Chapter 1. History of Pharmacology

Multiple Choice
Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

1. The Greek word *pharmakon* means
   a. medicine.
   b. poison.
   c. remedy.
   d. medicine, poison, and remedy.

2. The Dutch word *droog* means
   a. drop.
   b. drug.
   c. dry.
   d. dirge.

3. Most ancient societies treated illness based on
   a. visions received by medicine men.
   b. trial and error.
   c. religion.
   d. animal sacrifice.

4. Early records show that pharmacological treatments consisted of
   a. plants.
   b. minerals.
   c. animal products.
   d. plants, minerals, and animal products.

5. What did the Chinese document *The Yellow Emperor's Inner Classic* discuss for the first time?
   a. Yin and yang
   b. Acupuncture
   c. Meditation
   d. Yin and yang and acupuncture

6. The first Chinese manual on pharmacology included 365 medicines and was written in the
   a. 1st century CE.
   b. 2nd century CE.
   c. 3rd century CE.
   d. 4th century CE.

7. The Ebers Papyrus is
   a. an Iranian medical text written approximately 400 BCE.
   b. an Egyptian medical document written approximately 1550 BCE.
   c. an Eskimo medical paper written approximately 750 BCE.
   d. a Roman medical document written approximately 600 BCE.

8. The Ebers Papyrus contains
a. recipes for treating a variety of illnesses.
b. the first detailed drawing of the human anatomy.
c. journal entries of early healers.
d. none of the above.

9. Al-Razi, an Iranian, wrote a 20-volume medical book named
   a. *Hawi-Al*.
   b. *Rad-Mal*.
   c. *Al-Hawi*.
   d. *Mal-Rad*.

10. Examples of healers include all of the following except
    a. wise men.
    b. shamans.
    c. medicine men and women.
    d. Tiki men.
    e. witch doctors.

11. What event marked the beginning of modern pharmacology?
    a. Chemists isolating pure chemicals from plants
    b. The discovery of microorganisms
    c. The ability to create medication in a laboratory setting
    d. Mass production of medication

12. The main cause of death of U.S. soldiers during World War I was
    a. infection.
    b. accidents.
    c. combat injuries.
    d. infection and accidents.

13. What obstacle needed to be overcome to provide penicillin to soldiers during World War II?
    a. The high cost of the drug
    b. Transportation of the drug
    c. Production of penicillin in large enough quantities
    d. Education of doctors about penicillin

14. Alternative medicine includes natural or homeopathic remedies and all of the following except
    a. aromatherapy.
    b. electroshock therapy.
    c. massage.
    d. acupuncture.

15. The science of altering the source of drugs, allowing more to be produced or creating different
    variations of the source, is known as
    a. genetic engineering.
    b. pharmacological engineering.
    c. medication manipulation.
    d. none of the above.
16. Pharmacological advances in the 21st century include which of the following?
   a. Genetic engineering
   b. Stem cell research
   c. Plant hybrid development
   d. Genetic engineering, stem cell research, and plant hybrid development

17. What substance is tested daily to find new sources of antibiotics?
   a. Plants
   b. Soil
   c. Minerals
   d. Water

18. The alternative medicine that involves the use of fragrant oils is known as
   a. aromatherapy.
   b. acupressure.
   c. acupuncture.
   d. therapeutic touch.

19. The alternative medicine that involves the application of pressure at certain points of the body to promote healing is known as
   a. aromatherapy.
   b. acupressure.
   c. acupuncture.
   d. therapeutic touch.

20. The alternative medicine that involves insertion of thin needles at certain points of the body to promote healing is known as
   a. aromatherapy.
   b. acupressure.
   c. acupuncture.
   d. therapeutic touch.

21. The alternative medicine that involves the use of hand movements to stimulate circulation and healing is known as
   a. aromatherapy.
   b. acupressure.
   c. acupuncture.
   d. therapeutic touch.

22. Sources of drugs include all of the following except
   a. plants and animals.
   b. synthetic materials.
   c. minerals.
   d. toxins.
   e. air.

23. All of the following drugs are derived from plants except
   a. aspirin.
   b. epinephrine.
c. ibuprofen.
d. digoxin.
e. Novocain.

24. Animal sources for drugs include
a. horses.
b. cows.
c. pigs.
d. horses, cows, and pigs.

25. The term that refers to the effect a drug has on the body is
a. pharmacodynamics.
b. pharmacokinetics.
c. pharmacocites.
d. pharmacyclics.

