

SI A&P - Full Discipline Demo - Fetal Pig

Cardiovascular Physiology

Final Report - Answer Guide

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Test Your Knowledge

Match each term with the best description.

Terms to match:

- Autorhythmic cells
- Diastolic pressure
- P wave
- QRS complex
- Systolic pressure

Descriptions to match with:

- ECG diagram feature marking the beginning of ventricular depolarization
- ECG diagram feature marking the depolarization of the right and left atria
- Force exerted on the walls of the arteries when the ventricles are contracted
- Force exerted on the walls of the arteries when the ventricles are relaxed
- Present in SA node forming the primary pacemaker of the heart

Correct answers:

- 1 QRS complex 2 P wave 3 Systolic pressure 4 Diastolic pressure
5 Autorhythmic cells

Classify each statement as related to heart rate or stroke volume.

⚡ A measurement of how many times the heart contracts and relaxes in one minute.	
⚡ A measurement of how much blood is pumped from the left ventricle during each contraction.	
⚡ The primary mechanism for responding to increased oxygen demands due to exercise.	
⚡ Plateaus first during exercise.	
Heart Rate	Stroke Volume
1	2

Correct answers:

1

The primary mechanism for responding to increased oxygen demands due to exercise.

A measurement of how many times the heart contracts and relaxes in one minute.

2

A measurement of how much blood is pumped from the left ventricle during each contraction.

Plateaus first during exercise.

Exploration

Cardiac output decreases as a result of exercise.

☐ True

☐ False



Blood pressure in veins is around ____.

- ☒ 0 mm Hg ✓
- ☐ 120 mm Hg
- ☐ 80 mm Hg
- ☐ 40 mm Hg

The primary autorhythmic cells of the heart are located in the ____.

- ☐ AV bundle
- ☐ AV node
- ☐ Purkinje fibers
- ☒ SA node ✓

The P wave shows atrial depolarization.

- ☒ True ✓
- ☐ False

Exercise 1

How did blood pressure change between resting and exercising conditions? Reference Data Table 1 in your explanation.

Systolic blood pressure increased after exercise, rising from 116 mm Hg at rest to 136 mm Hg after exercise as recorded in Data Table 1. Diastolic pressure was not impacted by exercise and remained constant at 70 mm Hg throughout the procedure.

How do changes in blood pressure correlate to changes in cardiac output?

Systolic pressure is the pressure exerted on the walls of the arteries when the ventricles are contracted. This measurement increases in response to exercise. Systolic pressure determined by how much blood is pumped from the left ventricle during each contraction which is termed stroke volume. Both stroke volume and heart rate contribute to cardiac output which is the amount of blood the heart pumps through the cardiovascular system in one minute.

What do the Korotkoff sounds sound like through the stethoscope? How are these sounds used to measure blood pressure?

Korotkoff sounds consist of five phases heard in sequential order upon deflating the blood pressure cuff: phase I: clear tapping sounds; phase II: softening of the tapping and the addition of a swishing sound; phase III: clear tapping sounds with an increase in sharpness; phase IV: abrupt muffling of sounds with a soft flowing quality; phase V: disappearance of all sounds. Systolic blood pressure is recorded as soon as phase I is heard. Diastolic pressure is recorded as soon as phase V occurs.

Data Table 1: Blood Pressure Readings
(SAMPLE ANSWER BELOW)

Activity	Systolic/diastolic pressure (mm Hg)
Rest	120/70
Exercise	136/70

Exercise 2

How did heart rate change between resting and exercising conditions? Reference Data Table 2 in your explanation.

Heart increased after exercise, rising from an average of 77 bpm at rest to 125 bpm after exercise as recorded in Data Table 2.

How do changes in heart rate correlate to changes in cardiac output?

Cardiac output varies with oxygen demands of the body's tissues and organs. Heart rate changes are the primary mechanism for responding to increased oxygen demands due to exercise. As the heart rate increases, blood flow increases throughout the body delivering oxygen to tissues.

