Chapter-6

Respiratory System

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Abstract

The respiratory system is crucial for gas exchange, delivering oxygen to the body and removing carbon dioxide. Respiratory diseases like asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) significantly impact this system. Asthma is a chronic inflammatory condition of the airways, characterized by episodes of wheezing, breathlessness, chest tightness, and coughing. Its pathophysiology involves airway hyperresponsiveness and inflammation triggered by allergens, exercise, or stress. Epidemiologically, asthma affects millions globally, with higher prevalence in children and urban areas. Diagnosis is based on clinical history, spirometry, and responsiveness to bronchodilators. Treatment includes inhaled corticosteroids, bronchodilators, and lifestyle modifications to avoid triggers. Complications can include severe asthma attacks and decreased quality of life. Prevention focuses on avoiding known triggers and adhering to treatment plans. COPD encompasses chronic bronchitis and emphysema, primarily caused by long-term exposure to irritating gases, most often from smoking. Pathophysiology involves chronic inflammation leading to airflow limitation and destruction of lung tissue. Epidemiologically, COPD is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide. Symptoms include chronic cough, sputum production, and dyspnea. Diagnosis is confirmed with spirometry showing persistent airflow limitation. Treatment involves smoking cessation, bronchodilators, corticosteroids, and pulmonary rehabilitation. Complications include respiratory infections and respiratory failure. Prevention is mainly through smoking cessation and reducing exposure to lung irritants. The renal system, essential for waste elimination and fluid balance, can be severely affected by acute and chronic renal failure. Acute renal failure (ARF) is the sudden loss of kidney function, often due to ischemia, toxins, or severe infections. Chronic renal failure (CRF), or chronic kidney disease (CKD), is a gradual loss of kidney function due to conditions like diabetes and hypertension. Epidemiologically, CKD is a global health issue with rising prevalence. Symptoms of renal failure include fatigue, edema, and changes in urine output. Diagnosis involves blood tests measuring creatinine and glomerular filtration rate (GFR). Treatment for ARF focuses on addressing the underlying cause and supportive care, while CKD management includes controlling blood pressure, blood sugar, and, in advanced cases, dialysis or kidney transplantation. Preventive measures include managing risk factors like hypertension, diabetes, and avoiding nephrotoxic drugs.

I. INTRODUCTION

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II. ASTHMA

Asthma is a chronic inflammatory disorder of the airways characterized by recurrent episodes of wheezing, breathlessness, chest tightness, and coughing. These episodes are often associated with variable airflow obstruction that is often reversible either spontaneously or with treatment.

Introduction

Asthma is a chronic respiratory condition involving inflammation and narrowing of the airways, leading to difficulty in breathing. It affects people of all ages and is influenced by a combination of genetic and environmental factors.

Pathophysiology

1. **Airway Inflammation**
   a. Chronic inflammation leads to swelling of the airway walls, increased mucus production, and hyperresponsiveness to various stimuli.

2. **Bronchoconstriction**
   a. Contraction of smooth muscles around the airways, narrowing them and causing airflow limitation.

3. **Airway Remodeling**
   a. Persistent inflammation may lead to structural changes in the airways, such as thickening of the airway walls, increased smooth muscle mass, and fibrosis, which may contribute to irreversible airflow obstruction.

4. **Triggers**
   a. Common triggers include allergens (pollen, dust mites, pet dander), respiratory infections, exercise, cold air, smoke, pollution, and certain medications (e.g., NSAIDs, beta-blockers).

Epidemiology

1. **Prevalence**
   a. Asthma affects approximately 300 million people worldwide.
   b. It is one of the most common chronic diseases in children, but it can develop at any age.

2. **Risk Factors**
   a. Genetic: Family history of asthma or other allergic conditions.
   b. Environmental: Exposure to allergens, tobacco smoke, air pollution, occupational irritants.
   c. Other Factors: Respiratory infections during early childhood, low birth weight, and obesity.

Symptoms and Complications

Symptoms

a. Wheezing (a high-pitched whistling sound during breathing).
b. Shortness of breath.
c. Chest tightness.
d. Coughing, especially at night or early morning.
e. Symptoms may vary in frequency and severity and can be episodic.

Complications

a. Acute Exacerbations: Severe episodes of asthma that require urgent medical attention, often triggered by infections, allergens, or irritants.
b. Chronic Symptoms: Persistent symptoms that affect daily activities and quality of life.
c. Respiratory Failure: Severe asthma attacks that do not respond to standard treatments can lead to life-threatening respiratory failure.
d. Lung Infections: Increased risk of infections such as pneumonia.

e. **Airway Remodeling:** Long-term changes in the airway structure that can lead to persistent airflow limitation.

