

Premedical science

This information came over the internet some years ago. It purports to be the answers given by students in science exams around the world. It came with the comment that "it is truly astonishing what weird science our young scholars can create under the pressure of time and grades." I was unable to trace the author, but as the work deserves wider dissemination, I present here the answers of most interest to a medical audience.

General: "The body consists of three parts: the brainium, the borax, and the abominable cavity. The brainium contains the brain; the borax, the heart and lungs; and the abominable cavity, the bowls, of which there are fivea, e, i, o, and u."

Respiration: "When you breathe, you inspire. When you do not breathe, you expire."
"Respiration consists of two acts: first inspiration, then expectoration."

Cardiovascular: "The three kinds of blood vessels are arteries, veins, and caterpillars."

Gastrointestinal: "The alimentary canal is located in the northern part of Alabama."

Dentistry: "A permanent set of teeth consists of eight canines, eight cuspids, two molars, and eight cuspidors."

Orthopaedics: "The skeleton is what is left after the insides have been taken out and the outsides have been taken off. The purpose of the skeleton is something to hitch meat on."

Reproductive medicine: "Artificial insemination is when the farmer does it to the cow instead of the bull." "To prevent contraception, wear a condominium." "Many women believe that an alcoholic binge will have no effects on the unborn fetus, but that is a large misconception."

Haematology: "Before giving a blood transfusion, find out if the blood is affirmative or negative."

Eyes and nose: "To remove dust from the eye: pull the eye down over the nose." "For nosebleeds, put the nose lower than the body until the heart stops." "For a cold: use an agoniser to spray the nose until it drops in your throat."

First aid: "For fainting: rub the person's chest or, if a lady, rub her arm above the head instead. Or put the head between the knees of the nearest doctor." "For asphyxiation: apply artificial respiration until the patient is dead." "For drowning: climb on top of the person and move up and down to make artificial perspiration." "For dog bite: put the dog away for several days. If he has not recovered, then kill it." [continued]