How is heart rate normally controlled within the heart?

The sinoatrial node (SA) normally controls the heart rate. Specialized sets of autorhythmic (auto = own, rhythmic = rhythm or pattern) cells within the heart control the rhythm of the heart. The primary autorhythmic cells of the heart are located in the sinoatrial node (SA) at the right superior and posterior portion of the right atrium.

Data Table 2: Heart Rate Measurements
(SAMPLE ANSWER BELOW)

Activity	Palpation Location	Number of Heartbeats in 20 seconds	Heart Rate (Beats per Minute)
Seated	Radial	25	75
	Carotid	26	78
Exercising	Radial	43	129
	Carotid	40	120

Exercise 3

What abnormalities do you observe in the Nodal Rhythm graph? What are the most likely causes of these abnormalities?

What abnormalities do you observe in the Heart Block graph? What are the most likely causes of these abnormalities?

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What abnormalities do you observe in the Atrial Flutter graph? What are the most likely causes of these abnormalities?

What abnormalities do you observe in the Atrial Fibrillation graph? What are the most likely causes of these abnormalities?

What abnormalities do you observe in the Ventricular Fibrillation graph? What are the most likely causes of these abnormalities?

Panel 1: Normal Sinus Rhythm Description
(SAMPLE ANSWER BELOW)

The P wave is the first feature of an ECG diagram and marks the depolarization of the right and left atria. The line immediately to the right of the P wave marks the completion of atrial depolarization. The QRS complex marks the repolarization of the atria and the beginning of ventricular depolarization. The line immediately to the right of the QRS complex marks the completion of ventricular depolarization. The T wave marks the repolarization of the right and left ventricles. The line immediately to the right of the T wave marks the completion of ventricular repolarization.

Competency Review

The amount of blood the heart pumps through the cardiovascular system in one minute is called the ____.

- ☒ cardiac output ✓
 - ☐ heart rate
 - ☐ stroke volume
 - ☐ diastolic pressure
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Cardiac output varies with oxygen demands of the body's tissues and organs.

- ☒ True ✓
 - ☐ False
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____ pressure is the force exerted on the walls of the arteries when the ventricles are relaxed.

- ☐ Korotkoff
 - ☐ Systolic
 - ☒ Diastolic ✓
 - ☐ Electrocardiogram
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The primary autorhythmic cells of the heart create rhythmic muscle contractions of the heart at about 60-100 beats per minute.

- ☒ True ✓
 - ☐ False
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Periods of no electrical activity on an ECG are called ____.

- ☐ bundles
 - ☐ intervals
 - ☒ segments ✓
 - ☐ waves
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An electrocardiogram can indicate if the heart muscle is damaged.

- ☐ True ✓
- ☐ False

When measuring blood pressure with a cuff and stethoscope, the first Korotkoff sounds indicate the ____ pressure.

- ☐ diastolic
- ☐ atrial
- ☐ venous
- ☐ systolic ✓

Heart rate measured at both the radial and carotid arteries decreases after performing 25 jumping jacks compared to when at rest.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False ✓

The ECG recording below indicates a(n) ____.



- ☐ normal sinus rhythm ✓
- ☐ atrial flutter
- ☐ atrial fibrillation
- ☐ ventricular fibrillation

Extension Questions

Medically, ECGs are used during exercise to detect heart abnormalities that are often masked at rest. Apply your knowledge of cardiac output response to exercise and ECGs to predict how the ECG of a healthy individual would appear during exercise compared to when the individual is at rest. (SAMPLE ANSWER BELOW)

For a healthy individual, the segments between the T wave of one completed heartbeat and the P wave of the next heartbeat would decrease in length during exercise compared to when at rest. However, the pattern of the normal sinus rhythm (P wave, segment, QRS complex, segment, T wave) would not change in a healthy individual between exercise and rest.