Diagnosis

1. **Clinical Evaluation**
   a. Detailed medical history, including family history and exposure to potential triggers.
   b. Physical examination focusing on respiratory system.

2. **Diagnostic Tests**
   a. **Spirometry:** Measures airflow obstruction and reversibility with bronchodilator therapy.
   b. **Peak Expiratory Flow (PEF):** Monitoring peak flow rates to detect variability in airway obstruction.
   c. **Bronchoprovocation Testing:** Assess airway hyperresponsiveness using methacholine or exercise challenge.
   d. **Allergy Testing:** Skin prick tests or specific IgE blood tests to identify potential allergens.
   e. **Chest X-ray:** To rule out other conditions mimicking asthma.

Treatment

1. **Pharmacologic Therapy**
   a. **Quick-Relief Medications**
      - **Short-Acting Beta-Agonists (SABAs):** For rapid relief of acute symptoms (e.g., albuterol).
   b. **Long-Term Control Medications**
      - **Inhaled Corticosteroids (ICS):** First-line therapy for persistent asthma to reduce inflammation (e.g., fluticasone, budesonide).
      - **Long-Acting Beta-Agonists (LABAs):** Used in combination with ICS for better control (e.g., salmeterol, formoterol).
      - **Leukotriene Modifiers:** Reduce inflammation and bronchoconstriction (e.g., montelukast).
      - **Long-Acting Muscarinic Antagonists (LAMAs):** For maintenance treatment (e.g., tiotropium).
      - **Biologic Therapies:** For severe asthma not controlled with standard therapies (e.g., omalizumab, mepolizumab).

2. **Non-Pharmacologic Therapy**
   a. **Trigger Avoidance:** Identifying and minimizing exposure to known triggers (e.g., allergens, smoke, pollution).
   b. **Allergy Management:** Immunotherapy for allergic asthma.
   c. **Asthma Action Plan:** Personalized plan developed with a healthcare provider to manage symptoms and exacerbations.
   d. **Patient Education:** Teaching proper inhaler technique, self-monitoring, and recognizing early signs of exacerbations.

3. **Emergency Management**
   a. **Acute Exacerbations:** Use of SABAs, systemic corticosteroids, and possibly oxygen therapy or hospitalization for severe cases.

Complications

1. **Medication Side Effects**
   a. **Inhaled Corticosteroids:** Oral thrush, hoarseness, and potential for long-term effects like osteoporosis.
   b. **Beta-Agonists:** Tremors, palpitations, and potential for tolerance with overuse.
   c. **Leukotriene Modifiers:** Headache, gastrointestinal disturbances.
   d. **Biologics:** Risk of allergic reactions and injection site reactions.

2. **2. Disease Progression**
   a. **Frequent Exacerbations:** Can lead to increased airway remodeling and chronic symptoms.
   b. **Chronic Symptoms:** Persistent cough, wheezing, and breathlessness impacting quality of life.

Prevention

1. **Primary Prevention**
   a. **Avoidance of Risk Factors:** Reducing exposure to tobacco smoke, air pollution, and occupational irritants.
   b. **Healthy Lifestyle:** Promoting regular exercise, a balanced diet, and maintaining a healthy weight.

2. **Secondary Prevention**
   a. **Early Diagnosis and Treatment:** Prompt identification and management of asthma to prevent progression and complications.
   b. **Regular Monitoring:** Ongoing assessment of asthma control and adjustment of therapy as needed.

3. **Tertiary Prevention**
   a. **Comprehensive Management:** Implementing an asthma action plan, ensuring adherence to medications, and regular follow-up with healthcare providers.
   b. **Education and Support:** Providing resources and support for patients and caregivers to effectively manage asthma.

III. CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE AIRWAYS DISEASES

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a progressive lung disease characterized by persistent respiratory symptoms and airflow limitation due to airway and/or alveolar abnormalities, usually caused by significant exposure to noxious particles or gases. COPD includes emphysema and chronic bronchitis.

Introduction

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) is a group of chronic inflammatory lung diseases that cause obstructed airflow from the lungs. It is primarily associated with long-term exposure to irritating gases or particulate matter, most often from cigarette smoke. The main conditions that comprise COPD are emphysema and chronic bronchitis.

