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Level: 1st Year Medicine
Exam: Physics – Biophysics

Important!!: For each question, select only one correct answer.

Q 01: A glucose solution contains 9 g dissolved in 250 ml of water. The molar mass of glucose is $180 \text{ g} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$. What are the molarity and the mass concentration of the solution?

- A. $C = 0,2 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$; $C_{mass} = 36 \text{ g/l}$
 B. $C = 0,05 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$; $C_{mass} = 39 \text{ g/l}$
 C. $C = 2 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$; $C_{mass} = 3.6 \text{ g/l}$
 D. $C = 0,2 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$; $C_{mass} = 0.036 \text{ g/l}$
 E. $C = 0,9 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$; $C_{mass} = 0.39 \text{ g/l}$

Q 02: In blood plasma, consider only Na^+ and Ca^{2+} ions. Data :

$[\text{Na}^+] = 0.14 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$ $[\text{Ca}^{2+}] = 0.002 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$ ionic mobility $u_{\text{Na}^+} = 5.2 \times 10^{-8}$, $u_{\text{Ca}^{2+}} = 5.0 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}^2/\text{V} \cdot \text{s}$ Charge of an ion : $e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$, Avogadro's number : $N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$

Estimate the ratio of ionic conductivities of Na^+ and Ca^{2+} , $\frac{\sigma_{\text{Na}^+}}{\sigma_{\text{Ca}^{2+}}}$ in an electrolyte solution.

- A. 10
 B. 184
 C. 50
 D. 10
 E. 36

Q03: A mass x of glycerol ($\text{C}_3\text{H}_8\text{O}_3$, $M = 92 \text{ g} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$) is dissolved in 2.5 kg of solvent. This solution produces the same freezing ΔT_f point depression as 2.5 g of sucrose ($\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_{11}$, $M = 342 \text{ g} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$) dissolved in 125 g of the same solvent. What is the value of x ?

- A. 0.15 g
 B. 2.5 g
 C. 7.3 g
 D. 13.5 g
 E. 25 g

Q 04: Hemoglobin ($M \approx 64,500 \text{ g/mol}$) diffuses through a semi-permeable membrane according to Fick's law. Diffusion coefficient: $D = 2 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$; Membrane thickness: $\Delta x = 5 \mu\text{m}$; Surface area: $S = 1 \text{ cm}^2$; Concentrations: blood side $C_1 = 2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol/l}$, tissue side $C_2 = 0.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol/l}$. What amount of hemoglobin (in mol) crosses the membrane in time 30 minutes?

- A. $1.08 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mol}$
 B. $1.08 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$
 C. $3.6 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mol}$
 D. $6 \times 10^{-12} \text{ mol}$
 E. 10^{-12} mol

Q 05 : The electrical conductivity σ of an electrolyte solution is given, in its general form, by:

$$\sigma = \sum C_i |Z_i| u_i F$$

For a binary electrolyte, this expression becomes:

$$\sigma = C \cdot F \cdot \alpha (|z^+| u^+ + |z^-| \cdot u^-)$$

If the ionic charge $|Z_i|$, the ionic mobility u_i and Faraday's constant F are all kept constant, which change in the remaining parameter leads to an increase in the electrical conductivity σ ?

- A. An increase in the ionic mobility
- B. An increase in the degree of dissociation of the electrolyte
- C. An increase in the molar concentration of the electrolyte
- D. An increase in the ionic valence
- E. Dilution of the solution

Q 06 : Fick's first law describes the diffusive flux of a substance across a membrane or medium:

$$J = -D \frac{dc}{dx}$$

Which of the following statements is correct?

- A. If the concentration gradient $\frac{dc}{dx} > 0$, then the flux $J > 0$.
- B. Diffusion always occurs from a region of low concentration to a region of high concentration.
- C. The diffusive flux is proportional to the concentration gradient and directed from the high-concentration region to the low-concentration region.
- D. The flux depends on time.
- E. The flux is independent of the diffusion coefficient D .

Q 07 : A capacitor in a series RC circuit (R, C) is charged by a voltage source V_S . The initial capacitor voltage is $V_C(0) = 0$. Which of the following statements correctly describes the capacitor voltage $V_C(t)$ at time t ?

- A. $V_C(t) = V_S(1 - e^{-t/RC})$
- B. $V_C(t) = V_S e^{-t/RC}$
- C. $Q(t) = C \cdot E(1 - e^{-t/\tau})$
- D. $V_C(t) = V_S(1 - e^{RC/-t})$
- E. $I(t) = \frac{V_S \cdot e^{-t/\tau}}{R}$

Q 08 : We dissolve 24 g of acetic acid CH_3COOH , molar mass $M = 60 \text{ g/mol}$, in 1 liter of water. The degree of dissociation is $\alpha = 0.1$. What is the osmolarity of the solution?

- A. 0.36 osmol/l
- B. 0.40 osmol/l
- C. 0.44 osmol/l
- D. 0.24 osmol/l
- E. 0.60 osmol/l

Q 09 : A glucose infusion is administered through a semi-permeable membrane with:

Thickness: $e = 1 \text{ mm}$

Surface area: $S = 0,01 \text{ m}^2$, Concentration gradient: $\Delta C = C_{\text{plasma}} - C_{\text{perfuse}} = 0,1 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{m}^{-3}$

Diffusion coefficient: $D = 2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ According to Fick's first law, what is the total diffusive flux of glucose through the membrane (mol/s)?

