

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lab section:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Axial Skeleton: Pre-lab exercise -- due at the beginning of your lab session.**

**I. Multiple choice: select the best answer.**

1. The skull bone posterior to the foramen magnum is:
  - a. atlas.
  - b. axis.
  - c. occipital.
  - d. parietal.
  
2. The axial skeleton contains:
  - a. the skull, vertebral column, and pelvis.
  - b. arms, legs, hands, and feet.
  - c. the skull, vertebral column, and bony thorax.
  - d. shoulder and pelvic girdles.
  
3. The pituitary gland is housed in the:
  - a. vomer bone.
  - b. sinuses of the ethmoid.
  - c. sella turcica of the sphenoid.
  - d. foramen lacerum.
  
4. The vertebral column is formed from how many irregular bones?
  - a. 32
  - b. 36
  - c. 26
  - d. 30
  
5. The major function of intervertebral discs is to:
  - a. prevent hyperextension.
  - b. "string" the vertebrae together.
  - c. prevent spinal injuries.
  - d. absorb shock.
  
6. All of the following facial bones are paired except one. Which of the following is the unpaired facial bone?
  - a. palatine
  - b. lacrimal
  - c. vomer
  - d. maxillae
  
7. The facial bones include:
  - a. lacrimal, nasal, maxillary, mandible
  - b. frontal, lacrimal, zygomatic, sphenoid
  - c. maxillary, mandible, ethmoid, sphenoid
  - d. ethmoid, sphenoid, temporal, parietal

## II. Matching -- Skull

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| A. ethmoid   | G. palatines |
| B. frontal   | H. parietals |
| C. lacrimals | I. sphenoid  |
| D. mandible  | J. temporals |
| E. maxillae  | K. vomer     |
| F. occipital | L. zygomatic |
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Forehead bone  
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Cheekbone  
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Lower jaw  
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Posterior part of hard palate  
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Single, irregular, bat-shaped bone, keystone of cranium.  
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Anterior part of hard palate.  
14. \_\_\_\_\_ Site of mastoid process  
15. \_\_\_\_\_ Site of cribiform plate  
16. \_\_\_\_\_ Site of mental foramen  
17. \_\_\_\_\_ Site of styloid process  
18. \_\_\_\_\_ Its condyles articulate with the atlas  
19. \_\_\_\_\_ Middle ear found here  
20. \_\_\_\_\_ Site of foramen ovale.

## III. Matching: vertebral column and bony thorax.

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| A. body                       | I. transverse process |
| B. intervertebral foramina    | J. xyphoid process    |
| C. atlas                      | K. thoracic vertebra  |
| D. axis                       | L. vertebral arch     |
| E. spinous process            | M. cervical vertebra  |
| F. coccyx                     | N. manubrium.         |
| G. superior articular process | O. body               |
| H. lumbar vertebra            | P. sacrum             |
21. \_\_\_\_\_ Weight bearing part of vertebra  
22. \_\_\_\_\_ Type of vertebra(e) containing foramina in the transverse processes.  
23. \_\_\_\_\_ Provides an articulation point for the ribs.  
24. \_\_\_\_\_ Composite bone; articulates with hip bone laterally.  
25. \_\_\_\_\_ Openings provide exit for spinal nerves  
26. \_\_\_\_\_ Massive vertebra, weight sustaining  
27. \_\_\_\_\_ Supports head, allows rocking motion of occipital condyles  
28. \_\_\_\_\_ Twelve components, unfused  
29. \_\_\_\_\_ Inferior part of sternum  
30. \_\_\_\_\_ Site of jugular notch