Pathophysiology

1. **Chronic Bronchitis**
   a. Characterized by chronic inflammation of the bronchi, leading to increased mucus production, airway narrowing, and cough.
   b. Defined clinically by a productive cough lasting for at least three months in two consecutive years.

2. **Emphysema**
   a. Characterized by the destruction of alveolar walls, leading to reduced surface area for gas exchange and loss of lung elasticity.
   b. Results in airflow limitation and air trapping.

3. **Airflow Limitation**
   a. Persistent and progressive, caused by small airway disease (e.g., inflammation, fibrosis, and increased resistance) and parenchymal destruction (loss of alveolar attachments).

4. **Inflammation**
   a. Involves the recruitment of inflammatory cells (neutrophils, macrophages, and lymphocytes) and the release of inflammatory mediators.
   b. Oxidative stress and protease-antiprotease imbalance contribute to tissue damage and remodeling.

Epidemiology

1. **Prevalence**
   a. COPD affects approximately 65 million people globally and is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality.
   b. Higher prevalence in older adults, with smoking being the most significant risk factor.

2. **Risk Factors**
   a. Primary: Smoking (both active and passive), occupational exposures to dust and chemicals, and indoor and outdoor air pollution.
   b. Genetic: Alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, which predisposes individuals to early-onset emphysema.
   c. Other Factors: Respiratory infections in childhood, low socioeconomic status, and age.

Symptoms and Complications

Symptoms

a. Chronic cough with sputum production.
b. Dyspnea (shortness of breath), initially on exertion and eventually at rest.
c. Wheezing and chest tightness.
d. Frequent respiratory infections.

Complications

a. Exacerbations: Acute worsening of symptoms, often triggered by infections or environmental factors.
b. Respiratory Failure: Severe cases may result in inadequate oxygenation and/or carbon dioxide removal.

c. **Pulmonary Hypertension:** Increased pressure in the pulmonary arteries due to chronic hypoxia.
d. **Cor Pulmonale:** Right-sided heart failure secondary to chronic lung disease.
e. **Osteoporosis:** Due to systemic inflammation and corticosteroid use.
f. **Weight Loss and Muscle Wasting:** Due to increased work of breathing and systemic inflammation.

Diagnosis

1. **Clinical Evaluation**
   a. Detailed medical history, including smoking history and exposure to environmental or occupational irritants.
   b. Physical examination focusing on respiratory system (e.g., wheezing, prolonged expiration, use of accessory muscles).

2. **Diagnostic Tests**
   a. **Spirometry:** Key diagnostic test showing persistent airflow limitation with a reduced FEV1/FVC ratio (<70% post-bronchodilator).
   b. **Chest X-ray:** To rule out other conditions and assess for signs of hyperinflation, bullae, or other structural changes.
   c. **CT Scan:** High-resolution CT can provide detailed images of emphysematous changes and airway disease.
   d. **Arterial Blood Gas (ABG):** To assess oxygenation and ventilation status, especially in severe cases.
   e. **Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Level:** To screen for genetic deficiency in younger patients or those with a family history.

Treatment

1. **Lifestyle Modifications**
   a. **Smoking Cessation:** Most crucial step to slow disease progression and improve survival.
   b. **Avoidance of Irritants:** Reducing exposure to air pollutants and occupational hazards.
   c. **Vaccinations:** Annual influenza vaccination and pneumococcal vaccination to reduce the risk of respiratory infections.

2. **Pharmacologic Therapy**
   a. **Bronchodilators**
      - **Short-Acting Beta-Agonists (SABAs):** For quick relief of symptoms (e.g., albuterol).
      - **Long-Acting Beta-Agonists (LABAs):** For maintenance therapy (e.g., salmeterol, formoterol).
      - **Anticholinergics:**
        - **Short-Acting (SAMA):** Ipratropium.
        - **Long-Acting (LAMA):** Tiotropium, aclidinium.
   b. **Inhaled Corticosteroids (ICS):** Often used in combination with LABAs for patients with frequent exacerbations (e.g., fluticasone/salmeterol).
   c. **Phosphodiesterase-4 Inhibitors:** Roflumilast for severe COPD with chronic bronchitis and a history of exacerbations.
   d. **Mucolytics:** To reduce sputum viscosity in chronic bronchitis.

