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- BOOKLET 1: SAQ 1 and LAQ 1
- BOOKLET 2: SAQ 2
- BOOKLET 3: SAQ 3
- BOOKLET 4: SAQ 4
- BOOKLET 5: SAQ 5 and SAQ 6
- BOOKLET 6: LAQ 2 and LAQ 3
- BOOKLET 7: LAQ 4

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS (SAQs)

ANSWER ALL SIX (6)

LONG ANSWER QUESTIONS (LAQ'S)

ANSWER LAQ 1 OR 2 and  
LAQ 3 OR 4

Don't forget to write your matriculation number and serial number on  
EACH booklet. AND INSIDE

WRITE THE ANSWERS IN THE CORRECT BOOKLET

LAQ 1 (booklet 1 IIII)

- a. Briefly describe the pathological basis of schizophrenia
- b. Describe the pharmacology of a named typical neuroleptic and one named atypical antipsychotic drug.

Emphasis should be laid on the mode of action and toxicities of the two drugs chosen.

OR

LAQ 2 (booklet 6)

- a. Classify drugs used in the treatment of systemic hypertension.
- b. State concisely the exact mechanism of antihypertensive action of any two (2) of the classes.
- c. Discuss the drug management of hypertension

LAQ 3 (booklet 6 IIII)

- a. List and classify the current drugs used in the management of HIV/AIDS.
- b. Outline the essential principles of the chemotherapy of AIDS. Discuss any three (3) of the principles.

OR

LAQ 4 (booklet 7)

- a. Define the term Cancer Chemotherapy
- b. Classify various anticancer chemotherapeutic agents currently in use.
- c. Outline the various side effects associated with anticancer chemotherapy

## SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

SAQ 1 (booklet 1)

Write briefly on the clinical indications for the use of any TWO of these drugs

- a. Lidocaine
- b. Propranolol
- c. Hydralazine
- d. hydrochlorothiazide

SAQ 2 (booklet 2)

Write briefly on the following:

- a. Competitive antagonist
- b. Quantal dose-effect curve
- c. Volume of distribution of a drug ( $V_d$ )

SAQ 3 (booklet 3)

- a. What is a prodrug
- b. Write briefly on drug metabolism

SAQ 4 (booklet 4)

List five benefits of Pharmacogenomics

Write short notes on the clinical indications, mechanism of actions and adverse effects of ANY 2 of the following:

- a. Rifampicin
- b. Clofazimine
- c. Amantadine

SAQ 5 (booklet 5)

- a. List 3 examples of sympathomimetics and two clinical uses of each example.
- b. Outline the steps at which drugs affect neurohumoral transmission.

SAQ 6 (booklet 5 !!!!)

- a. List the advantages of Artemisinin-based combination therapy.
- b. Write a short essay on the drug management of amoebiasis.



### 2) Treatment of congestive heart failure

- mechanism of action

- Acts as a vasodilator which
  - reduce preload (through venodilation)
  - reduce afterload (through arterial dilation)

### 1) Hydrochlorothiazide

#### 1) Treatment of congestive heart failure

- mechanism of action:

- Reduce preload: By minimizing salt & water retention
- Reduce afterload: By decreasing plasma volume

#### 2) Treatment of nephrogenic diabetes insipidus

- mechanism of action

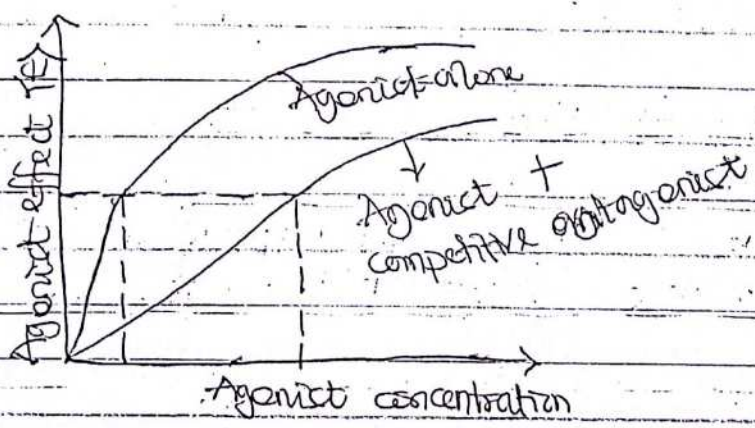
Produces a slightly hypotensive state & thus diminish polyuria

