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Histology of Nervous Tissue

1. The basic functional unit of the nervous system is the neuron. What is the major function of this cell type?

2. Name four types of neuroglia in the CNS, and list a function for each of these cells. (You will need to consult your textbook for this.)

Types

Functions

a. _____

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b. _____

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c. _____

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d. _____

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Name the PNS glial cell that forms myelin. _____

Name the PNS glial cell that surrounds dorsal root ganglion neurons. _____

3. Match each statement with a response chosen from the key.

Key: a. afferent neuron e. interneuron i. nuclei
b. central nervous system f. neuroglia j. peripheral nervous system
c. efferent neuron g. neurotransmitters k. synapse
d. ganglion h. nerve l. tract

- _____ 1. the brain and spinal cord collectively
_____ 2. specialized supporting cells in the CNS
_____ 3. junction or point of close contact between neurons
_____ 4. a bundle of nerve processes inside the CNS
_____ 5. neuron serving as part of the conduction pathway between sensory and motor neurons
_____ 6. ganglia and spinal and cranial nerves
_____ 7. collection of nerve cell bodies found outside the CNS
_____ 8. neuron that conducts impulses away from the CNS to muscles and glands

- _____ 9. neuron that conducts impulses toward the CNS from the body periphery
- _____ 10. chemicals released by neurons that stimulate or inhibit other neurons or effectors

Neuron Anatomy

4. Match the following anatomical terms (column B) with the appropriate description or function (column A).

Column A

- _____ 1. region of the cell body from which the axon originates
- _____ 2. secretes neurotransmitters
- _____ 3. receptive region of a neuron
- _____ 4. insulates the nerve fibers
- _____ 5. site of the nucleus and most important metabolic area
- _____ 6. may be involved in the transport of substances within the neuron
- _____ 7. essentially rough endoplasmic reticulum, important metabolically
- _____ 8. impulse generator and transmitter

Column B

- a. axon
- b. axon terminal
- c. axon hillock
- d. dendrite
- e. myelin sheath
- f. neurofibril
- g. neuronal cell body
- h. Nissl bodies

5. Draw a "typical" multipolar neuron in the space below. Include and label the following structures on your diagram: cell body, nucleus, nucleolus, Nissl bodies, dendrites, axon, axon collateral branch, myelin sheath, nodes of Ranvier, axon terminals, and neurofibrils.

6. What substance is found in synaptic vesicles of the axon terminal? _____

What role does this substance play in neurotransmission? _____

7. What anatomical characteristic determines whether a particular neuron is classified as unipolar, bipolar, or multipolar?

Make a simple line drawing of each type here.

Unipolar neuron

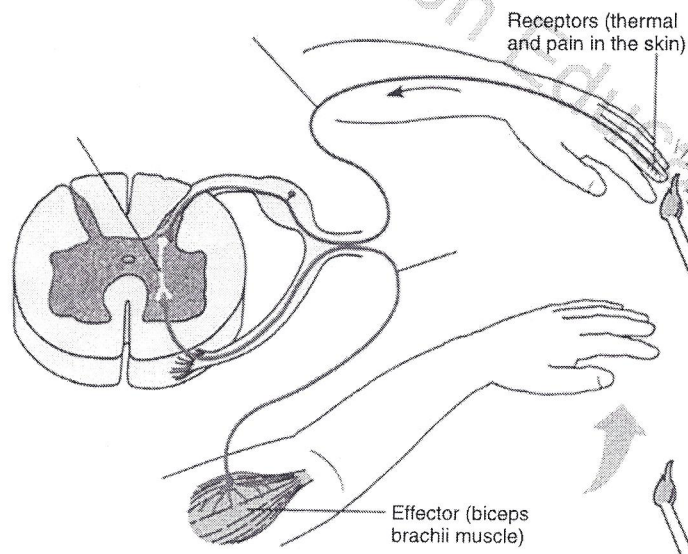
Bipolar neuron

Multipolar neuron

8. Correctly identify the sensory (afferent) neuron, interneuron (association neuron), and motor (efferent) neuron in the figure below.

Which of these neuron types is/are unipolar? _____

Which is/are most likely multipolar? _____



9. Describe how the Schwann cells form the myelin sheath and the neurilemma encasing the nerve processes.

Structure of a Nerve

10. What is a nerve? _____

11. State the location of each of the following connective tissue coverings.

endoneurium: _____

perineurium: _____

epineurium: _____

12. What is the function of the connective tissue wrappings found in a nerve? _____

13. Define *mixed nerve*. _____

14. Identify all indicated parts of the nerve section.

