

STUDY GUIDE: Homeostasis and Internal Regulation

KEY TERMS

homeostasis	loop of Henle
negative feedback	collecting tubule
positive feedback	glomerular filtration
interstitial(=extracellular) fluid	tubular reabsorption
intracellular fluid	tubular secretion
Nitrogenous-waste compounds	ureter
ammonia	cloaca
urea	urethra
uric acid	urinary bladder
excretion	glomerulus
elimination	tubular excretion
osmoconformers	thermoregulation
osmoregulators	ectothermic(=poikilothermic)
contractile vacuole	endothermic(=homeothermic)
flame cell system	behavioral thermoregulation
nephridia	physiological thermoregulation
Malpighian tubules	vasodilation
Parts of nephron	rete mirabile
Bowman's capsule	torpor
glomerulus	hibernation
proximal convoluted tubule	aestivation
distal convoluted tubule	

QUESTIONS

1. List three main nitrogenous waste products; compare their toxicity and the amount of water that must be expelled in order to excrete each one.
2. What organisms have salt glands? How do they work?
3. For each of the following organisms, specify the type of excretory mechanism possessed: Paramecium, planaria, earthworm, mammal, insect.
4. Draw a diagram of nephron, labeling the following: glomerulus, Bowman's capsule, proximal convoluted tubule, descending limb of the loop of Henle, ascending limb of the loop of Henle, distal convoluted tubule, collecting tubule.
5. Discuss in some detail the process of urine formation in man, explaining how the nephron functions.
6. Summarize the role played by your kidneys in maintaining homeostasis.
7. Describe a model for the sodium-potassium pump and explain how such a pump might work in the cells of the gills of a freshwater fish.
8. State the principle of homeostasis and explain why the body's health and survival depend upon the maintenance of homeostasis.
9. Outline the process of temperature regulation in endothermic animals. What are the four general categories of temperature regulation?
10. How does the mammalian thermostat work? Where is this thermostat located?
11. Explain the principle of countercurrent heat exchangers.
12. Are there any invertebrates that regulate their body temperature? If so who are they?
13. Explain the difference between hibernation, torpor and aestivation?