- A. 2×10^{-12}
- B. 2×10^{-6}
- C. 2×10^{-10}
- D. 2×10^{-9}
- E. 2×10^{-8}

Q10: A cell has three ion channels in parallel: sodium (Na^+), potassium (K^+), and leak (L). The measured currents are: $I_{\text{Na}} = 1 \mu\text{A}$, $I_{\text{K}} = 2 \mu\text{A}$. The total measured current is $I_{\text{tot}} = 5 \mu\text{A}$?

What is the leak current I_{L} ?

- A. $1 \mu\text{A}$
- B. $2 \mu\text{A}$
- C. $3 \mu\text{A}$
- D. $4 \mu\text{A}$
- E. $5 \mu\text{A}$

Q 11 : A neuron has three ion channels: sodium Na^+ , potassium K^+ , and leak L. Their resistances are: $R_{\text{Na}} = 50 \Omega$, $R_{\text{K}} = 100 \Omega$, $R_{\text{L}} = 200 \Omega$. The sodium and potassium channels are in parallel, and this combination is in series with the leak channel. The membrane voltage is $V_m = 60 \text{ mV}$.

What is the current through the leak channel I_{L} ?

- A. 0.03 mA
- B. 257.0 mA
- C. 2.57 mA
- D. 25.7 mA
- E. 0.257 mA

Q 12 : A pacemaker is modeled by a series RC circuit. The parameters are:

Resistance: $= 1 \text{ k}\Omega$, Capacitance: $C = 10 \mu\text{F}$, voltage source: $V = 100 \text{ mV}$: Initial capacitor voltage: $V_C(0) = 0$. Time constant: $\tau = 10 \text{ ms}$

After 10 ms, what are the current $I(t)$, and charge Q ?

- A. $0.633 \mu\text{C}$; 0.037 mA
- B. $10 \mu\text{C}$; 0.063 mA
- C. $100 \mu\text{C}$; 0.1 mA
- D. $1000 \mu\text{C}$; 0.5 mA
- E. $0.1 \mu\text{C}$; 1 mA

Q 13 : A perfusion solution is an aqueous solution containing: NaCl at a concentration of $0,14 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$, KCl at a concentration of $0,01 \text{ mol} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$. Assume that both salts are completely dissociated. What is the total osmolarity of this solution?

- A. $0,14 \text{ Osm} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$
- B. $0,15 \text{ Osm} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$
- C. $0,28 \text{ Osm} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$
- D. $0,30 \text{ Osm} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$
- E. $0,32 \text{ Osm} \cdot \text{l}^{-1}$

Q 14 : During phase 0 of a cardiac action potential, the sodium current I_{Na} is:

- A. 0 mA (no sodium movement)
- B. Negative (inward sodium current)
- C. Positive (outward sodium current)
- D. Equal to the potassium current, I_{K}
- E. Maximal in magnitude but positive

Q15 : The freezing point depression ΔT_f of a non electrolyte solution is given by the classic formula:

- A. $\Delta T_f = n \cdot K_f \cdot m$
- B. $\Delta T_f = K_f \cdot M$
- C. $\Delta T_f = K_f \cdot m$
- D. $\Delta T_f = K_f / m$
- E. $\Delta T_f = m / K_f$

Q16: A myocardial cell is modeled as a membrane capacitor $C_m = 1 \mu F$ in series with the total resistance R_{tot} , which represents the ionic resistances in parallel: $R_{Na} = 50 \Omega$, $R_K = 100 \Omega$, $R_L = 200 \Omega$. Which of the following values corresponds to the characteristic depolarization time τ of this cell?

- A. 50.65 μs
- B. 28.6 μs
- C. 100.6 μs
- D. 200.6 μs
- E. 1.65 μs

Q17: A myocardial cell behaves like an electric dipole when:

- A. It is completely at rest
- B. It is fully depolarized
- C. It is partially depolarized
- D. It is fully repolarized
- E. It is in the refractory period

Q 18: What is the correct sequence of cardiac electrical activation?

- A. AV node \rightarrow SA node \rightarrow His bundle \rightarrow Purkinje fibers
- B. Purkinje fibers \rightarrow SA node \rightarrow ventricles
- C. SA node \rightarrow Purkinje fibers \rightarrow ventricles
- D. His bundle \rightarrow SA node \rightarrow AV node
- E. SA node \rightarrow AV node \rightarrow His bundle \rightarrow Purkinje fibers

Q 19: The QRS complex on the ECG primarily corresponds to:

- A. Atrial depolarization
- B. Ventricular depolarization
- C. Atrial repolarization
- D. Ventricular repolarization
- E. Ventricular contraction

Q 20: In the Goldman (Goldman-Hodgkin-Katz) equation, the membrane potential

$$E_m = \frac{R.T}{F} \ln \left(\frac{P_{K^+}[K^+]_{outside}}{P_{K^+}[K^+]_{inside}} + \frac{P_{Na^+}[Na^+]_{outside}}{P_{Na^+}[Na^+]_{inside}} + \frac{P_{Cl^-}[Cl^-]_{inside}}{P_{Cl^-}[Cl^-]_{outside}} \right) \text{ depends on:}$$

- A. Only ionic concentrations
- B. Only ionic charges
- C. Only membrane capacitance
- D. Ionic concentrations and ionic permeabilities
- E. Only membrane resistance

Wishing you good luck



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