Human Body Systems Study Guide

Nervous System -

- 1. Brain stem part of nervous system and controls the heartbeat and breathing by controlling the cardiac muscle and diaphragm. Also receives information from face, ears, eyes and nose.
- 2. Cerebrum part of the brain that controls our thinking and emotions.
- 3. Neurons nerve cell.
- 4. Brain 3 main parts cerebrum, cerebellum, brain stem.
- 5. Cerebellum- controls movement and balance.
- 6. Sensory nerves the body receives information from the environment through the sensory nerves.
- 7. Axon the long trunk part of the neuron.
- 8. Synapse the space between neurons.
- 9. Motor nerve carries instructions to the muscles from the spinal cord.





Digestive System –

- 1. The function of the digestive system is to provide the body with nutrients.
- 2. Stomach churns the food and produces acids that helps indigestion.
- 3. Pancreas releases enzymes into small intestines to break down food.
- 4. Small intestines food passes through the walls of the small intestines and sends nutrients through the capillaries to the cells of the body.
- 5. Gall bladder stores bile made by the liver and sends it to the stomach to aide in digestion.
- 6. Esophagus muscular tube the leads from the mouth into the stomach.
- 7. Salivary glands produces the fluid (spit) that breaks down food in the mouth.
- 8. Large intestines absorbs the remaining water and waste and prepares it to exit.



Circulatory System –

- 1. Capillaries the smallest blood vessels in the body.
- 2. Arteries blood vessels that carry blood away from the heart.
- 3. Veins blood vessels that carry blood to the heart.
- 4. Ventricle lower chambers of the heart that pumps blood.
- 5. Atriums upper chambers of the heart that collects blood.
- 6. Left ventricle pumps O rich blood out of the heart to the body.
- 7. Pulmonary veins carries O rich blood from the lungs to the heart.
- 8. Septum thin muscular wall that separates the left and right side of heart.
- 9. Aorta largest blood vessel in the body.
- 10. Cardiovascular combines circulatory (heart) and respiratory (lungs).



The Heart: Outside

Respiratory System –

- 1. CO2 carbon dioxide which is removed by the lungs.
- 2. Trachea attaches to the lungs and is also called the wind pipe.
- 3. Diaphragm large breathing muscle attached to the lungs and separates the heart and lungs from the abdominal cavity.
- 4. Capillaries smallest blood vessels where Oxygen is exchanged for CO2 in the lungs.
- 5. Respiratory system main function is to supply the body with Oxygen.
- 6. Bronchial tubes two small tubes attaching the trachea to the lungs.
- 7. Alveoli tiny air sacs in the lungs surrounded by capillaries.
- 8. Bronchioles small tubes within the lungs that transport air to the alveoli.



Muscular & Skeletal System -

- 1. Ribs 12 bones connected to the sternum and protect the hearts and lungs.
- 2. Skeletal muscles provides power needed to move bones and joints.
- 3. Cartilage covers the end of bones to protect them from wear and tear.
- 4. Ligaments bands of strong tissue that connects bone to bone.
- 5. Joints where bones come together.
- 6. Cardiac muscle provides power for the heart to pump blood.
- 7. Smooth muscles found attached to internal organs besides the heart.
- 8. Tendons tough fibrous band that attaches muscles to bone.



Integumentary System –

- 1. The Integumentary system (skin, hair, nails) protects the body from damage and water loss.
- 2. Sweat glands and hair regulate temperature of the body. Sweat glands also remove waste.
- 3. Epidermis waterproofs and protects deeper tissues.
- 4. Dermis is connective tissue that provides a site for nerve endings and blood vessels.
- 5. Hypodermis is a layer of fat that provides cushioning.
- 6. The skin also produces melanin to protect the body against sunburn, and manufactures Vitamin D from exposure to sunlight.



Immune system –

- 1. This system protects the body from infections and destroys bacteria and viruses, which are also called pathogens and germs.
- 2. Bone marrow makes the cells that fight disease. The bone marrow is responsible for the production of important immune system cells like B cells, granulocytes, natural killer cells and immature thymocytes. It also produces red blood cells and platelets.
- 3. Thymus produces mature T- cells.
- 4. Lymph nodes -White blood cells are housed in the lymph nodes. White blood cells, or leukocytes, fight pathogens or diseases. There are several different kinds of leukocytes, which are all manufactured in the bone marrow and all work together as a team to protect the body against disease. Three types of white blood cells B-cells, T-cells and macrophages are defensive cells that circulate the body looking for invaders. The macrophages are the first to locate the invading germs.
- 5. Spleen This organ of the immune system is composed of a variety of white blood cells (T-cells, B-cells, natural killer cells, macrophages, dendritic cells) and red blood cells. It acts as an immunologic filter of the blood.
- 6. Antibodies are produced by the white blood cells and cover the germ cells in the body to make them easier to kill.
- 7. Adenoids located in the back of the nasal cavity, the adenoids protect vital body organs from invading germs, like a sponge.
- 8. Tonsils located in the throat, the tonsils protect vital body organs from germs by trapping them from inhaled air.



The Immune System