TOPIC		QUESTION		ESSENTIAL (BOLD) KNOWLEDGE (UNBOLD)	NOTES
Question 1.1	cha	scribe the vascular anges in acute Jammation	1.1.	Vasodilatation: opening of arterioles and capillary beds mediated by histamine and Nitric Oxide leading to increased blood flow	1. All 3
Vascular Changes of Inflammation	2. Wł	hat are the	1.2.	Increased vascular permeability	2. 2 out of 4
	me	echanisms of creased vascular	1.3. 2.	Stasis: due to PP permeability and increased viscosity	2. 2000011
	pei	rmeability?		Endothelial contraction / retraction: gaps in venules due to histamine and leukotrienes < 30mins, immediate transient response eg.ultraviolet radiation and kinins and leukotrienes 2-12hrs, delayed prolonged leakage eg. late appearing sunburn	
			2.2.	Direct vascular endothelial injury eg. in severe burns, microbial toxin injury, amplified by neutrophil activation, rapid onset but may last days	
				Leukocyte mediated leakage, in venules and pulm capillaries, long lasting for hours Trancytosis increased Tx of fluid and protein thru endothelial cell, VEGF	
Question 1.2		hat is antibody - ediated	1.	Caused by antibodies that react with antigens present on cell surfaces or in the extracellular matrix Antigens can be intrinsic to the membrane or matrix or extrinsic eg. Drug metabolite	1. Bold
		persensitivity?		Mechanism of hypersensitivity response	2. Bold 2/4
Antibody	2. De	scribe the		Opsonisation and phagocytosis: IgG antibodies opsonise cells plus complement activation generates C3b and C4b	
Mediated	me	echanisms which		recognized by phagocyte Fc and protein receptors resulting in phagocytosis and destruction of opsonised cells	
Hypersensitivity	me	ediate the		Examples: transfusion reaction, erythroblastosis fetalis, autoimmune haemolytic anaemia, agranulocytosis,	
	hyj	persensitivity		thrombocytopaenia, drug reactions when a drug acts as a hapten	
	res	sponse	2.2.	Complement and Fc receptor mediated inflammation: antibodies bind to fixed tissue such as basement membranes,	
				extracellular matrix activates complement generate by-products particularly chemotactic agent C5a direct PMN	
	3. List	t an example or		migration and C3a and C5a = increase vascular permeability. PMNs activated by C3a and Fc receptors release of	
	exa	amples for each		pro- inflammatory substances like prostaglandins, production of lysosomal enzymes, reactive O2 species	
	me	echanism		Examples: glomerulonephritis, vascular rejection in organ grafts, vasculitis caused by ANCA, Goodpastures	3. 2/4
			2.3.	Antibody mediated cellular dysfunction: antibodies directed against cell surface receptors impair or dysregulate	
				function without causing cell injury or inflammation	
				Examples: myasthenia gravis, Graves's disease, insulin resistant diabetes, pemphigus vulgaris	
			2.4.	Antibody dependant cellular cytotoxicity	
				Examples: IgG coats cells, effector cells such as monocytes, neutrophils, eosinophils and NK cells then bind and lyse	
				cells without phagocytosis, role in specific diseases uncertain.	
