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Paper II: Technical Subject

Group-A: 20%

1. Hematology

- 1.1 Explain the normal hemopoiesis.
- 1.2 Describe the structure, function, synthesis and metabolism of hemoglobin.
- 1.3 Describe the mechanism of Hb-pathies and their laboratory diagnosis
- 1.4 Classification and etiopathogenesis of different types of anemias and Leukemia
- 1.5 Hematological tests and their Principle and interpretation of:
 - 1.5.1 Reticulocyte count, reticulocyte production index
 - 1.5.2 Sickling test, HbS solubility test
 - 1.5.3 Osmotic fragility test
 - 1.5.4 Ham's test, sucrose lysis test
 - 1.5.5 Electrophoresis –HbF & HbA₂ estimation
 - 1.5.6 Demonstration of HbH
 - 1.5.7 Test for G6PD deficiency
 - 1.5.8 Coagulation disorder tests
 - 1.5.9 Platelet function test,
 - 1.5.10 Mixing study, Factor VIII and IX assay, urea solubility test, fibrinogen assay, FactorVIII inhibitor study, Test for D dimer
 - 1.5.11 Antithrombin III, protein C and protein S assay
 - 1.5.12 Serum Vitamin B12, serum folate, red cell folate estimation
 - 1.5.13 Iron and reticulin stains in bone marrow
 - 1.5.14 Fetal hemoglobin

2 Blood Banking

- 2.1 History of transfusion medicine
- 2.2 Blood collection, management and hemovigilance
- 2.3 Preservation of donated blood, mechanism of action and composition of blood preservation solution and additive solutions, changes during storage
- 2.4 Blood components: indications, preparation, storage, transport and clinical uses
- 2.5 Blood groups and its types, compatibility testing, methods of identification in laboratory and clinical significance.
- 2.6 Coomb's test: application, procedure, Rh antibody titre
- 2.7 Antibody screening and identification
- 2.8 Diagnosis of transfusion transmissible infections
- 2.9 Hema-pheresis
- 2.10 Blood transfusion reactions: laboratory diagnosis

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3 Immunohematology

- 3.1 History of immunology, types of immunity, mechanisms of immunity and evolution of immunity
- 3.2 Immunoglobulin: structure and function; regulation of immune response
- 3.3 Hypersensitivity reactions and their types, mechanism, examples
- 3.4 Cytokines and complement system and their roles
- 3.5 Auto immune diseases: mechanism and common autoimmune diseases, principle and procedure for test for autoimmune diseases
- 3.7 Major histocompatibility complex, their types, genetics, testing, role of MHC in organ transplant, MHC association with diseases, principle of transplantation, graft rejection
- 3.8 Immunological methods and application in clinical laboratories:

Double diffusion in agar, Single radial immune diffusion, Electrophoresis and immune electrophoresis, Chromatography, Ion exchange, Affinity (gel), RIA, Elisa, Western blotting, Detection of immune complexes, Immuno-flouresence, Agglutination test direct and indirect, Hemagglutination and hemagglutination inhibition, Complement assays-CFT, Detection of cellular immunity-delayed hypersensitivity skin test, Assays for lymphocytes-T and B cells, Flowcytometry, Mixed lymphocyte culture, NK cells neutrophil function test and histocompatibility testing for organ transplant.

Group-B: 20%

1. Histopathology

- 1.1. Organization of histology laboratory
- 1.2. Normal and pathological changes in tissues and organs in gastrointestinal, cardiovascular, respiratory, renal, reproductive, musculoskeletal, skin, eye, ENT, endocrine, neuromuscular and central nervous systems.
- 1.3. Mechanism of autophagy, Necrosis and apoptosis
- 1.1. Nomenclature of tumors
- 1.2. Various histological equipments, their uses and care
- 1.3. Reception and recording of tissue specimen
- 1.4. Preservation and transport of specimens and slides
- 1.5. Explain different types and functions of fixatives and methods of fixation in histopathology laboratory.
- 1.4 Decalcification of bones and calcified tissues.
- 1.5. Explain different types of chemicals, and equipment used in tissue processing and perform the procedure.
- 1.6 Explain the principle and technique of microtomy
- 1.7 Explain the embedding media and technique

