# Exercise Physiology Assignments & Solutions



## **General Introduction**

These questions are specifically designed to help provide you with a measure of your understanding of the subject.

A wide variety of styles of question are used; for example multiple choice, matching pairs, multiple completion, structured and essay; each designed to assess different levels of understanding, and to maintain interest. Some will also provide experience of the types of question found in most examinations.

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# Questions



#### Muscles & Bones in Action Questions Multiple Choice Questions

For each of the following questions, choose the **ONE** response which best answers the question.

### Which one of the following is the basic unit of the sliding filament mechanism?

- **A** Sarcomere.
- **B** Myofibril.
- C Sarcoplasm.
- **D** Muscle fibre.

### Which one of the statements below, referring to the sliding filament mechanism, is NOT correct?

- **A** A single cross bridge may undergo many reconnections per second with the actin filament during a muscle contraction.
- **B** In isometric contractions where the contracting muscle is prevented from shortening, the cross bridges do not operate.
- **C** The coupling and uncoupling of the cross bridges continues if sufficient calcium ions are present.
- **D** In the absence of free calcium ions, tropomyosin and troponin prevent the connection of cross bridges between myosin and actin.

Which one of the following features is NOT characteristic of typical slow twitch (Type I) muscle fibres, when compared to fast twitch (Type II) muscle fibres?

- **A** More myoglobin.
- **B** More and larger mitochondria.
- **C** Same amount of actin.
- **D** More myosin.
- **E** Better blood supply.

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#### **Multiple Choice Questions**

For each of the following questions, choose the **ONE** response which best answers the question.

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#### Considering the training of muscle fibres, which one of the following statements is NOT correct?

- **A** Endurance training has no effect on the amount or activity of the enzymes in the mitochondria.
- **B** Any increase in muscle size as a result of training is due more to the thickening (hypertrophy) of fibres already present, rather than to the increase in the number of fibres by the splitting of fibres.
- **C** The proportion of different fibre types is not significantly altered by training.
- **D** The oxidative potential of all fibres is improved by endurance training.

#### With regard to a motor neurone stimulating a voluntary muscle, which of the following is NOT correct?

- **A** A motor neurone releases the neurotransmitter substance acetylcholine.
- **B** If the excitatory post synaptic potential (EPSP) exceeds a certain threshold it will initiate a motor unit contraction.
- **C** Successive discharges from the motor neurone may summate to increase the EPSP.
- **D** The neurotransmitter substance acetylcholine, once released continues to stimulate the muscle for a long period, eventually resulting in fatigue of the muscle.

#### With regard to types of muscle contraction which of the following is NOT correct?

- **A** Muscles shorten as they develop tension in isotonic contractions.
- **B** Muscles do not shorten as they develop tension in isometric contractions.
- **C** As the muscle contracts in an isokinetic contraction it exerts maximum tension over the full range of movement at all joint angles.
- **D** Concentric contraction occurs at the front of the thigh when running down hill.

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