		hat causes Hepatitis C		Flaviviridae family RNA Virus	1. Bold
Question 1.3	inf	ection?		Incubation period 2-26 wks (mean 6-12 wks)	2.3/5
				Acute infection usually mild or asymptomatic (1-3 weeks)	
Hepatitis C		escribe the clinical	2.3	Persistent and Chronic hepatitis with exacerbations in 80%	
Infection		urse of Hepatitis C		Cirrhosis in 20-30%	
		ection		Fulminant hepatic failure rare	a a/7
		hat are the risk factors		IVDU (54%)	3. 3/7
		r acquiring Hepatitis		Multiple sex partners (36%)	
	C?			Needle stick (10%) (risk of HCV is 1.8% v 0.3% for HIV)	
				HCW (1.5%)	
				Blood Transfusion (in the 1980's),	
			3.6	Vertical,	

		3.7 Unknown (32%)	
	Additional question for good candidates. After completion of 5 questions		4. 2/4
	 What features of the Hepatitis C virus make vaccine development difficult? 	 4.1 Highly stable core, extremely variable envelope (E protein) 4.2 RNA polymerase inherently unstable; frequent mutations, multiple quasispecies found in any one pt 4.3 Genomic and Antigenic variability 4.4 Actively inhibits interferon mediated cellular response at many levels 	
Question 1.4 Disseminated Intravascular	 Describe the pathophysiology of "disseminated intravascular coagulation"? ("Trigger" can be a prompt) 	 2 major mechanisms trigger DIC: release of tissue factor into circulation widespread injury to the endothelial cells Acute, subacute or chronic thrombo-haemorrhagic disorder characterized by a.1 excessive activation of coagulation leading to 	1. 1 trigger and 2/3 bolds
Coagulation	2. What are some of the important causes and triggers of severe DIC?	 1.3.2 formation of thrombi in the microvascular circulation 1.3.3 secondary activation of fibrinolysis causing bleeding 1.3.4 consumption of platelets, fibrin and coagulation factors 2.1 Obstetric complications (eg amniotic fluid embolism, FDIU) responsible for approx 50% cases 2.2 Malignant neoplasms (33% cases) 2.3 Sepsis 2.4 Major trauma, severe burns, extensive surgery 2.5 Transfusion reaction 2.6 Most mild cases probably due to sepsis, esp in elderly, but not usually diagnosed – low plts 	3. 3/6
Question 1.5 Post Streptococcal GN	 Describe the aetiology and pathogenesis of post streptococcal glomerulonephritis. 	 1.1 Group A β-hemolytic streptococci (eg: 90% types 12, 4, and 1) 1.2 Typically post pharyngeal/skin infections (impetigo) - sometimes epidemic, partic in overcrowded insanitary conditions 1.3 An immunologically mediated disease ? Type 2/ or 3 type e.g. ? Circulating or antigen deposit disease. 1.4 Granular immune deposits in the glomeruli (IgG & C3) - partic GBM- leading to leaking glomeruli. 1.5 Streptococcal antigen found in the glomeruli. 1.6 Complement activation – low serum complement 1.7 Elevated titres of anti streptococcal Ab 1.8 Nephritis associated streptococcal plasmin receptor NAPIr, Strep pyogenic exotoxin B (SpeB), zSPeb 	1. 2 x Bold + 1 others
	2. Describe the clinical features of post Streptococcal GN.	 1 to 4 weeks after a streptococcal infection of the pharynx or skin (impetigo). Malaise, fever, nausea, oliguria, and haematuria Red cell casts, mild proteinuria (usually < 1 gm/day), periorbital and other oedema, mild to moderate hypertension 95% will recover quickly in 1-3 weeks, 4 % chronic, 1% severe acute renal failure. Adult onset has worst prognosis 	2. 2 x Bold + 2 others
		1.4. Depleted C3 and almost always Strep Ags.	

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Question 2.1		Vhat is tissue ypertrophy?	 Increase in cellular size not number leading to overall organ/tissue size increase Cell size increased by more structural components and increased synthesis of cellular proteins Triggered by increased functional demand or stimulation by hormones or growth factors 	1.	Bold
Hypertrophy	hי H	Vhat are examples of ypertrophy (Prompt: low is it classified??) low is hyperplasia	 Can be selective hypertrophy of specific sub-organelles Examples Physiological skeletal muscle enhancement through training or uterus under influence of hormones such as oestrogen 	2.	Bold (+ 1 example of each)
		ifferent form ypertrophy?	 2.2. Pathological such as cardiomegaly in hypertension and CCF (has an upper limit after which regression occurs -> cell injury -> apoptosis/necrosis) 3. Hyperplasia involves an increase in the number of cells. 	3.	Bold
	1. W	Vhat are the 2 main	1.1. Primary Haemostatic Plug	1.	bold
Question 2.2	rc	oles of platelets in aemostasis?	1.2. Provides surface to recruit and concentrate activated coagulation factors		Bold to pass
Role of Platelets in Haemostasis	h	low is the primary aemostatic plug ormed?	 After vascular injury, platelets contact exposed ECM eg. collagen, adhesive glycoprotein, vWF Adhesion – via glycoprotein 1b (Gplb) receptor to vWF forming bridge between plat and ECM collagen 2.1.1. necessary to overcome high shear force of blood flow, deficient in vW disease or Bernard-Soulier syndrome 	2.	4/7 Bold to pass
			 2.2. Activation resulting in shape change and secretion – granule release (ADP, TxA2). 2.3. Aggregation – ADP potent activator of platelet aggregation and +ve feedback for more ADP release. Agonist binding causes intracellular protein phosphorylation cascade => degranulation, including dense body content release of Ca⁺⁺, required for coagulation cascade. Platelet activation causes appearance of negatively charged phospholipids on surface => bind Ca, critical nucleation sites for assembly of coagulation factor complexes. 2.4. TxA2 amplifies platelet aggregation => leads to formation of primary haemostatic plug. 2.5. Aggregation reversible at this stage but not after next stage of stabilization via coagulation cascade with formation of thrombin. 		