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- 1.8 Explain the steps and principles of routine H&E staining and special staining techniques and mounting them.
- 1.9. Frozen Section
 - 1.9.1. Describe the principle and function of cryostat.
 - 1.9.2. Perform frozen section of intraoperative specimens and diagnose.
- 1.10 Museum technique, preparation, setting up and arrangement of museum
- 1.11 Immunochemistry: principle, procedure, uses, quality control, immunohistochemical markers of malignant neoplasms
- 1.12 Enzyme histochemistry: principle, reagent and specimen preparation, procedure and application

2. Cytopathology

- 2.1. Describe the normal and pathological cell morphology in vaginal, cervical and endometrial specimens and sputum specimen.
- 2.2. Perform fine needle aspiration biopsy procedure, prepare wet and dry smears fix and stain the slides with Pap stain and Giemsa stain.
- 2.3. Explain the principle of Pap stain and Giemsa stain.
- 2.4. Interpret the cellular morphological changes in sputum, vaginal, cervical and endometrial specimen and diagnose neoplastic and inflammatory conditions.
- 2.5. Describe the normal cell morphology in brushing, washing and body fluids smears.
- 2.6. Interpret the cellular morphological changes in brushing, washing and body fluid smears in different inflammatory, non-inflammatory, non-neoplastic and neoplastic conditions.
- 2.7. Explain sex chromatin. Describe the methods of obtaining and preparation of smears for the examination of sex chromatin.
- 2.8. Describe the congenital anomalies in relation to sex chromosome.
- 2.9. Interpret FNAC smears and diagnose the lesions.
- 2.10 Bone-marrow aspiration/Biopsy techniques and interpretation.
- 2.11 Principle, method and use of insitu hybridization
- 2.12 Explain cyto preparatory technique including Liquid based cytology
- 2.13 Describe different types of fixatives and methods of fixation used in cytopathological laboratory and explain their functions.

3. Clinical pathology:

- 3.1 Describe the normal and pathological changes in CSF, pleural, pericardial, synovial, Sputum, vaginal, endometrial specimen
- 3.2 Collection, transport, preservation and processing of various clinical specimens
- 3.3 Urine examination- physical, chemical and microscopic, by Strip method, automated urine analysis
- 3.4 Pregnancy test and interpretation
- 3.5 Semen examination routine and special tests

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- 3.6 Sputum examination: collection, processing, physical examination, microscopic examination using various stains
- 3.7 Examination of body fluids

Group-C: 20%

1. Biochemistry

- 1.1 Structure and function of cells
- 1.2 Principle of Biochemistry
 - 1.2.1 Buffer: definition, types, composition of buffer present in body fluids
 - 1.2.2 Automation in biochemistry; wet and dry chemistry analyzer
 - 1.2.3 Principles and applications of: Photometry, Spectrophotometry (UV, visible, IR), Fluorimetry, spectroscopy, turbidimetry, nephelometry, spectrofluorimetry, atomic emission, reflectometry, mass spectrometry, nuclear magnetic resonance, dry and wet chemistry analyzer, CLIA
 - 1.2.4 Collection, handling and storage of sample, influence of temperature, nutrition, drugs, posture
 - 1.2.5 Separation techniques including various chromatography techniques and electrophoresis
 - 1.2.6 Use of radioisotopes in biochemical analysis
- 1.3 Chemistry of Amino acids, proteins, lipids and carbohydrates
 - 1.3.1 Structure, function and metabolism
 - 1.3.2 Biochemical basis, investigation and interpretation of metabolism disorder
- 1.4 Liver Function Test
 - 1.4.1 Hemoglobin and bilirubin metabolism
 - 1.4.2 Liver function test: principle, procedures and interpretations
 - 1.4.3 Biochemical investigation in acute and chronic liver disease
 - 1.4.4 Biochemical basis of derangement in liver function test in various diseases
 - 1.4.5 Important plasma proteins and their laboratory estimation
- 1.5 Kidney Function Test
 - 1.5.1 Renal function test: principle, procedure and interpretation
 - 1.5.2 Biochemical investigation in acute and kidney disease
 - 1.5.3 Proteinuria, acute and chronic renal insufficiency, concept of nephritic syndrome & nephritic syndrome
 - 1.5.4 Glomerular filtration rate and clearance
 - 1.5.5 Estimation of GFR and creatinine clearance
 - 1.5.6 Activity and effects of diuretics on different laboratory tests
 - 1.5.7 Recent advances in diagnosis of renal diseases
 - 1.5.8 Urine analysis for different diseases, methods used, interpretation

