key:** Textbook page references are provided as a guide for answering these questions. A complete answer key was provided for your instructor.

## OBJECTIVES

1. Define *metabolism*, *anabolism*, and *catabolism*.
2. Explain the use of carbohydrates in the body, and differentiate between the anaerobic and aerobic metabolism of carbohydrates.
3. Explain the use of fats in the body.
4. Explain the use of proteins in the body.
5. Describe the roles of DNA and RNA in protein synthesis, the structure of a nucleotide, and the steps in protein synthesis.

## Part I: Mastering the Basics

### MATCHING

#### Carbohydrates, Fats, and Proteins

*Directions: Match the following terms to the most appropriate definition by writing the correct letter in the space provided. Some terms may be used more than once. See text, pp. 48-56.*

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| A. glucose                  | H. nitrogen                 |
| B. amino acids              | I. essential amino acids    |
| C. nonessential amino acids | J. monosaccharides          |
| D. disaccharides            | K. lipids                   |
| E. cellulose                | L. organic                  |
| F. glycogen                 | M. fatty acids and glycerol |
| G. urea                     |                             |

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Refers to carbon-containing substances
2. \_\_\_\_\_ A nitrogen-containing waste product
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Building blocks of lipids
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Nondigestible polysaccharide found in plants
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Protein contains this in addition to carbon, oxygen, and hydrogen

6. \_\_\_\_\_ Building blocks joined together by peptide bonds
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Amino acids that cannot be synthesized by the body and must therefore be obtained through dietary intake
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Monosaccharide that provides the primary source of energy for cells
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Building blocks of protein
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Sucrose, maltose, and lactose; sometimes called *double sugars*
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Glucose, fructose, and galactose
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Glucose is stored as this polysaccharide; also called *animal starch*
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Amino acids that can be synthesized by the body
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Classification of triglycerides and steroids
15. \_\_\_\_\_ "Good" cholesterol and "bad" cholesterol

### MATCHING

#### Metabolism of Carbohydrates, Proteins, and Fats

*Directions: Match the following terms to the most appropriate definition by writing the correct letter in the space provided. Some terms may be used more than once. See text, pp. 48-56.*

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| A. gluconeogenesis                       | F. Krebs cycle   |
| B. catabolism                            | G. peptide bond  |
| C. CO <sub>2</sub> , water, energy (ATP) | H. lactic acid   |
| D. anabolism                             | I. ketone bodies |
| E. enzyme                                | J. glycolysis    |

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Chemical reactions that build larger, more complex substances
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Amine group of alanine joins with the acid part of valine to form this.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Produced by the rapid incomplete breakdown of fatty acids
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Chemical reactions that degrade larger, more complex substances into simpler substances
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Series of reactions that anaerobically break down glucose to lactic acid
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Series of aerobic reactions that occur in the mitochondria
7. \_\_\_\_\_ In the absence of oxygen, pyruvic acid is converted to this substance.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ End products of the aerobic catabolism of glucose
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Almost every chemical reaction in the body is catalyzed by this.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ This series of anaerobic reactions occurs within the cytoplasm
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Conversion of protein into glucose

### READ THE DIAGRAM

*Directions: Refer to Figure 4-3 in the textbook and indicate whether the following statements refer to column A or column B. Write A or B in the blanks below. See text, p. 51.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Describes the anaerobic breakdown of glucose to lactic acid
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Some of the chemical reactions occur within the mitochondria.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Describes the complete breakdown of glucose into carbon dioxide, water, and energy
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Most of the energy is formed in this pathway.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Pyruvic acid products enter the Krebs cycle for further catabolism.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ All chemical reactions occur within the cytoplasm.

7. \_\_\_\_\_ Illustrates the role of the Krebs cycle in the catabolism of glucose
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Includes oxygen-requiring reactions
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Pyruvic acid is not converted to lactic acid.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Chemical reactions that catabolize glucose incompletely

### MATCHING

#### Nucleotides: DNA and RNA

*Directions: Match the following terms to the most appropriate definition by writing the correct letter in the space provided. Some terms may be used more than once. See text, pp. 56-59.*

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|----------------|---------------|
| A. DNA         | D. ribose     |
| B. tRNA        | E. mRNA       |
| C. deoxyribose | F. nucleotide |

