Aerobic vs. Anaerobic Exercise

Your Name:

1. Which type of exercise primarily uses oxygen for energy production, leading to sustained, moderate effort?

- [ ] A. Aerobic exercise
- [ ] B. High-intensity interval training
- [ ] C. Strength training
- [ ] D. Anaerobic exercise

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2. The 'afterburn effect' (EPOC) is primarily associated with aerobic exercise, as it significantly boosts calorie burning during the activity.

- [ ] A. True
- [ ] B. False

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3. What is ATP and what is its role in the body's energy systems?

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4. Slow-twitch muscle fibers are primarily used for ..... efforts and are highly resistant to fatigue.

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5. **Match the exercise type with its primary energy source during the activity:**

1. Anaerobic exercise _____ A. Fats and carbohydrates (with oxygen)

2. Aerobic exercise _____ B. Glucose (without oxygen)

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6. **Which of the following is an example of an activity that primarily utilizes the anaerobic energy system?**

- [ ] A. A brisk walk
- [ ] B. Heavy lifting
- [ ] C. Long-distance cycling
- [ ] D. Swimming laps at a steady pace

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7. **Fartlek training is a highly structured form of exercise that strictly alternates between specific high-intensity and low-intensity periods.**

- [ ] A. True
- [ ] B. False

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8. **Explain how anaerobic exercise contributes to fat loss, despite primarily burning glucose during the actual workout.**

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9. **The body's 'long-haul' energy system, which is efficient and produces a lot of ATP over time, is the ..... system.**

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10. **Match the muscle fiber type with its primary characteristic:**

1. Fast-twitch fibers [ ]
A. Fatigue resistant, good for endurance

2. Slow-twitch fibers [ ]
B. Built for speed and power, tire quickly

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11. **VO2 Max is considered the 'gold standard' of fitness because it measures the maximum amount of oxygen your body can:**

- [ ] A. Produce during exercise
- [ ] B. Release from muscle tissues
- [ ] C. Store between workouts
- [ ] D. Take in and effectively use during intense exercise

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12. **Regular aerobic exercise can strengthen the connections between the brain's emotion-handling part (prefrontal cortex) and its alarm system (amygdala), leading to improved emotional regulation.**

- [ ] A. True
- [ ] B. False

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13. **Why is it generally not recommended to perform intense anaerobic workouts daily?**

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14. **The familiar muscle burn experienced during intense exercise is often a byproduct of the ..... process.**

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15. **Match the brain health benefit with the type of exercise primarily associated with it:**

1. Reduced brain inflammation

2. Immediate mood boost (dopamine, serotonin)

A. Aerobic exercise (cardio)

B. Anaerobic exercise (strength training)

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16. **What is the primary characteristic of fast-twitch muscle fibers?**

- [ ] A. They are built for speed and power, generating force rapidly.
- [ ] B. They are highly resistant to fatigue.
- [ ] C. They are built for endurance and sustained effort.
- [ ] D. They primarily use oxygen to produce ATP efficiently.

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17. **Combining aerobic and anaerobic exercise offers distinct, complementary benefits for overall fitness and brain health.**

- [ ] A. True
- [ ] B. False

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18. **How does improving your VO2 Max contribute to overall physiological health beyond athletic performance?**

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19. **The phenomenon where your body continues to burn extra calories even after you stop exercising is known as the ..... effect.**

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20. **Match the benefit with the exercise type it is strongly associated with:**

1. Increased muscle strength and explosive power

2. Improved heart and lung capacity

A. Aerobic exercise

B. Anaerobic exercise

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21. What is a key benefit of strength training (anaerobic exercise) for brain health that has historically been overlooked?

- [ ] A. Immediate mood elevation due to endorphin release.
- [ ] B. Reducing inflammation in the brain by lowering key inflammatory markers.
- [ ] C. Enhancing long-term emotional resilience through sustained effort.
- [ ] D. Strengthening connections between emotion and alarm systems of the brain.

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22. When aiming for fat loss, the calorie burn per minute during a brisk walk will typically be higher than during an intense sprint.

- [ ] A. True
- [ ] B. False

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23. Describe how both aerobic and anaerobic exercise contribute to fat loss, highlighting their different mechanisms.

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24. The human body typically has two main types of muscle fibers: slow-twitch and .....-twitch.

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25. Which term refers to the brain's ability to form new connections and learn, stimulated by strength training?

- [ ] A. Neurogenesis
- [ ] B. Cognitive flexibility
- [ ] C. Synaptic plasticity
- [ ] D. Myelin sheath formation

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26. **A higher VO2 Max means your heart, lungs, and circulatory system are less efficient at delivering oxygen to working muscles.**

- [ ] A. True
- [ ] B. False

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27. **Why is consistency considered crucial for effective results in any fitness routine?**

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28. **The combination approach that balances high-intensity sessions with regular endurance work, often leading to the best results for boosting VO2 Max, is known as .....**

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29. **Which of the following is considered the 'gold standard' for measuring aerobic capacity and cardiorespiratory fitness?**

- [ ] A. Body composition analysis
- [ ] B. VO2 Max
- [ ] C. Heart rate variability
- [ ] D. Muscle power output

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30. Match the exercise type with the type of brain benefit it is primarily known for:

1. Aerobic exercise		A. Emotional regulation and stress resilience
2. Anaerobic exercise		B. Executive functions (planning, focus) and memory