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Digestive System Practice

1. Food is pushed through the digestive system by __peristalsis_____, a wavelike motion.

- a. muscular contractions
- b. peristalsis
- c. catabolism
- d. anabolism

2. Write the letter (A - M) that corresponds with each structure of the digestive system.

Anus M

Stomach F

Mouth A

Large Intestine I

Liver E

Appendix K

Gallbladder G

Pancreas H

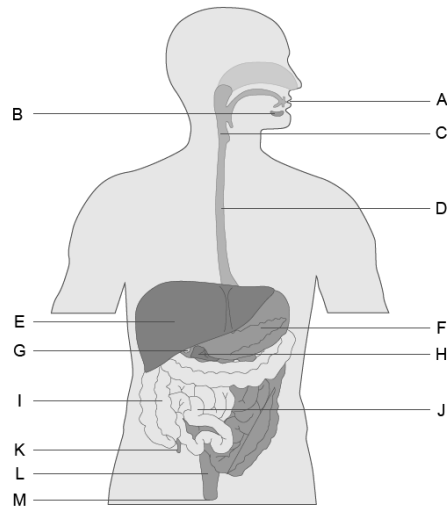
Pharynx C

Small Intestine J

Esophagus D

Rectum L

Tongue B



3. Using your knowledge of the digestive system, what do you think would happen to the mechanical and chemical digestion in a person missing a large portion of his or her stomach? You may want to include a definition of mechanical and chemical digestion.

The mechanical digestion would be decreased due to less stomach surface area, & mechanical digestion would make it more difficult for the enzymes to work.

4. Which organ of the digestive system is responsible for the production of bile?

- a. stomach
- ☒ b. liver
- c. gall bladder
- d. pancreas

5. The tube that connects the mouth with the stomach is called the esophagus.

6. Where does the process of mechanical digestion begin?

- a. stomach
- ☒ b. mouth
- c. small intestine
- d. rectum

7. What is the relationship between the duodenum and chemical digestion?

The small intestine is the area where lipase, protease, & amylase are absorbed.

8. How is the stomach adapted for the role it plays in the digestive process?

- ☒ a. It has three strong layers of muscle tissue to produce churning.
- ☒ b. It is where symbiotic bacteria live to help break down food.
- ☒ c. It has several pockets that can collect food for later usage.
- ☒ d. It can remove unwanted particles from the food that enters so digestion will happen faster.

9. Why is the large intestine called 'large' if it is shorter than the small intestine?

It has a large diameter than the small intestine.

10. Which action would a person have difficulty doing if they were born without salivary glands?

- ☒ a. They would have trouble digesting lipids.
- ☒ b. They would not be able to break down proteins.
- ☒ c. They would not be able to chew up their food.
- ☒ d. They would have trouble digesting large carbohydrates.