

STUDY GUIDE							
PROGRAM	PROGRAM MBBS-2024						
MODULE TITLE	Foundation-I						
ACADEMIC YEAR	First year M.B.B.S., 2024-2025						
INTRODUCTION	This module has been designed to introduce new entrants to the						
	basic concepts of the MBBS program, which are essential for						
	understanding a number of topics in medical sciences. It aims to						
	provide 'foundation' knowledge to the students so that they are						
	able to apply it when they comeacross more advanced topics. This						
	module hence provides a framework						
	within which learners are expected to build future competencies.						
RATIONALE	Before students go on to complex issues related to organ systems						
	becomes necessary for them to have clear concepts underlying						
	them. This module is designed so that it proceeds from simple to						
	more complex basicissues. Concepts dealt with in this module will						
	be revisited in many other modules in the future.						
OUTCOMES	AES By the end of the module, students should be able to describe ma						
	concepts from each of the disciplines taught						
DEPARTMENTS	1. Anatomy,						
INVOLVED	2. Physiology,						
	3. Biochemistry						
MODULE	By the end of the module, students will be able to:						
OBJECTIVES							
LECTURES	I.GENERAL ANATOMY						
ΑΝΑΤΟΜΥ	1. Levels of organization of Human Body						

Describe the organization of the body from cellular to system
level
2. Anatomical terminologies: positions and planes
• Differentiate among the various positions and planes of the
body
3. Terms of movement
• Define the movements occurring at various joints of body
(flexion, extension, abduction, adduction, rotation)
 Identify movements occurring at specific joints (pronation,
supination, inversion, eversion)
 Identify the planes at which movements occur
4. Bones-I: Classification
 Classify bone on the basis of shapes and region
 Describe the gross structure of young and adult bone
5. Bones-II: Ossification, Blood supply of long bones, Cartilage,
Bone Markings
Explain the ossification of bone
 Identify the centers of ossification and their significance
Distinguish between intramembranous and endochondral
ossification
Define bone markings with examples
 List the types of cartilage
 Describe the general anatomical features of each type of
cartilage with example

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	6. General Concept of Muscles I			
	List the components of muscular system.			
	Classify the muscles according to their fascicular architecture			
	with example			
	7. General Concept of Muscles II			
	Classify the muscles according to direction of fibers and their			
	actions with example			
	• Explain the principles of innervation and blood supply of			
	muscles.			
	8. General concept of joints			
	Define joint			
	• Classify the joints on the basis of structure (uniting material) with			
	example			
	Define a synovial joint			
	List the features of synovial joint			
	• Classify Synovial joints on the basis of shape of articulating			
	surfaces and degree of mobility			
	 Explain the principles of innervation and blood supply of synovial 			
	joints			
	9. Nervous system- I: Somatic nervous system and typical spinal			
	nerve			
	List the basic divisions of Nervous system			
	 Define the various components of Central and Peripheral 			
	nervous systems (CNS and PNS)			
	Describe the structure of Neuron			

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Classify neurons on the basis of number of processes and length			
of fibers			
Define a nerve and its coverings			
Differentiate between myelinated and unmyelinated fibers			
List various types of Neuroglia			
State their functions			
Define a spinal nerve			
Enumerate the spinal nerves in different regions			
 Identify their location and site of emergence 			
 Identify various components of a typical spinal nerve 			
Describe the fate of rami			
Describe the distribution of gray rami			
10. Nervous system-II: Autonomic Nervous System (ANS)			
Describe the anatomical components of ANS			
Differentiate between sympathetic and parasympathetic			
systems based on gross structure and distribution			
11. Introduction to lymphatic system			
Define lymphatic system, lymphatics and lymph nodes			
• Describe the structure of lymph nodes and their general			
distribution			
List various lymphoid tissues and organs			
Identify large lymphatic channels			
Discuss the role of lymphatics in the spread of cancer			
12. Integumentary system			
Define the term integumentary system			
Discuss the functions of the skin			
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Differentiate between epidermis and dermis
Discuss the significance of tension lines
Discuss the main determinant of skin color
 Identify the appendages of the skin
Differentiate between superficial & deep fascia
II. GENERAL EMBRYOLOGY
13. Terms of Embryology, Mitosis, Meiosis
Define Meiosis
Explain terms related to embryology
List steps of cell division during mitosis and of meiosis
Explain the significance of mitosis
Differentiate first from second meiotic divisions
Differentiate between mitosis and meiosis
State the phases of meiotic divisions
• Explain the importance meiosis in both sexes
14. Introduction to Reproductive Organs
 Identify the male & female reproductive organs
Describe Ovarian cycle
Relate ovarian cycle with uterine cycle
• Describe the cyclical changes occurring in uterus, preparation
of uterus for implantation, and their endocrine control
15. Oogenesis & Spermiogenesis
Define gametogenesis (oogenesis & Spermatogenesis)
Describe the process of oogenesis
Differentiate between primary and secondary oocytes
Compare the male and female gametes

