M.D. DEGREE EXAMINATION BRANCH V – PHYSIOLOGY

PAPER I - GENERAL PHYSIOLOGY, BLOOD, DIGESTION, AND TISSUES OF THE BODY

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Time: Three Hours Maximum: 100 marks

I. Essay: (2X10=20)

- 1. List the steps involved in hemostasis following an injury to a blood vessel. Explain in detail the intrinsic pathway of coagulation. Add a note on anticoagulants.
- 2. Describe the mechanism of acid secretion in the stomach. What are the factors that regulate acid secretion?

II. Short Questions:

(8X5=40)

- 1. Define and classify polycythemia. What are the cardiovascular complications that can arise due to the polycythemia?
- 2. What are the complications that can arise due to a mismatched blood transfusion?
- 3. Describe the functions of helper T cells.
- 4. Describe the factors that regulate erythropoiesis.
- 5. Describe the electrical activity of the gastrointestinal tract.
- 6. Describe the defecation reflex.
- 7. Explain the length-tension relationship in skeletal muscle.
- 8. Explain the difference between primary and secondary active transport with examples.

III. Reasoning Out:

(4X5=20)

- 1. Oral rehydration solutions contain both sodium and glucose. Explain the rationale of this combination.
- 2. The resting membrane potential of a neuron is approximately -70 mV. Explain why.
- 3. Cardiac muscle cannot be tetanized. Explain why.
- 4. Anti-D antibody can be given to an Rh negative mother to prevent erythroblastosis fetalis. Give reasons why.

IV. Very Short Answers:

(10X2=20)

- 1. Classify anemias based on morphology of erythrocytes.
- 2. What is chemotaxis?
- 3. What is Bombay blood group?
- 4. What are the gastrointestinal hormones that regulate exocrine pancreatic secretion?
- 5. Gastric resection can lead to the development of megaloblastic anemia. Why is this so?
- 6. What is meant by trans-cellular fluids? Give examples.
- 7. What is meant by plasticity of smooth muscle?
- 8. Differentiate between voltage induced calcium release and calcium induced calcium release with relevant examples.
- 9. Explain the cause for muscle stiffness following death.
- 10. Muscle function in patients with Myasthenia gravis worsens while it improves with activity in patients with Lambert Eaton syndrome. Explain why?