Question 2.3 Ulcerative Colitis	p	Vhat are the athological features of Ilcerative Colitis?	 1.1. One of two disorders that compromise inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) 1.2. Severe ulcerating inflammatory disease 1.3. Limited to colon and rectum. 1.3.1. Continuous distribution (Starts in colon and extends continuously – No skip lesions) 1.3.2. Extends only into mucosa and submucosa (ie not trans mural) 1.3.3. Pancolitis if entire colon affected, limited distal disease eg ulcerative proctitis 1.4. Superficial broad based ulcers 1.5. Pseudopolyps 1.6. Malignant potential 1.7. Toxic megacolon 	1.	Bold (+ 2)
	m	Vhat extra-intestinal nanifestations occur in Icerative colitis?	 Extra-intestinal Manifestations Polyarthritis, sacroiliitis, ankylosing spondylitis suveitis Vveitis Skin lesions Pericholangitis Primary sclerosing cholangitis 	2.	4 for pass

	1. What is the caus	ative 1. Vibrio cholera = gram neg bacteria (comma shaped/flagellate)	1.	Bold
Question 2.4	organism of cho	lera?		
l	2. Describe the	2. Pathogenesis		
Cholera	pathogenesis of	cholera 2.1. Non invasive	2.	Need 4
l	(Describe how t	he 2.2. Flagella proteins for attachment & colonization		bold to
l	enterotoxin caus	ses 2.3. Preformed enterotoxin		pass
l	diarrhoea).	2.3.1. Cholera enterotoxin		
l		• 5 B subunits		
l		• 1 A subunit		
l		2.3.2. B subunit binds to intestinal (mainly duodenum/jejunum) – epithelial cells		
l		Retrograde transport in ER		
l		2.3.3. A subunit Tx to cytoplasm		
l		A subunit activates G protein		
l		• Stimulates adenyl cyclase \rightarrow c-amp		
l		 Opens cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator (CFTR) 		
1		Releases Cl'into lumen		
l		\circ secretion of HCO3, Na and H ₂ O		
l		 massive diarrhoea which overwhelms colonic resorption 		
	1. Describe the clir	ical 1. Diminished facial expression, stooped posture, slowness of voluntary movement, festinating gait (progressive	y 1.	
Question 2.5	features of	shortened, accelerated steps), rigidity and a "pill-rolling" tremor.		3 of 6
1	Parkinsonism. (F	Prompt:		
Parkinsonism	How do Parkinso	onian 2. Conditions that cause damage to the nigrostriatal dopaminergic system		
1	patients look?)	2.1. Parkinson disease	2.	
