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Total: 100%

- 1. (8%) Animals cannot undergo net synthesis of carbohydrate from acetyl-CoA, but the carbons of acetyl-CoA can be incorporated into glucose and amino acids.
 - (a) Present pathways by which this could come about.
 - (b) How come plants can undergo net synthesis of carbohydrate from fat via acetyl-CoA?
- 2. (4%) The crocodile can remain under water without breathing for up to 1 hr. It is found that the crocodile hemoglobin preferentially binds HCO₃ and does not bind BPG, which helps the crocodile to utilize almost 100% of the O₂ in its blood. Explain why?
- 3. (6%) How many high-energy phosphates are generated or consumed in
 - (a) converting 1 mole of glucose to lactate?
 - (b) converting 2 moles of lactate to glucose?
- 4. (4%) A general practice of feeding whisky to patients rescued from cold or wet condition is counterproductive. Explain why?
- 5. (6%) During glycolysis, two energy-rich compounds drive the synthesis of ATP at the substrate level.
 - (a) What are the names of the two energy-rich compounds?
 - (b) Draw the chemical structures for these two compounds.
 - (c) What enzymes catalyze these two steps of reactions?
- 6. (8%) Please specify the molecular functions of the following compounds:
 - (a) Cordycepin (3'-deoxyadenosine)
 - (b) Puromycin
 - (c) 2,4-Dinitrophenol (DNP)
 - (d) Fluoroacetate
- 7. (4%) Describe the unique primary, secondary, and tertiary structure of collagen.
- 8. (4%) Suppose ribulose-5-phosphate, labeled with ¹⁴C in carbon 1, is used as the substrate in dark reactions. In which carbon of 3PG will the label appear?
- 9. (9%) Define the following terms:
 - (a) prion
 - (b) catalytic antibody
 - (c) chaperone
- 10. 6%) Draw the chemical structures of the two amino acids that account for most of the UV absorbance by proteins at 280 nm.

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- 11. (6%) Histidine often plays an important role in enzymatic catalysis involving proton transfer
 - (a) Why?
 - (b) What are the pKa values of its three ionizing groups?
- 12. (9%) Calculate K_m , V_{max} , and k_{cal} from the following data:

[S] (µM)	V ₀ (mM. s ^{-J})			
1.0	0.34			
0.2	0.53			
0.4	0.74		•	
0.8	0.91			
1.6	1.04			

The enzyme concentration is 1 μM.

- 13. (4%) DNA is generally more stable in alkaline solution than RNA. Explain why.
- 14. (4%) Why do *E. coli* cells with a defective lacZ gene fail, to show galactoside permease activity after the addition of lactose in the absence of glucose?
- 15. (6%) Deoxycytidylate residues in DNA undergo deamination fairly readily.
 - (a) What is the product of dCMP deamination?
 - (b) What would be the genetic consequences if this deaminated site were not repaired?
 - (c) What is the repair mechanism for such a mutation in E. coli?
- 16. (4%) Why are triacylglycerols a more efficient form of stored energy than glycogen?
- 17. (4%) Describe the mechanism of how soap removes grease.
- 18. (4%) Calculate the metabolic energy yield from oxidation of palmitic acid, taking into account the energy needed to activate and transport the fatty acid.