3. **Non-Pharmacologic Therapy:**
   a. **Pulmonary Rehabilitation:** Multidisciplinary program including exercise training, education, and support.
   b. **Oxygen Therapy:** For patients with chronic hypoxemia (PaO2 ≤55 mmHg or SaO2 ≤88%).
   c. **Surgical Interventions:**
      - **Lung Volume Reduction Surgery (LVRS):** For selected patients with severe emphysema.
      - **Bullectomy:** Removal of large bullae that compress functioning lung tissue.
      - **Lung Transplantation:** For end-stage COPD in select patients.

Complications

1. **Medication Side Effects**
   a. **Bronchodilators:** Tachycardia, tremors, dry mouth.
   b. **Inhaled Corticosteroids:** Oral thrush, dysphonia, increased risk of pneumonia.
   c. **Phosphodiesterase-4 Inhibitors:** Nausea, weight loss, psychiatric symptoms.

2. **Disease Progression**
   a. **Frequent Exacerbations:** Leading to accelerated decline in lung function.
   b. **Chronic Respiratory Failure:** Persistent hypoxemia and hypercapnia.
   c. **Systemic Effects:** Weight loss, muscle wasting, osteoporosis.

Prevention

1. **Primary Prevention**
   a. **Smoking Prevention and Cessation:** Public health campaigns, smoking cessation programs, and policies to reduce tobacco use.
   b. **Reducing Exposure to Pollutants:** Implementing regulations to reduce air pollution and occupational exposures.
   c. **Vaccinations:** Preventing respiratory infections through influenza and pneumococcal vaccines.

2. **Secondary Prevention**
   a. **Early Detection:** Screening for COPD in high-risk individuals (e.g., smokers, those with a history of occupational exposure).
   b. **Management of Comorbidities:** Controlling conditions like hypertension, diabetes, and cardiovascular diseases.

3. **Tertiary Prevention**
   a. **Optimizing Treatment:** Regular follow-up and adjustment of therapy to control symptoms and prevent exacerbations.
   b. **Pulmonary Rehabilitation:** Improving functional status and quality of life through comprehensive rehabilitation programs.
   c. **Patient Education:** Teaching self-management skills, proper inhaler technique, and recognizing early signs of exacerbations.

IV. RENAL SYSTEM

Acute and Chronic Renal Failure

Renal failure, also known as kidney failure, refers to a condition where the kidneys lose their ability to filter waste products from the blood effectively. It can be acute (sudden onset) or chronic (gradual onset and long-term).

Introduction

Acute Renal Failure (ARF), also known as acute kidney injury (AKI), is a sudden loss of kidney function that develops within hours to days. It often results from conditions that reduce blood flow to the kidneys, damage the kidneys, or obstruct urine flow from the kidneys.

Chronic Renal Failure (CRF), also known as chronic kidney disease (CKD), is a gradual loss of kidney function over months to years. It is often the result of long-term conditions such as hypertension and diabetes.

Pathophysiology

Acute Renal Failure (ARF)

a. **Prerenal Causes:** Decreased blood flow to the kidneys (e.g., due to dehydration, heart failure, shock).
b. **Intrarenal Causes:** Direct damage to the kidneys (e.g., acute tubular necrosis, glomerulonephritis, nephrotoxins).
c. **Postrenal Causes:** Obstruction of urine outflow (e.g., kidney stones, tumors, enlarged prostate).

Chronic Renal Failure (CRF)

a. **Diabetic Nephropathy:** High blood sugar levels damage the glomeruli over time.
b. **Hypertensive Nephropathy:** High blood pressure causes chronic damage to blood vessels in the kidneys.
c. **Glomerulonephritis:** Chronic inflammation and scarring of the glomeruli.
d. **Polycystic Kidney Disease:** Genetic disorder causing cysts to form in the kidneys.
e. **Other Causes:** Chronic obstruction, recurrent infections, autoimmune diseases.

Epidemiology

Acute Renal Failure

a. Affects about 1-2% of hospitalized patients, with higher rates in critical care settings.
b. More common in older adults, those with chronic diseases, and those undergoing major surgery.

Chronic Renal Failure:

a. Affects about 10% of the global population.
b. More common in older adults, with increasing prevalence due to aging populations and rising rates of diabetes and hypertension.

Symptoms and Complications

Acute Renal Failure

a. **Symptoms:** Sudden decrease in urine output, fluid retention, swelling, fatigue, confusion, nausea, chest pain, shortness of breath.
b. **Complications:** Metabolic acidosis, electrolyte imbalances (e.g., hyperkalemia), fluid overload, uremia, acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), infections.

