

Stem: A 20 year old woman presents with a rash and dyspnoea. Her oxygen saturation is low. We are starting with physiology			
TOPIC	QUESTIONS	KNOWLEDGE (essential in bold)	NOTES
<p>Question 1</p> <p>VQ mismatch (West Chp 5)</p> <p>Subject: Phys</p> <p>LOA: 1</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the causes of hypoxemia in a patient breathing room air? 2. How does the ventilation/perfusion ratio change in different regions of the lung? 3. What is the effect of ventilation-perfusion inequality on arterial PO₂ and arterial PCO₂? <p><i>Prompt if required</i></p> <p>Why does V/Q inequality cause reduced arterial PO₂ while arterial PCO₂ remains relatively normal?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hypoventilation 2. Diffusion limitation 3. Shunt 4. Ventilation/perfusion (V/Q) inequality <p>V/Q ratio is high at apex (blood flow minimal) and decreases down the lung to the base.</p> <p>PO₂ highest at apex but blood flow is greatest at the base where PO₂ is lowest (can be 40mmHg difference)</p> <p>Respiratory exchange ratio (CO₂ output/O₂ uptake) highest at apex where blood flow is lower</p> <p>Much greater influence on PO₂ than CO₂.</p> <p>O₂ dissociation curve nonlinear. Areas with high V/Q ratio add relatively little O₂ with increased ventilation. Whereas areas with low V/Q ratio have lower PO₂ (close to mixed venous) overall PO₂ is reduced</p> <p>CO₂ dissociation curve is linear in the working range. Chemoreceptor stimulation increases ventilation and CO₂ output especially in lung areas with high V/Q ratios. normal PCO₂ (minimal change)</p>	<p>3 of 4 to pass</p> <p>BOLD + general concepts to pass</p> <p>BOLD + demonstrates understanding</p>
Stem: We are now moving to anatomy. A CXR is performed.			
<p>Question 2</p> <p>CXR including understanding of pleural reflections</p> <p>Subject: Anat</p> <p>LOA: 2</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate the lobes of the lungs 2. What are their immediate relationships (if not answered in Q1) <p>Prompt: what are the boundaries of the lobes</p>	<p>Right superior mediastinum to apex ; right upper lobe RUL: apex -horizontal fissure /upper right mediastinum medially</p> <p>Right heart border; right middle lobe</p> <p>RML: right heart border & horizontal fissure (superior border 4th rib) to 6th costal cartilage</p>	<p>Demonstrate all 5 lobes</p>

	<p>3. Describe the surface anatomy of the parietal pleura</p>	<p>Left upper mediastinum to apex; left upper lobe LUL: Apex- 4LICS parasternal line, 6th LICSMCL & 5th LICS AAL</p> <p>Left heart border ; Lingula lobe : left heart border</p> <p>Lower lobes posteriorly, sit over domes of diaphragms rise as high as 3rd intercostal space posteriorly R & L lower lobes: from Obliques fissures (T2 spinous process-6th costal cartilage anteriorly) to level T10 spinous process posteriorly , 10th ribs at scapular line & 8th ribs in MAL.</p> <p>supraclavicular fossa, medially follow the middle of the sternum to the level of the 6th intercostal cartilage, deviates laterally reaching MCL at 8th rib, MAL at the 10th rib, paravertebral line 12th rib. Notch on Left.</p>	<p>Reasonable description</p>
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Stem: We are now moving to pathology. The rash is diagnosed as Varicella Zoster

<p>Question 3</p> <p>Varicella Zoster (p 353)</p> <p>Subject: Path</p> <p>LOA: 1</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the 2 clinical conditions caused by this virus 2. Describe the pathogenesis and clinical course of infection with this virus Prompt: start with how the virus is transmitted 3. What are the complications of chicken pox 	<p>Chicken pox and shingles</p> <p>Starts with aerosol or direct contact spread → haematogenous dissemination → vesicular skin lesions → vesicles rupture, crust over then heal Some virus lies dormant in dorsal root ganglia and reactivated later with immunosuppression</p> <p>Lung → interstitial pneumonia Nervous system - encephalitis, transverse myelitis Skin and mucous membranes → shingles, bacteria superinfection Gut – necrotising visceral lesions</p>	<p>Both</p> <p>Reasonable sequence</p> <p>3 to pass</p>
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Stem: . We are now moving to pharmacology. Treatment is commenced with Acyclovir			
Question 4 Acyclovir (pp 862-864) Subject: Pharm LOA: 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the indications for acyclovir in the ED? 2. Describe the mechanism of action of acyclovir. 3. Describe the pharmacokinetics of acyclovir? 4. Name some side effects of acyclovir 	<p>HSV – encephalitis; VZV, patients with HIV, genital herpes</p> <p>Inhibition of viral DNA synthesis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irreversible binding to viral DNA polymerase. • Incorporation in to viral DNA with termination <p>Specificity for virus-infected cell (virus-specific thymidine kinase).</p> <p>Short half life 2.5 hrs (5xdaily dosing oral); low oral bioavailability; mostly excreted unchanged in urine; CSF 20-50% of plasma; wide distribution</p> <p>Nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, headache, reversible renal toxicity Neuro – tremor, delirium, seizures</p>	<p>Bold</p> <p>Bold</p> <p>Bold + 1 other</p> <p>2 to pass</p>