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• Discuss the development of the chorionic sac and Primary					
chorionic villi					
• Enumerate the abnormal sites for implantation (ectopic					
pregnancy) and the different diagnostic tools					
19. 3rd week of Development: Gastrulation, primitive streak and					
notochord					
 Define gastrulation (formation of three germ layers) 					
• Discuss the development of primitive streak & related					
congenital anomalies (Sacrococcygeal Teratoma)					
• Describe the development of notochordal process, notochord					
canal, prechordal plate and cloacal membrane					
Describe the location of allantois and its importance					
Discuss the formation of secondary and tertiary chorionic villi					
 Describe the development of intra-embryonic coelom 					
20. 3rd week of Development: Neurulation and somite formation					
Define neurulation					
 Describe briefly the events occurring in neurulation 					
 Describe briefly the formation of somites 					
21. Embryonic Period					
Define embryonic period					
 Describe folding of embryo in median and horizontal planes 					
List the derivatives of germ layers					
• List events with the corresponding weeks, occurring during the					
period					
22. Fetal Period					

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Define fetal period
Discus the factors affecting fetal period/growth.
Explain the week by week development of tissues and organs
 Describe the different milestone in development of fetus
List the causes of fetal loss
23. Amnion, Chorion, umbilical cord & Yolk-Sac, Disorders of
amniotic fluid
List the fetal membranes
Describe the structure of amnion & chorion
• Explain the formation, circulation and function of amniotic fluid
Discuss the development of chorion and its complications
Discuss the disorder related to amniotic fluid volume
• Describe the relationship of twinning (multiple pregnancies) with
fetal membranes
• Describe the umbilical cord (morphology, composite structures,
positioning and fate)
Discuss the fate of umbilical vesicle (yolk sac)
24. Placenta
• Describe the changes in the maternal endometrium with
formation of decidua and decidual reaction
 Describe the different types of chorionic villi
• Explain the development of placenta, both the fetal and
maternal part
Describe the placental circulation and barrier
Describe the functions of placenta
25. Prenatal diagnosis

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•	Discuss prenatal diagnosis
•	List the types of prenatal diagnosis
•	Differentiate between amniocentesis, chorionic villus sampling,
	cordocentesis, ultrasonography, maternal AFP levels in terms of
	indication, time of performance and technique
•	Describe the indications and goals of prenatal diagnosis
26.	Congenital Malformations
•	Define congenital malformation
•	List the types of abnormalities (Disruptions, Deformations)
•	Discuss the common congenital anomalies
27.	Teratogenesis
•	Define Teratogenesis
•	Discuss the principles governing teratogenesis
•	Describe the teratogenic factors and their effects on the
	developing tissue
III.	GENERAL HISTOLOGY
28.	Tissue Preparation and staining
•	Describe different stages of tissue preparation
•	List various types of stains
•	Describe Haemotoxylin and Eosin (H&E) staining
29.	Cell Membrane
•	Identify the structures of cell membrane
•	Describe the phospholipid bilayer and its composition
•	Explain the Fluid Mosaic Model of cell membrane

30. Cy	toplasm &	Cell	organelles
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- Define cytoplasm
- Discuss components and functions of cytoplasm
- Describe various cell organelles

31. Nucleus

- Describe the structure of nuclear membrane
- Explain the component of nucleus and different types of chromatin material

32. Cytoskeleton

- Define Cytoskeleton
- Describe the composition and functions of cytoskeleton
- Enumerate the types, distribution and functions of cytoskeleton
- Describe the details of cytoplasmic filaments and microtubules

33. Cell Cycle

- Define cell cycle
- Explain various stages of cell cycle
- Explain the events of somatic cell division (mitosis)
- Discuss the significance of S phase of cell cycle
- Relate phases of cell cycle with the basis of development of cancer

34. Epithelium

- Describe the types, locations and functions of epithelium
- Describe the structural details of organization of cells in epithelium and other basic tissues of body
- Describe the cell surface modifications.