26. Which of the following drugs is prophylactic?
a. Estrogen
b. Diuretic
c. Flu vaccine
d. Radiopaque dye
e. Fever reducer

27. Which of the following is a replacement drug?
a. Estrogen
b. Diuretic
c. Flu vaccine
d. Radiopaque dye
e. Fever reducer

28. Which of the following drugs is palliative?
a. Estrogen
b. Diuretic
c. Flu vaccine
d. Radiopaque dye
e. Fever reducer

29. What is the source of potassium chloride?
a. Animal
b. Plant
c. Mineral
d. Human
e. Synthetic

30. What is the source of barbiturates?
a. Animal
b. Plant
c. Mineral
d. Human
31. Which of the following is a replacement drug?
   a. Digoxin
   b. Lasix
   c. Accutane
   d. Synthroid
   e. Plavix

32. Which of the following is a diagnostic drug?
   a. Estrogen
   b. Barium
   c. Flu vaccine
   d. Anti-cancer drug
   e. Vitamin C

33. Which of the following is a destructive drug?
   a. Antibiotic
   b. Insulin
   c. Diuretic
   d. Psychotropic
   e. Potassium chloride

Matching

Match the following medication categories with their definitions.
   a. Curative
   b. Prophylactic
   c. Diagnostic
   d. Palliative
   e. Replacement
   f. Destructive

34. Medication that prevents a problem from occurring
35. Medication that helps determine if disease is present
36. Medication that treats and corrects an illness
37. Medication that destroys something
38. Medication that makes the patient more comfortable
39. Medication that supplements or provides something that the patient is lacking
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Answer Section

MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. **ANS: D**
   **Rationale:** Pharmakon refers to the curing of illness, thus meaning medicine and remedy, as well as to poison, because early medicines were toxic enough to kill a patient or enemy.

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2. **ANS: C**
   **Rationale:** Droog, which means dry, is the origin of the word drug, such as in the use of dry herbs as medications.

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3. **ANS: B**
   **Rationale:** Ancient societies had little knowledge of how the human body worked; therefore, treating illness was often based on trial and error.

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   MSC: ABHES goal — Analyze the effect of hereditary, cultural, and environmental influences

4. **ANS: D**
   **Rationale:** Early records show that plants, minerals, and animal products were the only sources available; therefore, they were the only things used.

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5. **ANS: D**
   **Rationale:** This was a very early document discussing yin and yang and acupuncture.

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6. **ANS: A**
   **Rationale:** The first Chinese manual on pharmacology was written in the 1st century CE and included 365 medicines, 252 of which were herbs.

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7. **ANS: B**
**Rationale:** The Ebers Papyrus is an Egyptian medical document that was written circa 1550 BCE and lists about 700 “recipes” for a host of illnesses, from crocodile bites to psychiatric illnesses.

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8. **ANS:** A

**Rationale:** The Ebers Papyrus is an Egyptian medical document that was written circa 1550 BCE and lists about 700 “recipes” for a host of illnesses, from crocodile bites to psychiatric illnesses.

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9. **ANS:** C

**Rationale:** *Al-Hawi* is a 20-volume medical book written by the Iranian Al-Razi. This text was translated into Latin in the 13th century, greatly influencing medicine in medieval Europe.

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10. **ANS:** D

**Rationale:** Healers were known as wise men, shamans, witch doctors, and medicine men and women.

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11. **ANS:** A

**Rationale:** During the 1800s, chemists were finally able to isolate the pure chemicals needed to make medicine from plants, marking the beginning of modern pharmacology.

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12. **ANS:** D

**Rationale:** More U.S. soldiers died in World War I of infection and accidents than of actual combat injuries.

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13. **ANS:** C

**Rationale:** During World War II, mass production of penicillin began and was able to provide the antibiotic to the war effort, thus minimizing deaths caused by infection.


14. **ANS:** B

**Rationale:** Alternative medicine, also referred to as natural or homeopathic medicine, includes such therapies as massage, aromatherapy, acupuncture, acupressure, and therapeutic touch.

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MSC: ABHES goal — Analyze the effect of hereditary, cultural, and environmental influences | CAAHEP goal IV.23 — Demonstrate respect for individual diversity, incorporating awareness of one’s own biases in
areas including gender, race, religion, age, and economic status

15. **ANS:** A  
   **Rationale:** Genetic engineering can alter the source of drugs, allowing more to be produced or creating different variations of the source.

