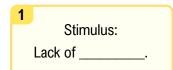
### **CONCEPT: THE PROCESS OF SLEEP**

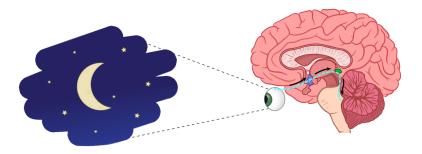
- ◆ Circadian rhythm is the body's \_\_\_\_\_-hour biological clock that controls sleep-wake cycles.
  - Suprachiasmatic Nucleus (SCN): Structure in the \_\_\_\_\_thalamus that controls circadian rhythm.
    - Responds to environmental cues; mainly \_\_\_\_\_.



Neural impulse travels to hypothalamus.

SCN triggers the pineal gland to release

Body response (sleep).



◆ Changes in environmental cues can cause an \_\_\_\_\_ circadian rhythm (e.g., jet-lag or working night shifts).

### **EXAMPLE**

Which part of the brain triggers the release of sleep-inducing hormone melatonin?

- a) Cerebral cortex
- b) Brain stem
- c) Suprachiasmatic nucleus (SCN)
- d) Pons

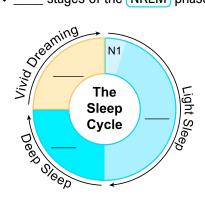
# **CONCEPT: THE PROCESS OF SLEEP**

# **Stages of Sleep**

◆ Sleep Cycle: Movement through the different \_\_\_\_\_ of sleep.

► Typical cycle length: \_\_\_\_\_ min. 
• Most people have \_\_\_\_ cycles per night.

• \_\_\_\_ stages of the NREM phase and 1 REM phase make up the \_\_\_ sleep stages.



# 1. NREM (non-Rapid Eye Movement)

■ \_\_\_\_\_% of total sleep.

• \_\_\_\_ sensation, heart rate, and respiration.

▶ \_\_\_ digestion, body stores nutrients.

▶ Reparative processes in stage \_\_\_\_

# 2. REM (Rapid Eye Movement)

▶ \_\_\_\_% of total sleep.

▶ \_\_\_\_ heart rate and respiration.

► Energizes \_\_\_\_\_ and body.

▶ REM sleep \_\_\_\_\_.

### **EXAMPLE**

In which stage of sleep is the human brain the most active?

a) Stage 1 NREM

b) Stage 2 NREM

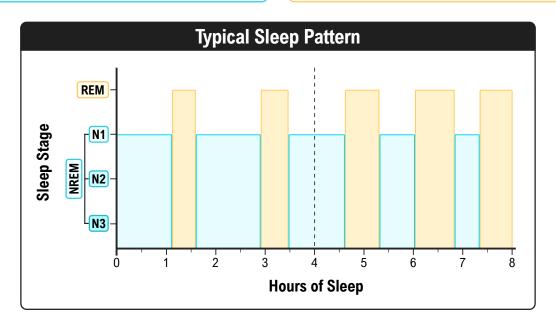
c) Stage 3 NREM

d) REM Sleep

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#### Sleep Patterns in a Typical Night

- ▶ NREM cycles are longer in the 1st half of the night.
  - Sleepwalking is \_\_\_\_ common in 1st half.
- ▶ REM cycles become longer in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half.
  - Dreaming is \_\_\_\_ common in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half.



- ◆ Sleep Debt: Difference between how much sleep one needs and how much they get.
  - Sleeping for 1-2 hours less → missing 1 cycle
- Sleep debt can be cumulative.

#### **EXAMPLE**

To maintain good health, adults are recommended to get 7 to 9 hours of sleep a night. Nora has been averaging 5.5 hours of sleep a night for the last couple of weeks. What is the minimum amount of sleep debt that Nora might have accumulated?

- a) 28 hours
- b) 21 hours
- c) 49 hours
- d) 35 hours

#### **PRACTICE**

Which one of the following statements is incorrect?

- a) People commonly sleepwalk during the first half of their night's sleep.
- b) Growth and repair processes take place during stage 3 NREM sleep.
- c) Vivid dreaming occurs during the REM phase of sleep.
- d) In response to the lack of daylight, SCN stimulates the pineal gland to release melatonin.
- e) During REM sleep all muscle movements are ceased.