l	2. What are the ca	uses of 2.2. Post-encephalitic		Bold + 2
l	Parkinsonism? (Prompt: 2.3. Familial forms (rare – auto dominant & recessive)		
l	what part of the	brain is 2.4. trauma/ injuries		
l	affected?)	2.5. Drugs – dopamine antagonists/toxins/pesticides		
l		2.6. Multiple system atrophy, progressive supranuclear palsy		
l	3. Outline the poss	ible 3. Possible pathogenesis – no unifying pathogenic mechanism identified		
l	pathogenesis of			
l	Parkinson's Dise			
l		3.3. Altered mitochondrial function caused by the loss of DJ-1 and PINK1		
l		3.4. Genetic variants with gene defects		

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	1.	What are the features of	1.1.	Immediate reaction, , previously sensitised individuals, IgE mediated	1.	3/5 bold
Question 3.1		Type 1 hypersensitivity?	1.2.	Mast cell and or basophils involved		
			1.3.	Mediators involved include Histamine, other amines, enzymes proteases, proteoglycans, heparin, leukotrienes, C4,		
Type 1	2.	What are the actions of		PAF, Prostaglandins, Cytokines		
(Immediate)		mast cell mediators in	2.1	Cellular infiltration – leukotrienes, chemotaxis, PAF, Cytokines	2.	Histamine
Hypersensitivity		Type I Hyeprsensitivity	2.2	Vasoactive effects – Hist, PAF, Leukotrienes, PG D4		+ 2 others
		(and give examples)	2.3	Smooth muscle spasm – leukotrienes, histamine, PG, PAF		+
	3.	What is the late phase				reasonable
		reaction	3	Ongoing inflammatory reaction without additional exposure to triggering ag		actions
					3.	Ongoing
	1.	What is	1.	The process of blood vessel formation in the adult. 2 methods	1.	Bold and
Question 3.2		angiogenesis?	1.1.	Branching and extension of existing vessels		one other
			1.2.	Recruitment of endothelial progenitor cells (EPCs)		
Angiogenesis						
	2.	Please give some examples?	2.	Wound healing, chronic inflammation, proliferating endometrium, tumours, etc	2.	Any 2
			3.	Steps in angiogenesis	3.	Any 3
	3.	What steps are	3.1.	Vasodilation		
		involved in angiogenesis	3.2.	Proteolytic degradation of basement membrane		
		from pre existing	3.3.	Endothelial cells migrate to angiogenic stimuli		
		vessels?	3.4.	Maturation		
			3.5.	Capillary formation		
			3.6.	Recruitment of periendothelial cells for support structure formation		
			4.	Inhibitors such as endostatin are released by proteinases (This is a small fragment of collagen that inhibits endothelial proliferation and also angiogenesis)		

	1.	Describe the	1.1.	Disruption of normal bowel flora (ab's – esp. 3 rd gen ceph) allowing overgrowth of <i>C. difficile</i>	1.	Toxin +
Question 3.3		pathogenesis of	1.2.	C. difficile elaborates toxins that cause:		one
		pseudomembranous		1.2.1. Ribosylation of small GTPases		otherbold
Pseudo-		colitis.		1.2.2. Disruption of epithelial cytoskeleton		+ 1 other
membranous				1.2.3. Tight junction barrier loss		(1.3 to 1.7)
Colitis				1.2.4. Cytokine release		
				1.2.5. Apoptosis		
	2.	What are the clinical	1.3.	Denuded surface epithelium		
		features of	1.4.	Superficial lamina propria contains dense infiltrate of neutrophils & occasional fibrin thrombi in capillaries		
		pseudomembranous	1.5.	Damaged crypts are distended by mucopurulent exudates that erupt "volcanically"		
		colitis?	1.6.	Coalesce to form the pseudomembrane		
	3.	What is the	2.	Causes fever, (leukocytosis), profuse watery diarrhoea, abdo pain	2.	2/3
		pseudomembrane?	3.	Pseudomembrane is an adherent layer of inflammatory cells and debris at sites of colonic mucosal injury	3.	bold
	1.	Describe the	1.	Acute Calculous (90% of all)	1.	
Question 3.4		pathogenesis of acute		Obstruction by stones, stasis- activates hydrolases		3/6
		calculous cholecystitis		Lecithins -> (mucosal Phospholipases) -> lysolecithins		
Cholecystitis				Disrupts glycoprotein mucous -> epithelium exposed to bile salts		
				Prostaglandin release -> inflammation, mucosal and mural		
				Dysmotility & raised intraluminal pressure		
			1.6.	Bacterial infection secondary to stasis		
	2.	How does acalculous	2.	Acalculous (10%) – rarer, in predisposed individuals, slower often masked		
		cholecystitis differ from		Ischaemia, end arteries (cystic)		
		this?		Other promoting features – sludging micro-crystals, stasis, local inflammation, distension	2.	
