

- N.B.: 1. Question No 1 is compulsory
2. Attempt any four of the remaining six questions

- Q1. Comment briefly on the following: (8)
- Metastable polymorphs are preferred in drug formulations.
 - Dissolution rate is better related to absorption/bioavailability than solubility.
 - Placental barrier is not as effective as the blood brain barrier
 - A protein bound drug is pharmacokinetically and pharmacodynamically inert.
- Q2. a. Discuss any four barriers to the distribution of drugs. (6)
Q2. b. What is the significance of the volume of distribution (2)
- Q3. a. Distinguish between active and passive transport as mechanisms of drug absorption giving suitable examples. (5)
Q3. b. List the various binding sites on human serum albumin; and give examples of drugs binding to these sites. (3)
- Q4. Write short notes on any two of the following: (8)
- Non renal excretion of drugs.
 - Insulin zinc suspension and its bioavailability.
 - Dissolution testing.
- Q5. An intravenous bolus dose (125 mg) of a drug following one compartment kinetics has a volume of distribution of 8000 L and a half life of 12 hours. Calculate, (8)
- The amount eliminated after 16 hrs of drug administration
 - The elimination rate constant and clearance
 - The AUC (zero to infinity) of the drug
 - The amount remaining in the body after 48 hrs
 - The percent dose remaining after 18 hrs.
 - Time required to eliminate 90% of the dose.
- Q6. a. Draw the typical plasma concentration vs time profile (C versus time and Log C versus time) obtained after an intravenous dose. What are the equations that describe these two profiles and what do the terms in the equations mean? (8)
- Q7. Write short notes on any two of the following: (8)
- Hepatic extraction ratio.
 - Method of residuals.
 - Sigma minus method for urine analysis.
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