Chronic Renal Failure

a. **Symptoms:** Gradual development of fatigue, weakness, nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, itching, fluid retention, shortness of breath, hypertension.
b. **Complications:** Anemia, bone disease, cardiovascular disease, fluid and electrolyte imbalances, hyperkalemia, metabolic acidosis, peripheral neuropathy.

Diagnosis

Acute Renal Failure

a. **History and Physical Examination:** Assessing risk factors and symptoms.
b. **Laboratory Tests:** Serum creatinine, blood urea nitrogen (BUN), electrolytes, complete blood count (CBC).
c. **Urinalysis:** To check for protein, blood, and other abnormalities.
d. **Imaging:** Ultrasound, CT scan, MRI to evaluate kidney size, structure, and obstructions.
e. **Kidney Biopsy:** In certain cases to determine the underlying cause.

Chronic Renal Failure

a. **History and Physical Examination:** Assessing long-term health conditions and symptoms.
b. **Laboratory Tests:** Serum creatinine, BUN, estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR), electrolytes, hemoglobin, parathyroid hormone (PTH).
c. **Urinalysis:** Proteinuria, hematuria, urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio.
d. **Imaging:** Ultrasound to assess kidney size and detect structural abnormalities.
e. **Kidney Biopsy:** In select cases to determine the underlying cause and guide treatment.

Treatment

Acute Renal Failure

a. **Address Underlying Cause:** Restore blood flow, treat infections, remove obstructions.
b. **Supportive Care:** Fluid and electrolyte management, avoiding nephrotoxic drugs, dialysis if necessary.
c. **Medications:** Diuretics (for fluid overload), vasopressors (for shock), antibiotics (for infections).

Chronic Renal Failure

a. **Lifestyle Modifications:** Dietary changes (low protein, low sodium, low potassium), smoking cessation, weight management, regular exercise.

b. **Medications:** Antihypertensives (ACE inhibitors, ARBs), blood glucose control (for diabetes), erythropoiesis-stimulating agents (for anemia), phosphate binders, vitamin D supplements.
c. **Dialysis:** Hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis for end-stage renal disease (ESRD).
d. **Kidney Transplant:** For eligible patients with ESRD.

Complications

Acute Renal Failure

a. **Electrolyte Imbalances:** Hyperkalemia, hyponatremia.
b. **Metabolic Acidosis:** Accumulation of acid in the blood.
c. **Fluid Overload:** Leading to edema and congestive heart failure.
d. **Infections:** Increased risk due to weakened immune system and invasive procedures.

Chronic Renal Failure

a. **Cardiovascular Disease:** Leading cause of death in CKD patients.
b. **Bone Disease:** Renal osteodystrophy due to impaired calcium and phosphate metabolism.
c. **Anemia:** Due to decreased erythropoietin production.
d. **Malnutrition:** Due to dietary restrictions and reduced appetite.
e. **Peripheral Neuropathy:** Due to accumulation of uremic toxins.

Prevention

Acute Renal Failure

a. **Hydration:** Adequate fluid intake to maintain blood flow to the kidneys.
b. **Avoid Nephrotoxins:** Minimize use of medications and substances that can damage the kidneys.
c. **Manage Underlying Conditions:** Control blood pressure, treat infections promptly, monitor kidney function in at-risk patients.

Chronic Renal Failure

a. **Control Risk Factors:** Effective management of diabetes and hypertension, regular monitoring of kidney function.
b. **Healthy Lifestyle:** Balanced diet, regular exercise, avoiding smoking and excessive alcohol intake.
c. **Regular Screening:** For high-risk individuals (e.g., those with diabetes, hypertension, family history of kidney disease).
d. **Early Intervention:** Prompt treatment of acute kidney injury to prevent progression to chronic kidney disease.

Multiple-Choice Questions (Objective)

1. What chamber of the heart receives deoxygenated blood from the body?
   a. Left Atrium
   b. Left Ventricle
   c. Right Atrium
   d. Right Ventricle

2. Which blood vessels carry oxygenated blood from the lungs to the heart?
   a. Pulmonary arteries
   b. Pulmonary veins
   c. Aorta
   d. Superior vena cava

3. What is the primary function of capillaries?
   a. Pump blood
   b. Exchange gases and nutrients
   c. Transport blood to the lungs
   d. Return blood to the heart

4. During which phase of the cardiac cycle do the ventricles contract?
   a. Diastole
   b. Systole
   c. Relaxation
   d. Refilling