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- 1.6 pH Acid Base Balance
 - 1.6.1 Concept of pH and buffers. Handerson-Hasselbalch equation
 - 1.6.2 Acid base regulation and its disorders, assessment of acid base status
 - 1.6.3 Pathophysiology of Fluid and electrolyte balance and imbalance
 - 1.6.4 Measurement of electrolytes by various methods
 - 1.6.5 Blood gas analysis and interpretation
- 1.7 Pancreatic Function Test
 - 1.7.1 Pancreatic function test, their list and clinical significance
- 1.8 Cardiac Function Test
 - 1.8.1 Biochemical basis, investigation & interpretation of myocardial infarction
 - 1.8.2 Estimation and interpretation of LDH, CPK, GOT, Troponin, CPK MB
- 1.9 Endocrinology
 - 1.9.1 Formation, regulation, function and laboratory estimation of various clinically important hormones, effect of hypo and hyper function
 - 1.9.2 Biochemical investigation of endocrine disorders
 - 1.9.3 Metabolism, clinical features and laboratory investigation of excess and deficiency of calcium, phosphate and magnesium
 - 1.9.4 Hormones of pancreas and gastrointestinal tract, their formation, uses, excess and deficiency states and relevant laboratory tests
 - 1.9.5 Principle and procedure of estimation of various hormones in infertility
 - 1.9.6 Clinical use of hormone for differential diagnosis of various diseases
- 1.10. Drugs
 - 1.10.1 Monitoring therapeutic levels of drugs
 - 1.10.2 Individual determinations for important drugs
 - 1.10.3 Drug abuse and modalities of DAU testing
- 1.11. Enzymes: Definition, classification and properties of enzyme, regulation of enzymatic activity, Method of estimation of clinically important enzymes
- 1.12. Vitamins, Minerals, Nutrition
 - 1.12.1 Chemistry, source, requirements, absorption, metabolism, biochemical role, excess and deficiency manifestations of various vitamins and minerals, Lab. estimation of the clinically important vitamins and minerals

Group-D: 20%

1. Microbiology

- 1.1 General microbiology
 - 1.1.1 History and introduction of Microbiology
 - 1.1.2 Pathogenesis of bacterial infection
 - 1.1.3 Normal flora of skin, mouth, respiratory tract, intestine, urethra, vagina and conjunctiva

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- 1.1.4 Preparation and storage of culture media
- 1.1.5 Mechanism of action of antimicrobial drugs
- 1.1.6 Nosocomial infections: Epidemiology, different bacterial and viral infections, surveillance and control programmes, role of microbiology lab in prevention and control, device associated intravascular infections, control of nosocomial infections
- 1.1.7 Quality control in procedure, culture media, equipments
- 1.1.8 Outbreak investigation of epidemic diseases

1.2 Systemic microbiology

1.2.1 Pathogenesis, epidemiology, transmission and laboratory diagnosis of different microbial infection of respiratory tract, genitor-urinary tract, central nervous system, gastrointestinal tract, skin, ear and eye