### 2AQ 2

#### a) Competitive antagonist

- Introduction

- Reversibly compete with agonists for binding to receptors
  - The maximal efficacy ( $E_{max}$ ) for the agonist remains the same for any fixed concentration of antagonist but potency decreases
- Representation



- Interpretation

- In the presence of a competitive antagonist, higher concentration of agonist are required to produce a given effect and hence the curve is shifted to the right
- High agonist concentration can overcome inhibition by competitive

Interpretation

- \* Drugs with very high Vd have much higher concentration in extravascular tissue than in the vascular compartment i.e. They're not homogeneously distributed
- \* Drugs that're completely retained within the vascular compartment have a minimum possible Vd equal to the blood component in which they're distributed

SAQ 3

a) Prodrug

- A drug precursor
  - A compound which on administration must undergo chemical conversion by metabolic processes before becoming an active pharmacological agent
- e.g. *glycopyrronium, levosalbutamol, flunitrazepam, benzhexol, meprobamate, benzhexol, meprobamate, benzhexol, meprobamate*

b) Drug metabolism

- Site of drug metabolism
  - \* GI & Liver
  - \* Kidneys
  - \* Lungs
  - \* Brain

Phases of metabolism

i) Phase I

- \* Mixed function oxidases or monooxygenases are responsible and are located more in the microsomes
- \* Lipophilic molecules are converted into more polar molecules by the introduction (or unmasking) of a polar functional group

\* Types of phase I reaction:

- (i) Oxidation
- (ii) Reduction (dehydrogenation)
- (iii) Hydrolysis

- \* Site: Occur principally in the liver
- \* Phase I reactions occur predominantly in the Cyt P450 system.

2) Phase II

- \* Involves formation of a covalent linkage between functional

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groups on the parent drug and another substrate.

\* Substrates added: i) Ethacrynic acid. <sup>It's addition is the most important conjugation rxn</sup>

ii) Acetic acid  
iii) Glutathione  
iv) Sulfate

\* In general, it follows phase I but in some cases, it precedes phase I. Once a drug completes phase II, it is usually inactive. Both phase I & II rxn occur primarily in the liver.

Case 4

Rifampicin

- Clinical indications

- 1) TB prophylaxis in HIV patients
- 2) Prophylaxis of meningitis caused by Haemophilus influenzae and Neisseria meningitidis
- 3) Leprosy: In combination with Dapsone
- 4) Treatment of Legionnaires' disease: In combination with erythromycin

- Mechanism of action

\* It inhibits the  $\beta$ -subunit of DNA-dependent RNA polymerase

\* It suppresses RNA synthesis by blocking chain initiation

- Adverse effects

- 1) Urine, sweat, tears and other body secretions may become red-orange in colour
- 2) Rash, fever, nausea and vomiting are common
- 3) Flu-like syndrome with chills, fever & myalgias may develop in those who use it once or twice weekly.

b) Clofazimine

- Clinical indication

- i) Pharmacological treatment of leprosy: in combination with Dapsone & Rifampicin

Mechanism of action

It binds to DNA and inhibits its replication

Adverse effects

- 1) Distinctive reddish-brown discoloration of the skin
- ii) GI irritation (nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea)

Amantadine - an indirect dopamine agonist

Clinical indications

- 1) Treatment of Parkinson's disease

Mechanism of action

Increases release & delays reuptake of dopamine in substantia nigra

Adverse effects

- \* Restlessness
- \* Bluish discoloration of the legs known as livedo reticularis

Pharmacogenomics is the study of the relationship between an individual's genetic makeup to his or her response to specific drugs. It is the study of genetic variations that cause differences in drug response among individuals or populations.

→ Benefits of Pharmacogenomics - enables doctors to prescribe drugs against diseases by observing individual's genetic makeup of the person & not just the symptoms of the disease.

