

Menstrual Cycle and Pregnancy

Question Paper

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Sub Topic	Menstrual Cycle and Pregnancy
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1 Infertility can be treated by increasing the chance of ovulation occurring.

Ovulation is controlled by hormones.

(a) (i) Complete the sentence by putting a cross (☒) in the box next to your answer.

The hormone that stimulates the maturation of follicles in the ovary is

(1)

- A FSH
- B LH
- C oestrogen
- D progesterone

(ii) Infertility treatments, including the use of hormones, can stimulate ovulation.

Explain **one** disadvantage of treating infertility by using hormones to stimulate ovulation.

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(iii) Complete the sentence by putting a cross (☒) in the box next to your answer.

Ovulation during pregnancy is prevented by high levels of

(1)

- A FSH
- B LH
- C insulin
- D progesterone

(b) Monoclonal antibody technology is used in pregnancy tests and in the treatment of cancer.

(i) Explain how monoclonal antibodies are used to test for pregnancy.

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(ii) The use of monoclonal antibodies to treat cancer has advantages over the use of traditional chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

Explain the benefits of using monoclonal antibodies to treat cancer.

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(iii) Name the type of cell that produces the monoclonal antibodies used to treat cancer.

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(Total for Question 1 = 10 marks)

2 Blood tests can be used to check a person’s blood glucose and hormone levels.

Figure 4 shows the results of two blood tests carried out on three people to check their blood glucose levels. Person 1 is healthy.

	blood glucose level (mmols/l)	
	after fasting for 12 hours	two hours after drinking 75 g glucose
person 1	5.4	6.4
person 2	5.6	9.0
person 3	7.8	12.1

Figure 4

(a) (i) Compare the glucose levels of person 1 with the glucose levels of person 2 after fasting for 12 hours.

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(ii) Compare the glucose levels of person 3 with the glucose levels of person 1, two hours after drinking 75g glucose.

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Person 3 cannot produce the hormone that controls blood glucose levels.

(iii) State the hormone that person 3 cannot produce.

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(b) Figure 5 shows the level of progesterone for a female during five different stages of the menstrual cycle.

days in the menstrual cycle	progesterone level (nmol/l)
1–9	1.85
10–14	1.48
15–17	14.28
18–23	35.27
24–28	17.11

Figure 5

(i) Describe the changes in progesterone levels during the 28-day cycle.

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(ii) Explain why progesterone levels changed following day 14.

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(iii) Use Figure 5 to explain if the female is pregnant.

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(b) The menstrual cycle is also controlled by hormones including progesterone.

(i) Complete the sentence by putting a cross (☒) in the box next to your answer.

Progesterone is produced by the

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A corpus luteum

B glomerulus

C hypothalamus

D pituitary gland

(ii) Describe the effect of high levels of progesterone on the uterus lining during pregnancy.

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