•	Relate their origin of germinal layer and their derivatives
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	Cell Junctions
•	Define cell junction
•	Name the junctions along the lateral and basal surfaces of cells
•	List the sites of distribution & components of junctional complex
•	Discuss the structure and functions of the five main types of cel
	junction
36.	Glands
•	Define glands
•	Discuss the general feature and structure of exocrine glands
•	Classify exocrine glands on the basis of number of cells, their
	structure & types of secretions
37.	Connective Tissues (Components)
•	Define connective tissue
•	Differentiate connective from epithelial tissue
•	Describe the components of connective tissue
38.	Connective Tissues (Classification)
•	Classify different types of connective tissue
	Identify different types of connective tissue under the
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•	microscope

	 JINNAH SINDH MEDICAL UNIVERSITY Describe the histological features of different types of muscular
	tissue and their location
	Histology of Skin
	Define Epidermis & Dermis
	Describe the layers of epidermis along with its cells
	Differentiate between thick and thin skin
	Describe the layers of dermis and its appendages
BIOCHEMISTRY	TOPIC 1: WATER
	1. Chemical nature of water
	Describe the structure and properties of water.
	• Discuss the physicochemical properties of water (e.g. surface
	tension, viscosity, adsorption)
	• Explain the role of water as a Solvent
	• Describe the role of water in forming molecular bonds.
	2. Distribution of water
	Discuss the water distribution and homeostasis
	Explain the clinical aspects of water disturbances
	3. pH and Buffers
	• Describe the mechanism of dissociation of water and
	maintenance of normal pH
	• Discuss the change in pH due to the addition of a given quantity
	of acid or base
	Describe the role of buffers in maintaining pH
	Explain the Henderson–Hassel Balch equation
	TOPIC 2: CELL

4.	Cell membrane
•	Describe the biochemical composition
•	Describe the functions of the cell membrane
5.	Cell organelles
•	Discuss the biochemical structure and function of eac
	organelle
TOPIC	C 3: CARBOHYDRATE CHEMISTRY
6.	Carbohydrate Classification
•	Define carbohydrates with examples
•	Classify carbohydrates with examples
•	Describe the biochemical role of carbohydrates
7.	Monosaccharaides
•	Classify Monosaccharaides with examples
•	Explain chiral carbon and isomerism with examples
•	Explain the properties and functions of Monosaccharaides
8.	Disaccharides and Oligosaccharides
•	Classify Disaccharides with examples
•	Classify Oligosaccharides with examples
•	Explain the properties and functions of Disaccharides
•	Explain the properties and functions of Oligosaccharides
9.	Polysaccharides
•	Classify Polysaccharides with examples
	Explain the properties and functions of Polysaccharides
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•	Define Lipids with examples
•	Classify Lipids with examples
•	Describe the biochemical functions of lipids
11.	Fatty acids
•	Classify fatty acids with examples
•	Explain the chemical structure of fatty acids.
•	Describe the properties and functions of fatty acids
1 2 .	Simple & Compound Lipids
•	Classify simple and compound lipids with examples.
•	Explain the chemical structure of simple and compound lipids
•	Describe the properties and biological functions of simple and
	compound lipids
•	Discuss the clinical importance of Lipid storage diseases
•	Discuss the clinical significance of plasma lipoproteins
13.	Steroids & Sterols
•	Explain the structure and biochemical importance of steroid
	and sterols.
•	List the sources and functions of Cholesterol
•	Discuss the clinical importance of Cholesterol
14.	Eicosanoids
•	Define Eicosanoids with examples
•	Classify Eicosanoids with examples
•	Explain the functions of Eicosanoids
•	Explain the functions of Eicosanoids Explain the synthesis of Eicosanoids.