Genes can be targeted easily by detecting the defected gene

IP in more efficient effect of drugs

enables drugs to be prescribed based on an individual's genetic like IP and not age & weight basis

2) Vaccines can be made with DNA & RNA without any

Examples of sympathomimetics

- 1) Clonidine
  - \* Treatment of hypertension especially in patients with renal disease
  - \* Treatment of diarrhea in diabetic patients who have autonomic neuropathies.

1) Dobutamine

- \* Treatment of unstable congestive heart failure
- \* Treatment of shock

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7) Receptor  
8) Downstream signaling  
9) Effect

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iii) Epinephrine

\* Used in anaphylaxis & cardiac arrest to increase cardiac electrical activity

\* Used in conjunction with local anaesthetics to prolong the duration of anaesthesia

Q Steps at which drugs affect neurohumoral transmission.

→ Introduction

Neurohumoral transmission refers to the transfer of a nerve impulse from a presynaptic to a postsynaptic neuron by means of a humoral agent eg. a biogenic amine, an amino acid, a peptide

→ Steps

1) Synthesis eg. Levodopa,  $\alpha$ -methyl dopa

2) Storage eg. Reserpine

3) Release eg. Amphetamine, Guanethidine, clonidine

4) Receptor interaction eg.  $\alpha$  blockers,  $\beta$ -blockers

5) Inactivation of the transmitter

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Q) List the advantages of Artemisinin-based combination therapy

i) Lower occurrence of recrudescence

Recrudescence:

\* Re-occurrence of malarial symptoms within 3-4 weeks following treatment with artemisinin

\* As a result of the short half-life of artemisinin

therefore small no of blood schizonts survive treatment

ii) To minimize resistance of Plasmodium strains to them.

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## b) Drug treatment of amoebiasis

### → Introduction

- Amoebiasis is a protozoal disease caused by *Entamoeba histolytica*

### → Drug treatment based on the following classification

#### i) Mixed / Extraintestinal amoebicides

- Effective against luminal & systemic disease
- Drug: metronidazole

#### ii) Luminal amoebicides

- Effective only in the lumen
- Drugs:
  - \* Diloxanide furoate
  - \* Paromomycin
  - \* Iodoquinol
  - \* Tetracycline

#### iii) Systemic amoebicides

- Effective in the intestine & liver
- Drugs:
  - \* Emetine
  - \* Dehydroemetine
  - \* Chloroquine

## AQ 1

Briefly describe the pathological basis of schizophrenia

### i) Introduction

Schizophrenia is a dysfunction characterized by

① positive symptoms: & thought disorders

- \* Delusions
- \* Hallucinations

\* Bizarre behaviours (aggressiveness & violence)

② Negative symptoms: \* anhedonia

- \* Social withdrawal
- \* Flat affect Blunted emotions (emotional apathy)
- \* Diminution of speech

## → Pathological basis

### \* "Dopamine hypothesis of schizophrenia"

- Schizophrenia is due to overactivity of dopamine in the metabolic dopamine system

- Dopamine acts at various parts of the brain

i) Advancement & reinforcement of the abnormal thought patterns in schizophrenia along with glutamate

ii) Facilitates abnormal long-term potentiation within the striatum, basal ganglia, cingulate gyrus & other limbic system structures

