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- Do not leave class early unless you have informed me prior to the start of the class or if it's an emergency.
- During exams NOBODY can leave the exam and re-enter the exam room. If a student leaves, their exam will be graded as is; the student will not be allowed to finish the exam.

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To calculate your final grade:

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April

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Exam 3

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Chapter 36: Plant Nutrition

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Plant Nutrition (continued); Chapter 37: Regulation of Plant Growth

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Chapter 38: Reproduction in Flowering Plants

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Reproduction in Flowering Plants (continued); Chapter 39: Plant Responses to Environmental Challenges

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Review for Exam 4

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Exam 4

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Review for Final Exam

May

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10:15 am-12:15 pm

Physiology Related Topics Covered on MCAT

SPECIALIZED EUKARYOTIC CELLS AND TISSUES

A. Nerve Cell/Neural

1. Cell body (site of nucleus and organelles)
2. Axon (structure, function)
3. Dendrites (structure, function)
4. Myelin sheath, Schwann cells, oligodendrocytes, insulation of axon
5. Nodes of Ranvier (role in propagation of nerve impulse along axon)
6. Synapse (site of impulse propagation between cells)
7. Synaptic activity
 - a. transmitter molecules
 - b. synaptic knobs
 - c. fatigue
- d. propagation between cells without resistance loss
8. Resting potential (electrochemical gradient)
9. Action potential
 - a. threshold, all-or-none
 - b. sodium–potassium pump
10. Excitatory and inhibitory nerve fibers (summation, frequency of firing)

B. Muscle Cell/Contractile

1. Abundant mitochondria in red muscle cells (ATP source)
2. Organization of contractile elements (actin and myosin filaments, cross bridges, sliding filament model)
3. Calcium regulation of contraction, sarcoplasmic reticulum
4. Sarcomeres (I and A bands, M and Z lines, H zone—general structure only)
5. Presence of troponin and tropomyosin

C. Other Specialized Cell Types

1. Epithelial cells (cell types, simple epithelium, stratified epithelium)
2. Endothelial cells
3. Connective tissue cells (major tissues and cell types, fiber types, loose versus dense, extracellular matrix)

NERVOUS AND ENDOCRINE SYSTEMS

A. Endocrine System: Hormones

1. Function of endocrine system (specific chemical control at cell, tissue, and organ levels)
2. Definitions of endocrine gland, hormone
3. Major endocrine glands (names, locations, products)
4. Major types of hormones

B. Endocrine System: Mechanisms of Hormone Action

1. Cellular mechanisms of hormone action
2. Transport of hormones (bloodstream)
3. Specificity of hormones (target tissue)
4. Integration with nervous system (feedback control)

C. Nervous System: Structure and Function

1. Major functions
 - a. high-level control and integration of body systems
 - b. response to external influences
 - c. sensory input
 - d. integrative and cognitive abilities
2. Organization of vertebrate nervous system
3. Sensor and effector neurons
4. Sympathetic and parasympathetic nervous systems (functions, antagonistic control)
5. Reflexes
 - a. feedback loop, reflex arc, effects on flexor and extensor muscles
 - b. roles