



KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2011/2012

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

SCH 413: MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY I

DATE: Monday 5th December 2011

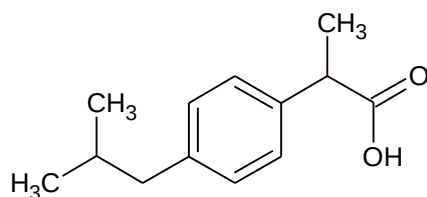
TIME: 11.00 a.m- 1.00 p.m

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer ALL questions.

1. What are the different ways in which a drug could be named? Taking the following structures (1) as an example give the possible names for this drug.

[9 Marks]



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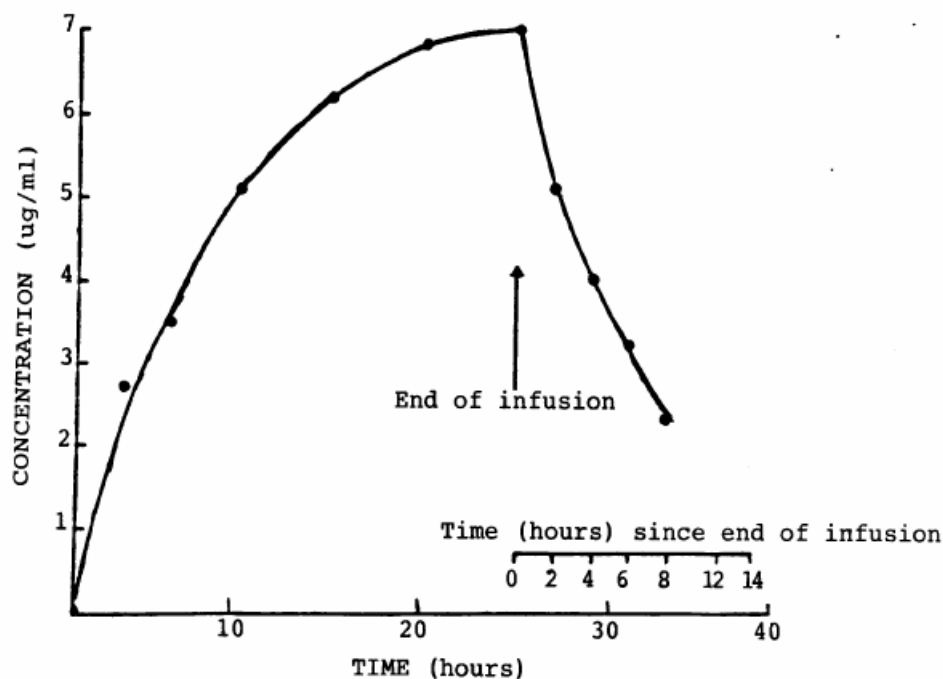
2. (a) Explain Structure-Activity Relationships for drugs by giving at least two suitable examples. [6 Marks]
(b) Give two examples of bioisosteric analogues. [2 Marks]
(c) Ionization has profound effect on pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics, explain with examples. [6 Marks]
3. Describe the following:
(a) Rational Drug Design with an appropriate example and the problems with this approach. [9 Marks]
(b) Lead Modification. [3 Marks]
(c) Identification of the active part of the lead. [3 Marks]

4. (a) A drug has the following properties:

$$V_d = 25 \text{ L/70 kg, } k_e = 0.231/\text{hr and bioavailability} = 0.8.$$

If a 70 kg patient took 50 mg of the drug every 8 hours for ten days, what would be the patient's approximate plasma drug concentration? [3 Marks]

- (b) Procainamide was infused IV into a 60 kg patient for 25 hours at a rate of 2 mg/minute. The following plasma drug levels were recorded during and after the infusion:



Graph of procainamide concentration against time

- (i) What was the approximate half-life of elimination of the drug in plasma once the infusion was stopped? [3 Marks]
- (ii) What was the apparent volume of distribution of procainamide in this patient? [4 Marks]
5. (a) The body is a container in which a drug is distributed by blood (different flow to different organs), but the body is not homogeneous. Discuss. [4 Marks]
- (b) Discuss protein binding with reference to drug distribution and elimination. [4 Marks]

6. (a) Name three important antimalarials derived from 8-amino-6-methoxy quinolone nucleus. Give their structures, chemical names and uses. Describe synthesis for **any one** of these drugs.

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