			2.3.	Sepsis with hypotension, immunosuppression, major trauma and burns, diabetes, infection, severe atherosclerosis		3/6
	3.	Describe the clinical		(drugs/ABs- ? vasculitic).		
		features of acute	3.	Right upper quadrant or epigastric pain,		
		cholecystitis.		Mild fever, anorexia, tachycardia, sweating, nausea, and vomiting, tender RUQ (Murphy's)	3.	4/7
	1.	What factors lead to	1.1.	Genetic & environmental (mechanical)	1.	2/4
Question 3.5		osteoarthritis	1.2.	Age – virtually ubiquitous (80-90%) after 65		answers
	2.	Describe the	1.3.	Other exacerbating diseases e.g. Obesity, diabetes, injury, abnormal joints,		
Osteoarthritis		pathological changes		2.Chondrocyte injury		
		that occur in an affected		1.3.1. Early OA: chondrocytes proliferate (cloning) and secrete inflammatory mediators, collagens,	2.	2/3 bold,
		joint		proteoglycans, and proteases which initiates secondary inflammatory changes.	3.	2/4
				1.3.2. Later OA: repetitive injury and chronic inflammation lead to chondrocyte drop out, marked loss of		
				cartilage, and extensive subchondral bone changes		
				ostly asymptomatic <50y.o.		
			1.4.	Deep, achy pain worse with use, morning stiffness , crepitus , and limited ROM		
			1.5.	Oligoarthritis 95% (occas generalized/early)		
	3.	Describe the major	1.6.	Impingement on spinal foramina by osteophytes results in cervical and lumbar nerve root		
		clinical features of		compression and radicular pain, muscle spasms, muscle atrophy, and neurologic deficits.		
		osteoarthritis	1.7.	Common: hips, knees, lower lumbar and cervical vertebrae, PIP, DIP of the fingers, 1st carpoMC		
				joints, and 1 st TarsoMT joints. Not wrists, elbows, shoulders		

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Question 4.1	1.	How do leucocytes get to an area of acute inflammation?	 Margination of WCC in vessels, rolling and adhesion to endothelium (pavementing) (Selectins) Migration and diapedesis across endothelium (PECAM1, CD31, Integrins) Migration towards chemotactic stimulus in tissue (bacterial products, cytokines, IL8, C5A) 	1.	All Bold
Cellular Events of Inflammation	2.	What is the role of leukocytes in acute inflammation?	 2 2.1 Recognition and attachment to materials (opsonins) mediated by receptors 2.2 Killing of microbes: phagocytosis /engulfment /killing and degradation (H2O2-MPO-Halide) 2.3 Release of products – Amplify the inflammatory reaction (lysosomal enzymes, reactive oxygen/nitrogen) 		3/5 Bold
Question 4.2 Acute Pancreatitis	1.	What is the aetiology of acute pancreatitis? What is the suggested pathogenesis of acute pancreatitis?	 1.1 Metabolic – Alcohol 5% (UK), 65% (US), M:F = 6:1, drugs eg. azothioprine, hyperlipoproteinemia, hypercalcaemia, 1.2 Genetic – trypsinogen and trypsin genes 1.3 Mechanical – Gallstones 35-60%, M:F = 1:3, trauma, iatrogenic/intraoperative/ERCP 1.4 Vascular – shock, atherosclerosis, vasculitis 1.5 Infectious – mumps 2. 2.1 Autodigestion of pancreatic substance by inappropriately activated pancreatic enzymes 2.2 3 mechanisms 2.2.1 Pancreatic duct obstruction eg. by impacted gallstone => accumulation of lipase in interstitium => local fat 	1.	Bold + 2 of the other causes from different groups
