



**MASENO UNIVERSITY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014**

**SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE  
DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL LABATORY  
SCIENCE WITH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(MAIN CAMPUS)**

**PMT 217: GENERAL PHARMACOLOGY**

*Date: 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2014*

*Time: 5.30 – 7.30pm*

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**SECTION A**

**TIME: 2HRS**

**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS [4 MARKS EACH]**

1. Define
  - a) and give the equation of Pharmacokinetic drug *Half Life*
  - b) Pharmacokinetics
2. List the factors that influence Drug absorption
3. State the effect of *lipid solubility* on drugs
4. State effect of  $pK_a$  on Drug distribution
5. Explain the role of *receptors* to drug BIOAVAILABILITY
6. Outline the factors that influence *Drug transfer* across Compartments
7. Explain the *Drug-Dose Response* curve
8. Differentiate *Cholinergics* from *adrenergics*
9. Explain effect of Illustrate the difference between *Uncompetitive* and *Non-competitive* Drug inhibition

**SECTION B**

**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS ONLY (10 MARKS EACH)**

1. Explain the difference between *Parasympathetic* and *Sympathetic* tone
2. Discuss the *distribution* of a specific low  $pK_a$  Drug compared to a specific high  $pK_a$  Drug in a low pH environment.
3. The (Base) Quinine ( $pK_a$  8.4) and Thiopental (Acid)  $pK_a$  8.2 are introduced into the stomach during hunger. Explain the *bioavailability profile* of the above two drugs in this gastric environment.

4. Drug abuse is confined to several Classes of drugs. Explain the *effects* arising from the use of these classes of drugs and give one example in each class.
5. Discuss the *diabetogenicity* of Sympathetic stimulant Drugs using a specific drugs as an example.