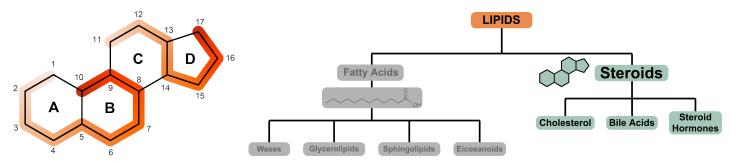
- Steroids are lipids that contain the steroid nucleus.
  - □ Steroid Nucleus: 3 cyclo\_\_\_\_ane rings and 1 cyclo\_\_\_\_ane ring fused together.



• Rings are designated A, B, C, and D and numbered in \_\_\_\_\_ order.

# **Cholesterol**

• Cholesterol is the most abundant steroid in the human body.

□ –OH group at C3

□ Double bond at \_\_\_\_.

□ Two –CH<sub>3</sub> groups at C10 and C13

□ Hydrocarbon chain at C17.

• Helps maintain the structural integrity of the cell membrane.

• \_\_\_\_\_ of bile salts and steroid hormones.

C17.

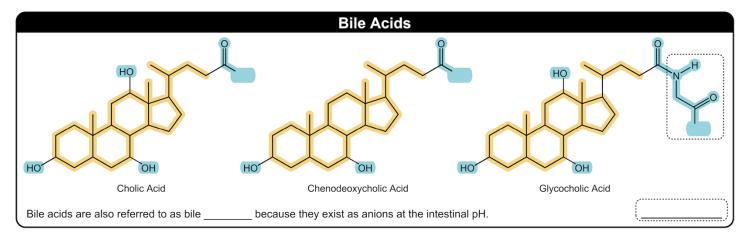
Cholesterol

**EXAMPLE:** Explain why cholesterol is a lipid but does not undergo saponification with aqueous base.

- a) Cholesterol molecule is decomposed under strong basic conditions.
- b) Cholesterol can only be hydrolyzed under acidic conditions.
- c) The side chain on the steroid skeleton is very stable and does not undergo hydrolysis.
- d) Cholesterol is not a fatty acid ester that can undergo hydrolysis.

### **Bile Acids**

- Synthesized in the liver from cholesterol and stored in the gall bladder.
- \_\_\_\_\_ lipids in the small intestine and increase their surface area for digestion.
  - □ Emulsifying Agent: helps a hydrophobic substance to remain \_\_\_\_\_ in an aqueous medium.
    - Emulsifying agents have nonpolar and polar regions in their structures.



• Bile acids help in the absorption of \_\_\_\_\_.

**EXAMPLE:** Which one of the following statements is incorrect about bile acids?

- a) Bile acids are emulsifying agents and help in fat digestion.
- b) Bile acids act as coenzymes for lipases.
- c) Bile acids exist as their salts at the intestinal pH.
- d) Bile acids are produced from cholesterol in the liver.

#### **Steroid Hormones**

- Hormones: Chemical \_\_\_\_\_\_ that help one part of a body communicate with the other.
  - □ Steroid hormones can be broadly classified into \_\_\_\_\_ groups.
    - 1) Sex Hormones: control sexual characteristics and regulate \_\_\_\_\_ growth.
    - 2) Adrenal Corticosteroids: regulate a wide range of physiological functions.

Steroid Hormones			
Steroid Hormone	Produced in	Function	Example
Androgens	• Testes	Control sexual development in  Control muscle growth.	OH OH Testosterone
Estrogens	Ovaries	Control sexual development     in	HO Estradiol
Progestins	Ovaries	Control the menstrual cycle     & in females.	Progesterone
Glucocorticoids	Adrenal glands	Regulate metabolism.  Reduce	O OH HO OH Cortisol
Mineralocorticoids	Adrenal glands	Regulate the balance of and ions in cells and body fluids.	OHC

MEMORY TOOL 1: \_\_\_\_\_y Tests Strange \_\_\_\_\_ram.

MEMORY TOOL 2: Glucose Control and Miner es.

**EXAMPLE:** Which one of the following statements is an incorrect description of a function of a steroid hormone?

- a) Cortisol is a glucocorticoid and regulates glucose metabolism.
- b) Aldosterone helps maintain the balance of Na<sup>+</sup> and K<sup>+</sup> ions.
- c) Estradiol stimulates glycogenolysis in the liver.
- d) Testosterone contributes to the regulation of muscle growth.

**PRACTICE:** Which of the following compounds is not a steroid hormone?

- a) Cortisol
- b) Testosterone
- c) Phenazone
- d) Aldosterone

PRACTICE: Which of the following compounds is not a bile acid?

- a) Cholic acid
- b) Glycocholic acid
- c) Chenodeoxycholic acid
- d) Glycyrrhizinic acid