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Double-stranded nucleic acid that contains the genetic code; called the *double helix*
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Substance composed of phosphate, sugar, and base
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Sugar found in RNA
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Sugar found in DNA
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Nucleotide that copies the genetic code from DNA in the nucleus
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Nucleotide that carries individual amino acids from the cytoplasm to the ribosomes for assembly along the mRNA
7. \_\_\_\_\_ DNA and this nucleotide are involved in transcription.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ mRNA and this nucleotide are involved in translation.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Nucleotide that is confined to the nucleus
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Nucleotide that does not use uracil in its coding; uses thymine instead
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Nucleotide that carries genetic information from the nucleus to the ribosomes

**SIMILARS AND DISSIMILARS**

*Directions: Circle the word in each group that is least similar to the others. Indicate the similarity of the three words on the line below each question.*

1. monosaccharide polysaccharide  
polypeptide disaccharide
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2. glucose sucrose galactose fructose
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3. sucrose glucose maltose lactose
- 
4. amino acids polypeptide glycogen protein
- 
5. metabolism differentiation anabolism  
catabolism
- 
6. phenylalanine starch glycogen cellulose
- 
7. cholesterol phospholipid glycogen steroid
- 
8. alanine leucine steroid tyrosine
- 
9. peptide bond fatty acid  $-NH_2$   $-COOH$
- 
10. DNA tRNA glycogen mRNA
- 
11. uracil thymine glycogen adenine
- 
12. cellulose polysaccharide starch urea
- 

13. cellulose glucose glycogen triglyceride
- 
14. peptide bonds fats phospholipids oils
- 
15. phospholipid protein steroid triglyceride
- 
16. essential AA peptide bonds  
nonessential AA cholesterol
- 
17. ammonia  $NH_3$  cholesterol urea
- 
18. G-C A-T A-U G-U
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19. T-A C-G G-G A-T
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20. tRNA transcription gluconeogenesis mRNA
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21. purine sucrose adenine pyrimidine
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**Part II: Putting It All Together****MULTIPLE CHOICE**

*Directions: Choose the correct answer.*

1. Glucose
- is usually burned as fuel to get energy.
  - can be converted to protein.
  - cannot be converted to fat.
  - must be converted to urea to be excreted from the body.

2. Urea is
  - a. produced by the kidneys and excreted by the liver into the bile.
  - b. a disaccharide.
  - c. a protein.
  - d. a nitrogen-containing waste produced in the liver and excreted in the urine.
3. Cellulose is
  - a. animal starch.
  - b. the storage form of glucose.
  - c. a nitrogen-containing waste produced in the liver and excreted in the urine.
  - d. a nondigestible carbohydrate.
4. Which of the following best describes the composition of hormones, hemoglobin, and gamma globulins?
  - a. carbohydrates
  - b. proteins
  - c. lipids
  - d. glycerol
5. Gluconeogenesis is the process whereby
  - a. glucose is converted to protein.
  - b. fatty acids are combined with glycerol to form a monosaccharide.
  - c. protein is used to make glucose.
  - d. glucose is broken down to lactic acid.
6. Which of the following is required by the chemical reactions that occur within the mitochondria?
  - a. lactic acid
  - b. carbon dioxide
  - c. oxygen
  - d. cellulose
7. Glycogen
  - a. combines with three fatty acids to make fat.
  - b. is stored in the liver and skeletal muscle.
  - c. is synthesized only in the pancreas.
  - d. is a monosaccharide.
8. Glucose, fructose, and galactose
  - a. form peptide bonds.
  - b. are lipids.
  - c. can only be metabolized aerobically.
  - d. are monosaccharides.
9. When the blood sugar level decreases, the glycogen in the liver is converted into which substance?
  - a. protein
  - b. ATP
  - c. glucose
  - d. lactic acid
10. Glycolysis
  - a. is aerobic.
  - b. forms  $\text{CO}_2$  + water + energy.
  - c. occurs only within the mitochondria.
  - d. is anaerobic and cytoplasmic.
11. Which of the following is most related to the reactions of the Krebs cycle?
  - a. anaerobic
  - b. mitochondrial
  - c. lactic acidosis
  - d. urea-forming
12. Which of the following conditions is caused by a lack of oxygen in a critically ill patient?
  - a. lactic acidosis
  - b. cancer
  - c. decreased blood glucose level
  - d. hypertension
13. Which of the following is least descriptive of ammonia?
  - a. toxic to the brain
  - b. accumulates in the presence of liver failure
  - c. nitrogen-containing
  - d. primary fuel for "running" the body
14. This protein substance acts as a catalyst, increasing the rate of a chemical reaction.
  - a. urea
  - b. enzyme
  - c. mRNA
  - d. ribose
15. If the bases of one side of DNA read A-G-C-T, the complementary (opposite) DNA strand reads
  - a. A-C-G-T.
  - b. A-G-A-T.
  - c. U-C-G-A.
  - d. T-C-G-A.
16. Which of the following is most related to the storage of the genetic code?
  - a. Krebs cycle
  - b. glycolysis
  - c. mitosis
  - d. base-sequencing within the DNA molecule
17. With regard to base pairing, thymine can only pair with which base?
  - a. adenine
  - b. uracil
  - c. cytosine
  - d. guanine