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### Typical Neuroleptics

- Chlorpromazine

~~Classification~~ Introduction

Prototype of the classical / traditional neuroleptics

- Mode of action

\* A dopamine antagonist

\* Bind to  $D_1$ - $D_5$  types of dopaminergic receptors

\* Manage <sup>the</sup> positive symptoms

### Atypical neuroleptic

Clozapine

- Mode of action

\* Block  $D_4$ ,  $5HT_2$  and  $D_2$  receptors

\* Effective in managing both positive and negative symptoms

### Toxicities of both drugs

↳ In ANS

- Blockade of  $\alpha$  receptors

\* weight gain

\* Gynecomastia

↳ Effect on blood

\* Agranulocytosis: Clozapine

↳ In CNS

- Parkinsonism

- Extrapyramidal effect

\* Akathisia

\* Acute dystonia

↳ Endocrine effect

\* ↑ prolactin release leading to galactorrhea

\* Infertility / Impotence

Q 2

Classification of drugs used in the treatment of systemic hypertension

1) Sympatholytic agents

\* Centrally acting antihypertensives

\* Methyldopa

\* Clonidine

\* Guanfacine

used in pregnant women.  $\alpha_2$  agonist

-  $\alpha$  blockers

\* Prazosin

\* Terazosin

\* Doxazosin

-  $\beta$  blockers

\* Propranolol

\* Metoprolol

\* Atenolol

\* Labetalol

\* Carvedilol

- Ganglionic blockers

\* Trimethaphan

\* Hexamethonium

- Post-ganglionic neuronal blockers

\* Reserpine

\* Guanethidine

Diuretics

\* Thiazide : hydrochlorothiazide

\* Loop : furosemide

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### 3) Vasodilators

- Hydralazine - oral
- Minoxidil - oral
- Sodium Nitroprusside } parenteral
- Diazoxide } parenteral
- Calcium channel blockers - oral

### 4) ACE inhibitors

- Captopril Hypokalaemia
- Lisinopril Tensifonic
- Enalapril Angiotensin
- Benazepril

Non dihydropyridine  
 verapamil? diltiazem  
 Dihydropyridine

### 5) Angiotensin II receptor antagonists

- Losartan
- Valsartan
- Candesartan
- Irbesartan

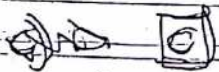
### b) Mechanism of action

#### 1) Angiotensin II receptor antagonists

- They block angiotensin II at its receptor site thus inhibiting both the vasoconstriction and aldosterone secreting effects of angiotensin II

#### 2) ACE inhibitors

- They block the conversion of angiotensin I to angiotensin II and also increase levels of bradykinin which is a potent vasodilator



### Drug management of hypertension

#### 1) Hypertension: Give low dose thiazide diuretic

- If controlled: continue therapy
- Not controlled

⇒ Thiazide (diuretic)

⇒ B-blocker

⇒ ACEI

⇒ Calcium blocker

⇒ Calcium blocker

#### 2) Add B-blockers: - controlled: continue therapy - uncontrolled: Go to No 3)

Classification of various anticancer

chemotherapeutic agents

1) Polyfunctional alkylating agents

- Bis (Chloromethyl)amines
- + Cyclophosphamide
- + Ifosfamide
- + Chlorambucil
- + Melphalan
- Nitrosoureas

2) Camptothecin (BCNU)

3) Lomustine (CCNU)

4) Semustine (methyl-CCNU)

5) Streptozocin / streptozotocin

6) Thiotepa

7) Triethylenemelamine

8) Nitrosulfonates

9) Busulfan

10) Treosulfan

11) azenes

12) carbarzine

13) rocarbazine

14) agents possibly acting as

15) alkylating agents

16) carbarzine

17) carbarzine

18) Slatin

19) topoplatin

20) tamethylmelamine

21) Di metabolites

22) +1 - ad analogs / antagonists

23) etrexate

24) etrexate

- Purine analogs / antagonists

+ Mercaptopurine

+ Thioguanine

+ Azathioprine

+ Cladribine

+ Fludarabine

+ Gemcitabine

- Pyrimidine analog / antagonists

- Fluorouracil

- Cytarabine

- Azacytidine

3) Natural products

Ⓐ Plant alkaloids

- Vinca alkaloids

- Etoposide

- Taxanes

- Camptothecins

Ⓑ Cytotoxic antibiotics

- Anthracyclins

- Actinomycins

- Others: Bleomycin, Pirarubicin

Ⓒ Enzymes: Asparaginase

Ⓓ Biologic response modifiers

- Interferons

- Interleukins

4) Cytotoxic hormonal agents

- Androgens: Testosterone propionate

- Antiandrogens: Flutamide

- Oestrogens: Ethinyl oestradiol

- Anti-oestrogens: Tamoxifen

- Progestins: Megestrol acetate

- Adrenocortical compounds

- Gonadotropin releasing hormone agonists

- Aromatase inhibitor: Aminoglutethimide

