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Paper: Pre-clinical Toxicology for Drug Development

Paper Code: MTX-DCE – 302

Time: 1.5 hours

Maximum marks: 37

Question 1. Choose the best response for the following multiple choice questions [7 marks]

- a) In Segment II Female Reproductive Studies, dams must be examined for all EXCEPT:
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| i. Effect on body weight | iii. signs of intoxication |
| ii. Skeletal abnormalities | iv. ovaries and uterine contents |
- b) In Segment III Female Reproductive Studies, F2 generation must be monitored till:
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| i. Weaning | ii. Pairing | iii. Parturition | iv. Lactation |
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- c) In dermal photo-toxicity studies, light exposure should be
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| i. Visible light at 10 lux | iii. IR at 10 J/cm ² |
| ii. UV at 10 J/cm ² | iv. Visible light at 10 J/cm ² |
- d) For injectable test substances, the injection sites should be evaluated:
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| i. Gross examination | iii. Reversibility | |
| ii. Microscopic examination | iv. a & b | v) a, b & c |
- e) In slit-lamp examination, changes in the following structures are detected EXCEPT:
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| i. Conjunctiva | ii. Cornea | iii. Iris | iv. Aqueous humour |
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- f) During inhalation experiments, test substance of particle size of the following size must be used:
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| i. 2.5 micron | ii. 4 micron | iii. 10 micron | iv. 25 micron |
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- g) *In vitro* cytogenetic assay should be performed in:
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| i. CHO cells | ii. Human lymphocytes | iii. Either i or ii | iv. Both i and ii |
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Question 2. Answer ANY THREE of the following questions:

[5x3=15 marks]

- a) Describe the steps involved in estimations of Maximum Recommended Safe Starting Dose in humans.
- b) What is MABEL? How is it different from MRSD calculation? Describe the background that forced the scientific community to propose this method.
- c) Write a note on 'Male fertility study'.
- d) When are carcinogenicity studies required to be conducted? Outline the protocol of a carcinogenicity study.
- e) Describe Dose ranging studies as prescribed in New Drugs & Clinical Trial Rules 2019 of India.

Question 3. Answer ANY THREE of the following questions:

[5x3=15 marks]

- A) Discuss the basis of selection of animal models for toxicity studies.
- B) Evaluate rat as an animal model for toxicity studies.
- C) Create a check-list for clinical signs to be noted during routine examination of animals included in clinical studies.
- D) Describe the *in vitro* toxicity studies conducted to eliminate toxic molecules in early drug discovery stage.
- E) Enumerate the toxicity data required for the conduct of Phase I clinical trial.