TOPIC	JINNAH SINDH MEDICAL UNIVERSITY C 5: PROTEIN CHEMISTRY
	Amino acids
•	Describe the structure and classification of amino acids wit
	example
•	Explain the properties of amino acids
•	Describe the functions of amino acids
16.	Peptides and Polypeptides
•	Describe the structure and classification of Peptides an
	Polypeptides with examples
•	Explain the characteristics of the Peptide bond
•	Describe the functions and biomedical importance of Peptide
	and Polypeptides
17.	Chemistry of Proteins
٠	Define proteins with examples
•	Classify proteins with examples
•	List the sources and properties of proteins
•	Describe the functions and biomedical importance of individu
	proteins
1 8 .	Protein Structure
•	Explain the structure of proteins
TOPIC	C 6: NUCLEIC ACID CHEMISTRY
19.	Nucleotides
•	Describe the structure and classification of nitrogenous base
	with examples
•	Compare the structures of nucleotides and nucleosides

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•	Discuss the biomedical functions of nucleotides
•	Explain the biomedical significance of nucleotide derivatives
	and synthetic analogues.
20.	Chemistry of Nucleic acids
•	Classify DNA and RNA with examples
•	Explain the properties of nucleic acids
•	Describe the structure and functions of DNA and RNA
TOPIC	C 7: ENZYME CHEMISTRY
21.	Classification of Enzymes
•	Define enzymes with examples
•	Classify enzymes with examples
•	Describe the structure and properties of Enzymes
•	Explain Co-enzymes, Co factors, zymogens, prosthetic group
	and Isoenzymes
22.	Enzyme Kinetics
•	Explain the energy of activation
•	Describe the two hypothesis enzyme substrate binding.
•	Describe the mechanism of action of enzymes
•	Explain the Michaelis Menten Model of enzyme kinetics
23.	Factors affecting enzyme activity
•	Define enzyme inhibitors with examples
•	Classify enzyme inhibitors with examples
•	Discuss factors inhibiting and promoting enzyme activity
24.	Clinical Enzymology
•	Explain the diagnostic importance of enzymes and isoenzymes

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	Outline different ways of measuring plasma enzymes
	List enzymes and isoenzymes commonly assayed for diagnostic
	purposes
	• Discuss the clinical importance of isoenzymes of LDH, CPK,
	Troponin, Alkaline phosphatase and Aldolase
тс	OPIC 8:
	25.VITAMINS
	Define vitamins with examples
	Classify vitamins with examples
	• List the sources, daily requirement, digestion absorption of
	individual vitamins
	• Discuss the overall role of vitamins and their importance in
	normal body functions
	• Describe the chemical structure and functions of individual
	vitamins
	• Describe the clinical significance of deficiency and toxicity of
	vitamins
PHYSIOLOGY	1. Body Fluid Compartments
	 Describe functional organization of human body.
	 Compare the normal ranges, physical characteristics of
	Extracellular and Intracellular Fluid Compartments
	2. Homeostasis and control system of body
	Define homeostasis and maintenance of internal environment
	by positive and negative feedback mechanism.
	• Explain the feedback mechanisms with the help of examples.
	• Discuss the role of feedforward mechanism in homeostasis.
	3. Functional importance of Cell membrane

Describe the structure and fluid mosaic model of cell
membrane and its functional importance.
• Explain the functional importance of lipids, integral proteins
and carbohydrates in the cell membrane.
4. Cell organelles 1
Describe the structure and functions of Ribosomes,
Endoplasmic reticulum and Golgi apparatus
5. Cell organelles 2
 Describe the structure and functions of Lysosomes,
Mitochondria, peroxisomes and cytoskeleton
6. Transport across cell membrane (Passive)
 Define osmolarity, osmolality and osmotic pressure along with
their functional importance and normal values
 Describe the types of passive transport across the membrane:
Simple diffusion, Facilitated diffusion and Osmosis.
7. Transport across cell membrane (Active)
 Describe the types of Active transport across cell membrane:
Primary and Secondary active
 Transport.
• Explain the role of sodium potassium pump in transport
mechanism.
Discuss secondary active transport along with the examples of
co-transport and counter-transport
8. Bulk transport
• Explain the process of endocytosis, exocytosis and transcytosis.