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16. **ANS:** D  
   **Rationale:** In the 21st century, development of new medications is a never-ending process. New science is developed daily, including genetic engineering, plant hybrid creations, and stem cell research. In addition, new plant discoveries and soil sampling will help with the development of new antibiotics.

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   **KEY:** History | Genetic engineering | Stem cell research

17. **ANS:** B  
   **Rationale:** Soil samples are tested daily to help scientists develop new antibiotics.

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   **KEY:** History | Medication sources

18. **ANS:** A  
   **Rationale:** Aromatherapy is the use of fragrant oils in baths, as inhalants, or during massage to relieve stress and to treat skin conditions.

   **PTS:** 1  **DIF:** Easy  **REF:** Page 5  
   **TOP:** Unit 1: Introduction to Pharmacology  
   **KEY:** History | Aromatherapy | Alternative medicine  
   **MSC:** ABHES goal — Define and use entire basic structure of medical words and be able to accurately identify in the correct context | CAAHEP goal IV.3 — Use medical terminology

19. **ANS:** B  
   **Rationale:** Acupressure is the ancient Chinese art in which application of pressure at certain points of the body is used to promote healing.

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   **TOP:** Unit 1: Introduction to Pharmacology  
   **KEY:** History | Acupressure | Alternative medicine  
   **MSC:** ABHES goal — Define and use entire basic structure of medical words and be able to accurately identify in the correct context | CAAHEP goal IV.3 — Use medical terminology

20. **ANS:** C  
   **Rationale:** Acupuncture is the Chinese art in which thin needles are inserted at certain points of the body to promote healing.

   **PTS:** 1  **DIF:** Easy  **REF:** Page 5  
   **TOP:** Unit 1: Introduction to Pharmacology  
   **KEY:** History | Acupuncture | Alternative medicine  
   **MSC:** ABHES goal — Define and use entire basic structure of medical words and be able to accurately identify in the correct context | CAAHEP goal IV.3 — Use medical terminology
21. **ANS: D**

**Rationale:** Therapeutic touch involves the use of hand movements to stimulate circulation and healing.

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22. **ANS: E**

**Rationale:** Drug sources include synthetic materials (manufactured in a sterile clinical lab), plants, animals, minerals, and toxins.

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23. **ANS: C**

**Rationale:** Ibuprofen is an example of a medication that is produced synthetically in a laboratory. Aspirin comes from bark of the white willow tree, epinephrine comes from the ephedra shrub, digoxin comes from the foxglove plant, and Novocain comes from the coca plant.


24. **ANS: D**

**Rationale:** Domesticated animals are used for some medications. Premarin is produced from a pregnant mare’s urine, cows and pigs provide hormone replacement medications such as insulin, and lanolin is made from sheep’s wool.

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25. **ANS: A**

**Rationale:** Pharmacodynamics refers to the effect a drug has on the body or, scientifically, the negative and positive biochemical and physiological changes it creates.

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26. **ANS: C**

**Rationale:** The flu vaccine is administered to prevent the patient from contracting influenza.

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27. **ANS: A**

**Rationale:** Estrogen is a female hormone that is lost when the ovaries no longer function appropriately because of disease or surgery. Therefore, estrogen would be administered to replace the naturally occurring estrogen that is now absent.
Fever reducers such as acetaminophen are administered as a palliative measure, which means that the patient is being given medication to ease symptoms, not cure disease.

Potassium is necessary for the heart to function properly, so patients who are at risk for potassium deficiencies are given the medication potassium chloride, which is obtained from the earth in mineral form.

Barbiturates are examples of medications produced in sterile laboratories and, therefore, are synthetic medications.

Synthroid is a form of thyroid hormone that is used as a replacement when the thyroid gland is not producing enough of the hormone on its own.

Barium is used to make soft organs more visible during radiography, thus helping to diagnose disease processes.

Antibiotics are considered destructive drugs because they kill or destroy bacteria.
MATCHING

34. ANS: B PTS: 1 DIF: Intermediate REF: Page 8
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35. ANS: C PTS: 1 DIF: Intermediate REF: Page 9
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37. ANS: F PTS: 1 DIF: Intermediate REF: Page 9
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38. ANS: D PTS: 1 DIF: Intermediate REF: Page 8
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   MSC: ABHES goal — Define and use entire basic structure of medical words and be able to accurately identify in the correct context | CAAHEP goal IV.3 — Use medical terminology