

How Does Cellular Respiration Power Performance? 12th Grade Physiology Quiz

Bioenergetic stoichiometry, the sliding filament theory, and lactate threshold dynamics — essential concepts for analyzing human athletic potential.

1. During a high-intensity cycling interval above the functional threshold power (FTP), what is the primary cause of muscular fatigue in the quadriceps as acidosis increases?

- A. Depletion of subcutaneous adipose tissue
- B. Interruption of calcium ion binding to troponin due to H⁺ accumulation
- C. Excessive intake of atmospheric nitrogen
- D. The conversion of glucose into pyruvate via the Krebs Cycle

2. The Frank-Starling Mechanism explains how an increase in left ventricular end-diastolic volume leads to a more forceful cardiac contraction.

- A. True
- B. False

3. The specific training adaptation characterized by an increase in the number and size of mitochondria within Type I muscle fibers is known as ____.

- A. Mitochondrial biogenesis
- B. Sarcoplasmic hypertrophy
- C. The Bohr Effect
- D. Myofibrillar splitting

4. Which enzyme acts as the 'rate-limiting' step during the fast glycolytic pathway, inhibiting energy production if pH drops significantly?

- A. Creatine Kinase
- B. Lactate Dehydrogenase
- C. Phosphofructokinase (PFK)
- D. Adenylate Cyclase

5. During the 'Oxygen Deficit' phase at the onset of exercise, the body primarily relies on ____ to meet energy demands before reaching a steady state.

- A. Beta-oxidation of lipids
- B. The aerobic TCA cycle
- C. Phosphagen and fast glycolytic systems
- D. Gluconeogenesis in the liver

6. Excess Post-exercise Oxygen Consumption (EPOC) remains elevated longer after a low-intensity walk than after a high-intensity interval session.

- A. True

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B. False

7. An elite marathoner likely displays a 'right shift' in their Lactate Threshold curve. What does this indicate about their physiological profile?

- A. They reach fatigue earlier in the race
- B. They have a higher percentage of Type IIx fibers
- C. They can maintain higher speeds without significant blood lactate accumulation
- D. Their body prefers protein as a primary fuel source

8. The physiological phenomenon where hemoglobin's affinity for oxygen decreases in the presence of high CO₂ and low pH is called the ____.

- A. Bohr Effect
- B. Haldane Effect
- C. Q10 Effect
- D. Size Principle

9. Hypertrophy of the left ventricle is a common chronic adaptation in endurance athletes, resulting in increased stroke volume.

- A. True
- B. False

10. Which of the following describes the 'Size Principle' of motor unit recruitment during a progressively heavy lift?

- A. Large motor units are recruited first to save energy
- B. Smaller, fatigue-resistant units are recruited before larger, high-force units
- C. Motor units are recruited in a random order based on hormone levels
- D. The size of the muscle determines the speed of the nerve impulse