Anatomy and Physiology II

Renal/Urinary Systems

Study Guide

- 1. List the five functions of the renal and urinary systems
- 2. In what space, are the kidneys located?
- 3. What does the renal fascia do?
- 4. What type of tissue is renal fascia composed of?
- 5. What is the renal capsule and how does it differ from the renal fascia and adipose capsule?
- 6. Be able to label a diagram of the kidney and describe in words; hilum, cortex, medulla, renal pyramids, renal column, renal papilla, minor and major calices, and renal pelvis
- 7. What is a nephron and how many are in each kidney?
- 8. Where in the kidney are nephrons located?
- 9. What are the two types of nephrons in humans?
- 10. Describe all structures associated with a nephron
- 11. Where do afferent arterioles originate and where do they empty?
- 12. What is called when the afferent arterioles divide many times?
- 13. What surrounds the divisions of the aff. Arterioles?
- 14. What happens to the diameter of afferent arterioles as they approach the efferent arteriole?
- 15. Describe the path taken by the efferent arteriole:
- 16. What tubule extends from Bowman's capsule?
- 17. Describe its shape
- 18. What is the name of the loop that extends from the PCT and dips deep into the renal medulla?
- 19. Describe in order all of the structures that blood and filtrate flow through before leaving the body:
- 20. In what ways does the nephron form urine?
- 21. What is the driving force of urine formation in glomerular filtration?
- 22. Why does that driving force exist?
- 23. What are the primary components of filtrate?
- 24. What substances are not in filtrate?
- 25. What is happening if substances from the previous study question are found in urine and filtrate?
- 26. What percentage of filtrate is reabsorbed?
- 27. What is the normal glomerular filtration rate in humans with adequate fluid volume and blood pressure?
- 28. How does blood pressure affect glomerular filtration?
- 29. What mechanisms are in place that ensure the rate of GFR?
- 30. How does activation of the rennin-angiotensin-aldosterone feedback loop alter blood pressure?
- 31. In what region of the nephron does the majority of reabsorption occur?
- 32. What does the term threshold value refer to?

- 33. What happens if the threshold value is exceeded?
- 34. What is the driving force of reabsorption?
- 35. What hormone controls reabsorption in the distal convoluted tubule?
- 36. Which direction do substances move if they are being reabsorbed?
 - a. Tubule to capillary or capillary to tubule
- 37. Which direction do substances move if they are being secreted?
- 38. What substances need to be secreted?
- 39. Where does secretion occur in the nephron?
- 40. What is the average volume of urine per day?
- 41. What happens to the urinary output if a patient has an increased level of solutes in their urine?
- 42. List all of the organs required for urine formation and elimination:
- 43. What type of muscle is found in the ureters?
- 44. What is the primary muscle found in the bladder?
- 45. Is that muscle under voluntary or involuntary control?
- 46. How much urine can be stored in the bladder?
- 47. What is the name of the tube that extends from the bladder to the urinary meatus?
- 48. What prevents urine from spilling out of the tube?
- 49. What does ADH do to urine formation and how does it affect the volume of urine produced?
- 50. What does aldosterone do to urine formation and how does it affect the volume of urine being produced?
- 51. How does the nervous system regulate urine formation?
- 52. What region of the brain senses the osmolarity of the urine and filtrate?
- 53. What is dialysis?
- 54. How is it performed?