5. What regulates the rate and depth of breathing based on CO_2 levels in the blood?
   a. Pulmonary arteries
   b. Chemoreceptors
   c. Medullary respiratory centers
   d. Diaphragm

6. Which part of the respiratory system is the main airway leading to the bronchi?
   a. Trachea
   b. Pharynx
   c. Larynx
   d. Alveoli

7. What is the condition characterized by high blood pressure in the arteries?
   a. Hypotension
   b. Hypertension
   c. Arrhythmia
   d. Bradycardia

8. Which hormone increases heart rate and force of contraction?
   a. Insulin
   b. Adrenaline
   c. Estrogen
   d. Thyroxine

9. What is the medical term for heart failure due to the heart's inability to pump sufficient blood?
   a. Myocardial infarction
   b. Congestive heart failure
   c. Atherosclerosis
   d. Angina pectoris

10. What is the leading cause of myocardial infarction?
    a. Hyperlipidemia
    b. Atherosclerosis
    c. Diabetes
    d. Smoking

11. Which condition involves chronic inflammation and narrowing of the airways?
    a. Asthma
    b. COPD
    c. Bronchitis
    d. Emphysema

12. Which diagnostic test measures airflow obstruction and reversibility in asthma?
    a. ECG
    b. Spirometry
    c. Chest X-ray
    d. Blood gas analysis

13. What is a common symptom of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)?
    a. Chest pain
    b. Shortness of breath
    c. High fever
    d. Swelling of the legs

14. Which medication is commonly used for quick relief of asthma symptoms?
    a. Beta-blockers
    b. Statins
    c. Short-acting beta-agonists (SABAs)
    d. ACE inhibitors

15. What is the primary cause of chronic renal failure?
    a. Acute infections
    b. Genetic mutations
    c. Long-term hypertension and diabetes
    d. Trauma

16. What type of dialysis involves the filtration of blood through an external machine?
    a. Peritoneal dialysis
    b. Hemodialysis
    c. Continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis
    d. None of the above

17. Which hormone helps regulate blood pressure and fluid balance by causing the kidneys to retain sodium and water?
    a. Aldosterone
    b. Insulin
    c. Cortisol
    d. Glucagon

18. What condition is characterized by the destruction of alveolar walls and loss of lung elasticity?
    a. Chronic bronchitis
    b. Asthma
    c. Emphysema
    d. Pulmonary fibrosis

19. What diagnostic tool is used to visualize coronary artery stenosis and blockages?
    a. Spirometry
    b. Electrocardiogram (ECG)
    c. Coronary angiography
    d. Chest X-ray

20. Which type of cell is primarily responsible for transporting oxygen in the blood?
    a. White blood cells
    b. Platelets
    c. Red blood cells
    d. Plasma cells

Short Answer Type Questions (Subjective)

1. What are the main symptoms and complications of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)?
2. How is asthma diagnosed and managed?
3. Explain the differences between acute and chronic renal failure.
4. Describe the diagnostic tests used to assess chronic kidney disease (CKD).
5. How does diabetes contribute to the development of chronic kidney disease?
6. Explain the role of bronchodilators in the treatment of asthma.
7. How does smoking contribute to the development of COPD?
8. What are the common treatments for acute renal failure?
9. Explain the concept of airway remodeling in asthma.

Long Answer Type Questions (Subjective)

1. Explain the pathophysiology, diagnosis, and management of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
2. Discuss the interrelation between the cardiovascular and respiratory systems in maintaining homeostasis.
3. Explain the differences between asthma and COPD, including their causes, symptoms, and treatments.
4. Discuss the pathophysiology, diagnosis, and management of chronic kidney disease (CKD).
5. Discuss the impact of chronic diseases like hypertension and diabetes on kidney function and the development of chronic renal failure.

Answer Key for MCQ Questions

1. c. Right Atrium
2. b. Pulmonary veins
3. b. Exchange gases and nutrients
4. b. Systole
5. c. Medullary respiratory centers
6. a. Trachea
7. b. Hypertension
8. b. Adrenaline
9. b. Congestive heart failure
10. b. Atherosclerosis
11. a. Asthma
12. b. Spirometry
13. b. Shortness of breath
14. c. Short-acting beta-agonists (SABAs)
15. c. Long-term hypertension and diabetes
16. b. Hemodialysis
17. a. Aldosterone
18. c. Emphysema
19. c. Coronary angiography
20. c. Red blood cells