18. The bases in a strand of DNA read T-C-C-A.  
The transcribed strand of mRNA reads
- A-G-G-T.
  - G-C-G-A.
  - U-C-C-T.
  - A-G-G-U.
19. As a person ages, the body is less able to metabolize glucose efficiently, which results in elevated
- blood calcium levels.
  - blood pressure.
  - serum cholesterol levels.
  - blood sugar levels.
20. A hormone or drug that suppresses gluconeogenesis
- prevents the elevation of the blood glucose level.
  - produces ketone bodies.
  - prevents the synthesis of urea by the liver.
  - prevents the secretion of urea by the kidneys.
2. Because the diabetic person cannot use glucose, Billie metabolizes fatty acids rapidly and incompletely, thereby producing excessive amounts of this (these) substance(s).
- enzymes
  - ketone bodies
  - glycogen
  - urea
3. Which of the following describes the effect of excess ketone bodies in the blood of a diabetic person?
- glucosuria
  - acidosis
  - elevated blood pH
  - hyperglycemia

### CASE STUDY

Until recently, 6-year-old Billie had no apparent health problems. About 1 week ago, she started to lose weight despite a healthy appetite. She urinated frequently and complained of being tired. Her mom noticed that she was very thirsty and was getting up in the middle of the night to urinate. On examination, her blood sugar level was elevated and she had sugar and acetone in her urine. She was diagnosed with type 1 (juvenile-onset) diabetes mellitus.

- Because the diabetic cells cannot use glucose, it accumulates in the blood, causing this condition.
  - hypotension
  - hyperglycemia
  - lactic acidosis
  - alkalosis

## Part III: Challenge Yourself!

### GROUPS AND PUZZLE

- Which group is incorrect?
  - monosaccharides: glucose, fructose, galactose
  - nucleotides: DNA, RNA
  - lipid-related structures: cholesterol, steroid, fatty acids
  - amino acids: sucrose, maltose, lactose
- Which group is incorrect?
  - amino acids: essential, nonessential
  - monosaccharides: glucose, fructose, galactose
  - fatty acids: glycerol, glycogen
  - ketone bodies: keto acids, acetone

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**PUZZLE****Hint: Needs Oxygen ... Name and Address**

*Directions: Perform the following functions on the Sequence of Words that follows. When all the functions have been performed, you are left with a word or words related to the hint. Record your answer in the space provided.*

Functions: Remove the following:

1. Building blocks of proteins
2. Monosaccharides
3. Nitrogen-containing waste product
4. Series of reactions that degrade glucose to lactic acid; anaerobic and cytoplasmic
5. Series of reactions that make glucose from protein breakdown products
6. Disaccharides
7. Building blocks of fats

8. Storage form of glucose
9. Term that includes anabolism and catabolism
10. Nucleotide that stores the genetic code within the nucleus
11. Nucleotide that carries the genetic code from the nucleus to the ribosomes in the cytoplasm
12. Two sugars found in DNA and RNA
13. Four bases found in DNA

**Sequence of Words**

GUANINERIBOSEDNAGLUCONEOGEN  
 ESISSUCROSEGLUCOSECYTOSINEMALTOS  
 EGALACTOSEUREAFATTYACIDSGLY  
 COGENGLYCEROLMETABOLISMDEOX  
 YRIBOSEAMINOACIDSTHYMINEHAN  
 SKREBSMITOCHONDRIONADENINEGLYC  
 OLYSISFRUCTOSELACTOSEMRNA

*Answer:* \_\_\_\_\_