1.3 Bacteriology

- 1.3.1 Properties, epidemiology, morphology, methods of isolation, differentiation, pathogenesis, staining property, cultural characteristics, biochemical reaction, laboratory diagnosis of Gram-positive and Gramnegative organisms, acid fast bacilli, spirochetes and miscellaneous fastidious organisms like *Mycoplasma*, *Chalamydia*, *Rickettsia*
- 1.3.2 Bacteriological examination of water, milk, food, air and pharmaceutical products
- 1.3.3 Collection, transport and processing of different specimens for microbiological examination
- 1.3.4 Organisms encountered in CSF, blood culture, sputum, pus, urine, stool, body fluid aspirate and methods of isolation of such organisms
- 1.3.5 Pathogenesis, lab diagnosis, prevention and control of emerging bacterial infections
- 1.3.6 Aerobic and anaerobic culture, identification, antibiotic sensitivity and their profiling

1.4 Virology

- 1.4.1 General features and types of viruses.
- 1.4.2 Pathogenesis of viral carcinogens.
- 1.4.3 Pathogenesis, lab diagnosis, prevention and control of emerging viral infections
- 1.4.4 Properties, pathogenesis and diagnosis of the medically important virus
- 1.4.5 Laboratory procedures for isolation of virus

1.5 Mycology

- 1.5.1 General properties and classification of fungi
- 1.5.2 Morphology, pathogenesis and diagnostic laboratory tests for superficial, deep and systemic mycosis

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1.5.3 Laboratory procedure for identification of fungal pathogens in clinical specimens

1.6 Parasitology

- 1.6.1 Study of morphology, life cycle, developmental stages, symptoms, pathogenesis, epidemiology, diagnosis, and prevention of medically important parasites
- 1.6.2 Demonstration of parasites in clinical specimens (Urine, Stool and Other) including methods of sample collection and preparation.

Group-E: 20%

1. Medical statistics and information technology

- 1.1 Statistical methods in Laboratory (mean, median, mode, standard deviation, standard error, sampling methods, types of data, probability, variables, correlation, regression statistical significance test)
- 1.2 Familiarity with the use of the computer and other telecommunication devices like the fax for the storage, retrieval and sending of information.
- 1.3 Laboratory Information System (LIS).

2. Human molecular genetics

- 2.1 Fundamentals of central dogma (DNA, RNA and proteins; mutations), Chromosome structure and function (organization; structure-function relationship; chromosome abnormalities).
- 2.2 Genes in pedigree (Mendelian pedigree patterns, complications to pedigree patterns), DNA cloning and hybridization techniques (vector based cloning; nuclei acid hybridizations; PCR-based DNA analyses)
- 2.3 Mutation and instability of human DNA (mutation and polymorphism; pathogenic mutations, repeat expansions), Molecular pathology (types of mutations; animal models for human disease)
- 2.4 Identifying human disease genes (functional cloning versus positional cloning; mutation screening), Complex diseases; The Human Genome projects.

3. Total Quality Management, quality assurance and Laboratory accreditation

- 3.1 Quality assessment of samples, preservation, transportation, preparation, testing
- 3.2 Quality assessment of reagent, kits and calibration of equipments
- 3.3 Quality assessment of methods of testing and reporting
- 3.4 Total quality management system in Laboratory medicine
- 3.5 Medical laboratory accreditation: importance, requirements, initiation, documentation, processing for laboratory accreditation

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4. Research Methodology and scientific writing

- 4.1 Introduction, objective of research, definition, types of research, steps in research process, criteria of good research; ethics in research research formulation and literature review, bibliography and references
- 4.2 Data collection: source of data, primary and secondary data, collection methods, data processing and analysis
- 4.3 Components of scientific research paper

5. Laboratory hazards, safety precaution and laboratory waste management

- 5.1 Bio-safety levels and bio-safety guidelines, bio-security, Hazards in medical laboratory and safety precautions.
- 5.2 Different ways of sterilization
- 5.3 Different methods of waste management in medical Laboratory

6. Recent advances in laboratory medicine

- 6.1 Automation in Medical Laboratory
- 6.2 Stem cell processing and storage for transplantation,
- 6.3 Tumor markers and
- 6.4 DNA microarray,
- 6.5 MALDI-ToF,
- 6.6 Flowcytometry,
- **6.7 POCT.**
- 6.8 Automated blood culture system and automated microbial culture and antibiotic sensitivity testing,
- 6.9 maintenance of laboratory equipments,