Questions on Chapter 2: Acne

1. What happens to sebum excretion with advancing age?
2. Name the 3 main pathogenic factors for acne. How do they interact?
3. What evidence links sebum excretion with acne?
4. What cutaneous advantages to eunuchs enjoy? And why?
5. What is the earliest pathogenic lesion in acne?
6. What is the difference between whiteheads and blackheads?
7. What explains the body site distribution of acne?
8. What attracts PMN into the hair follicle?
9. What role do vellus hairs play in acne?
10. What is the difference between acne conglobata and acne fulminans?
11. Name a cause of chloracne
12. Name a precipitant of mechanical acne
13. What variant of acne has a French name? Why?
14. Name three topical agents used as acne therapies
15. Do topical retinoids inhibit sebum excretion?
16. In mild / moderate comedonal acne, what agent would you use?
17. In mild papulopustular acne, what agent would you use
18. How long should you wait before saying a treatment is not working?
19. How do topical retinoids work?
20. Which topical antibiotics are widely used for acne? (name three)
21. Why are tetracyclines avoided under the age of 12, or in pregnancy?
22. How long is a standard course of systemic isotretinoin?
23. How long must pregnancy be avoided for after taking systemic isotretinoin
24. State the effects of oestrogens and progestogens on acne. Mechanism?
25. A patient with active acne and extensive scarring, asks you about laser resurfacing. What would you say and do?
26. Why do we say most (but not all) drug induced rashes are not real acne?
27. What symptoms and signs do you think make acne inversa so distressing?