	3.	What are the laboratory findings of acute pancreatitis?	 necrosis => release of proinflammatory cytokines => leaky vessels + oedema => vascular insufficiency and ischaemic damage to acinar cells 2.2.2 Primary acinar cell injury eg. alcohol, mumps, trauma, drugs, organ insufficiency aftershock/ischaemia 2.2.3 Defective intracellular transport of proenzymes within acinar cells – digestive enzymes and lysosomal hydrolases intermingled causing release of activated enzymes. Human mechanism not clear. 3 3.1 Marked elevation of serum amylase in first 24 hours 3.2 Rising serum lipase within 72-96 hours 3.3 Glycosuria – 10% cases 3.4 Hypocalcaemia – poor prognostic sign if persistent 3.5 Leukocytosis 3.6 Acute renal failure 	2.1 2.2 3.	Bold to pass
Question 4.3 Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm	1.	Describe the pathogenesis of an aneurysm What are the clinical	 Structure or function of the vascular wall connective tissue is compromised Poor intrinsic quality of the vascular wall connective tissue eg Marfan syndrome, Ehlers-Danlos Collagen degradation vs synthesis by local inflammation (proteolytic enzymes) eg atherosclerotic plaque, vasculitis, Loss of vascular smooth muscle cells or the inappropriate synthesis of noncollagenous or nonelastic ECM (cystic medial degeneration) 	1.	2/3 bold , 2 examples
		consequences of an AAA?	 2.1. Rupture into the peritoneal cavity or retroperitoneal tissues with massive, potentially fatal haemorrhage 2.2. Obstruction of a branch vessel resulting in ischemic injury, eg. iliac, renal, mesenteric, or vertebral arteries 2.3. Embolism from atheroma or mural thrombus 2.4. Impingement on an adjacent structure, e.g. ureter, vertebrae 2.5. Nothing (if < 4cm and no embolic complic's) 3. Related to size - 	2.	3 out of 5
	3.	What is the risk of rupture of an AAA?	 3. Related to size - 3.1 4 cm or less in diameter nil 3.2 between 4 and 5 cm 1% per year 3.3 between 5 and 6 cm 11% per year 3.4 greater than 6 cm in diameter 25% per year 	3.	Low < 5cm, much higher > 5cm

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	1. What is the aetiology of	1.1. Chronic blood loss – GIT, menorrhagia	1.
Question 4.4	Fe deficiency anaemia?	1.2. Increased requirement – pregnancy	Bold + 1
		1.3. Dietary deficiency – vegetarians	
Iron Deficiency		1.4. Impaired absorption – celiac	
Anaemia			
	2. What are the laboratory	2.	
	findings in Fe deficiency	2.1. Microcytic hypochromic anaemia (low Hb)	2. Bold +3
	anaemia?	2.2. Low S. Fe levels	
		2.3. Low S. Ferritin levels (correlates well with body iron stores)	
		2.4. High TIBC (high transferrin levels)	
		2.5. Low Transferrin saturation levels	
			3.
	3. What are the clinical	3.	At least 5
	features of Fe deficiency	3.1. General - pallor, weakness, lethargy, fatigue, SOBOE, angina	from 2
	anaemia?	3.2. Features of blood loss – GI, menorrhagia	groups
		3.3. Specific features – koilonychia, alopecia, glossitis, pica	
	List the types of E. Coli	1.1 Enterotoxic E coli (ETEC)	2 of 4 groups to
Question 4.5	enteritis and describe their	1.1.1 Food and water, traveller's	pass
	features	1.1.2 LT heat labile toxin, adenyl cyclise -> inc cAMP -> inc Cl- secretion and decr absorption (cholera like)	
E. coli		1.1.3 ST heat stable toxin, guanylate cyclase -> incr cGMP	1 feature of any
Gastroenteritis		1.2 Enterohaemorrhagic E coli (EHEC)	two
		1.2.1 Beef esp. ground, milk vegetable	
		1.2.2 O157:H7 and non O157:H7	
		1.2.3 Shigella like toxin	
		1.2.4 Large outbreaks, bloody diarrhoea, haemolytic uraemic syndrome	
		1.2.5 Thrombotic Thrombocytopenic purpure (2%)	
		1.3 Enteroinvasive E. Coli (EIEC)	
		1.3.1 Food, water, person to person	
		1.3.2 No toxins, invades mucosa, colitis	
		1.4 Enteroaggregative E. coli (EAEC)	
		1.4.1 Adheres via adherence fimbriae.	
		1.4.2 Dispersin (removes –ve charge/ protection)	
		1.4.3 Shigella like toxin and ETEC ST toxin	
		1.4.4 Non bloody diarrhoea, prolonged in AIDS	