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	9. Cell signaling mechanism
	 Discuss the activation of receptors and second messengers by cell signaling.
	• Explain the various types of membrane receptors and their up regulation/down regulation.
	10. Genetic control of cell function
	 Describe the structure of DNA and functional importance of genetic code.
	 Elaborate the process of DNA replication and transcription 11. Genetic control of protein synthesis
	 Describe types of RNA and their function. Explain the process of translation. 12. Cell cycle
	 Explain the genetic control of cell reproduction. Discuss different phases of cell mitosis and meiosis. 13. Locomotion of cell and Apoptosis
	 Define the following: Ameboid and Ciliary movements. Apoptosis and its mechanism.
	14. Introduction to Autonomic Nervous System
	 Explain the functional division of Autonomic Nervous System Discuss the role of sympathetic and parasympathetic nervous system, their neurotransmitters and receptors in body systems.
PRACTICALS ANATOMY	 Introduction to Microscopy Identify different parts of microscope Cell

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	 Identify various types of cell
	3. Epithelium
	 Identify various types of epithelium under microscope
	4. Glands
	 Identify various glands
	5. Connective tissue
	 Identify connective tissue cell, fibers under microscope
	6. Muscles
	 Identify the various types of muscular tissues
	7. Skin
	 Identify different layers of skin under the microscope
BIOCHEMISTRY	1. Introduction to Biochemistry Lab: Lab protocols & Solutions
	Explain the Biochemistry Laboratory protocols & Lab hazards
	 Identify the signs and symbols related to Laboratory hazards
	• Prepare different types of Solutions (Normal, Molar, Molal,
	Percent)
	 Identify the clinical uses and hazards of different types of
	solutions
	• Correlate the laboratory investigations with relevant clinical
	conditions
	2. Carbohydrates practical 1: Detection of Carbohydrates and
	Polysaccharides
	• Outline the scheme for detection of carbohydrates in a sample
	 Detect Carbohydrates in the given sample
	 Detect Polysaccharides in the given sample
	3. Carbohydrates practical 2: Detection of Mono & Disaccharides
	 Detect Monosaccharides in the given sample
	 Detect Disaccharides in the given sample

•	Correlate the laboratory investigations with relevant clinical
	conditions
4. P	roteins practical 1: Detection of Proteins
•	Outline the scheme for detection of Proteins in a sample
•	Identify the chemical tests and bio-techniques to detect
	proteins
•	Detect Proteins in the given sample (General tests)
•	Correlate the laboratory investigations with relevant clinical
	conditions
5. P	roteins practical 2: Detection of individual amino acids
•	Identify the chemical tests and bio-techniques to detect the
	different amino acids
•	Detect individual amino acids in the given sample
•	Correlate the laboratory investigations with relevant clinical
	conditions
6. P	roteins practical 3: Detection of individual Proteins
•	Detect individual Proteins in the given sample
•	Correlate the laboratory investigations with relevant clinical
	conditions
7. L	ipids: Detection of Lipids
•	Outline the method for detection of Lipids in a sample
•	Identify the chemical tests and bio-techniques to detect
	Lipids
•	Detect Lipids in the given sample
•	Correlate the laboratory investigations with relevant clinical
	conditions
8. E	nzymes: Detection of Factors affecting Enzyme activity
•	Outline the scheme for detection of factors affecting
	enzyme activity
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	 Identify the chemical tests and bio-techniques to detect the
	factors affecting enzyme activity
	Detect the effect of factors affecting the activity of salivary
	amylase
PHYSIOLOGY	1. Extracellular fluid
	• Identify the effects of osmotic variations in Extracellular fluid
	(ECF) on cell
INTERNAL	Internal assessment will be according to institutional policies.
ASSESSMENT	Internal evaluation carries 20% weightage in summative semester
	examination.
ANNUAL	Annual exam will consist of MCQs (One Correct & One Best) and
EXAMINATION	OSPE (observed + unobserved stations)
ANATOMY	SUGGESTED READINGS
	RESOURCES/TEXTBOOKS
	A. GROSSANATOMY
	1. K.L. Moore, Clinically Oriented Anatomy
	B. HISTOLOGY
	1. B. Young J. W. Health Wheather's Functional Histology
	C. EMBRYOLOGY
	1. Keith L. Moore. The Developing Human
	Langman's Medical Embryology
BIOCHEMISTRY	1. Harper's Illustrated Biochemistry
	2. Lippincott's Illustrated reviews of Biochemistry
	3. Lehninger's Principles of Biochemistry
	4. Biochemistry by Devlin
PHYSIOLOGY	A. TEXTBOOKS
	1. Textbook of Medical Physiology by Guyton and Hall

	2.	Human Physiology by Lauralee Sherwood
	3.	Berne & Levy Physiology
	4.	Best & Taylor Physiological Basis of Medical Practice
	B.	REFERENCEBOOKS
	1.	Ganong's Review of Medical Physiology