	3. What are the acute complications of severe pancreatitis?	Causes interstitial inflammation and oedema, proteolysis, fat necrosis and haemorrhage 3. Haemolysis, DIC, fluid sequestration, ARDS, diffuse fat necrosis. Peripheral vascular collapse; shock; acute renal tubular necrosis	3. 3 answers to pass
Stem: Another patient arrives with a stab wound to the back of his right thigh. We will move now on to anatomy			
Question 3 Posterior Thigh Muscles photo Subject: Anat LOA: 1	Identify the structures in this photo of the posterior thigh. What are the clinical features of a severed sciatic nerve in the upper thigh? Prompt: what does the sciatic nerve supply distal to this point.	Sciatic nerve (19) , gluteus maximus (5), long head biceps (9), semitendinosus (22), semimembranosus (21), ischial tuberosity (8), gracilis (6), iliotibial tract (7), adductor magnus (1), popliteal artery and vein(16,17), quadratus femoris (18) Motor: SN supplies all posterior thigh muscles (depending on level of injury these may be affected), all leg and foot muscles loss of hip extension and knee flexion. All ankle (Flex/Ext, inversion, eversion) and toe movements lost. Sensory: skin of most of leg and foot -> posterior and lateral leg, sole of foot, lateral and dorsum of foot.	Bold + any 4 others Prompt bold if required. Motor 3 bold Sensory 3 bold
Stem: We will now move onto pharmacology. He is agitated. You use Olanzapine to sedate him.			
Question 4 Olanzapine & atypical antipsychotics (Chp 29) Subject: Pharm LOA: 2	1. By what routes can Olanzapine be administered? 2. What dose, and route would you use in this situation? 3. What are the advantages of olanzapine over older “typical” antipsychotics? Prompt: e.g. chlorpromazine 4. What are some of its disadvantages? Prompt if needed – what about longer term effects	1. Oral (Tab or wafer); Parenteral- IMI, Depot IMI 2. Gives dose (10-20mg), same for each route 3. less hypotension; less tachycardia; less extrapyramidal effect ; high clinical potency; less effect on prolactin; more effective vs neg&pos psychotic symptoms and cognition; multiple routes of admin 4. Anticholinergic effects; lowered seizure threshold; weight gain; DM; Hyperlipidaemia; expense	Bold Reasonable answer Bold 2 disadvantages

Stem: A 90 yo lady arrives by ambulance with confusion and agitation. She is hypotensive. We will start with Physiology.			
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<p>Question 1 Baroreceptors / regulation of blood pressure (pp 589-592)</p> <p>Subject: Phys LOA: 1</p>	<p>1. What are baroreceptors and where are they located?</p> <p>2. What stimulates these receptors?</p> <p>3. What are their effects?</p>	<p>1. Stretch receptors in the walls (adventitia) of the heart & blood vessels, impt in control of BP (esp short term). Arterial-carotid sinus/Ao arch. Low pressure- Atria at entrance of IVC and SVC, Pulm veins and pulm circulation.</p> <p>2. Distension of the structures above. More sensitive to pulsatile than constant pressure. Maximal firing at 150mmHg (@ Carotid sinus)</p> <p>3. Inhibit tonic sympathetic drive & inc vagal drive => vasodilation, venodilation, hypotension, bradycardia (tachycardia in low pressure baroreceptors), ↓CO. Allows rapid adjustments in BP in response to abrupt changes in posture, blood volume, cardiac output, or peripheral resistance</p>	<p>Bold plus 2 locations.</p> <p>Bold</p> <p>3/5 end effects</p>
Stem: We will now move on to Pharmacology. Haloperidol is suggested for her agitation.			
<p>Question 2 Haloperidol (pp 503-513) Subject: Pharm LOA: 2</p>	<p>What are the pharmacodynamics of haloperidol?</p> <p>How does olanzapine differ?</p>	<p>Butyrophenone- high potency D2 receptor effects (dopamine antagonist), high extra-pyramidal side effects, low sedative, low hypotensive, minimal anticholinergic effects, minimal 5-HT and H1 blockade effects.</p> <p>Thienobenzodiazepine- less D2 receptor effects, high 5-HT receptor blockade effects, low extrapyramidal effects, medium sedative, low hypotensive and anticholinergic effects, low H1 blockade effects</p>	<p>2/3 Bold</p> <p>2/3 Bold</p>

Stem: We will now move on to Anatomy. A recent CT brain is available.			
<p>Question 3 CT brain</p> <p>Subject: Anat</p> <p>LOA: 1</p>	<p>1. Identify the intracranial structures visible on this CT (level of anterior & posterior horns lat ventricles)</p> <p>2. What arteries supply the main areas of the cerebral cortex? Prompt: point</p> <p>3. Describe the venous drainage of the cerebral hemispheres</p>	<p>Lobes: frontal temporal parietal occipital</p> <p>Lat ventricle : anterior and posterior horns 3rd ventricle, Caudate nucleus, choroid plexus Lentiform nucleus (putamen & globus pallidus) Thalamus, Septum pellucidum, Falx Anterior & posterior limbs of internal capsule Sylvian fissure</p> <p>ACA area anterior to anterior horns lat ventricle (frontal and parietal lobes medially and superiorly)</p> <p>MCA area between the ant & post horns LV (most of lateral surface anterior, parietal, and temporal lobes)</p> <p>PCA area posterior to posterior horn LV (Inferior and medial aspects of occipital and temporal lobes)</p> <p>3. Superior cerebral veins (superolateral surface of the brain) > superior sagittal sinus. Inferior and superficial middle cerebral veins (inferior, posterior and deep aspects of cerebral hemispheres) > straight, transverse and superior petrosal sinuses. Great cerebral vein (midline vein formed from the paired internal cerebral veins) > merges with inferior sagittal sinus to form the straight sinus . Eventually terminate in Internal Jugular veins</p>	<p>Bold to pass Prompt if required</p> <p>Ant, Middle and Post CA Reasonable distribution</p> <p>2/3 bold</p>

