**Disclaimer**: These topics reflect SOME of the material, and should not be used as your only guidance in reviewing. The topics here are intended to help you clarify some of the material. There may be questions on the exam that do not come from these review subjects.

What’s the difference between the somatic nervous system and the autonomic nervous sytem?

Identify the cell types in the nervous system and discuss their functions: both nerve cells and the different types of glial cells.

What’s the difference between a tract and a nerve?

Which cells produce myelin and how?

What’s the difference between white matter and gray matter?

What are the structural classifications of neurons? The functional classifications?

How would you describe a resting membrane potential? How would you calculate one?

Which ions are where across an axon at rest?

Define and understand the following terms: action potential, depolarization, repolarization, hyperpolarization

How do the ions move across the axon membrane in each of the above terms?

Compare a graded potential to an action potential

How is threshold defined?

If all action potentials fire off with the same intensity, how does the brain interpret a strong stimulation versus a weak one?

Discuss absolute and relative refractory periods

Describe how the impulse reaches the axon terminal and crosses the synapse. Discuss also the role of enzymes.

Describe IPSP versus EPSP

Compare spatial to temporal summation

Which neurotransmitters were discussed in the notes? What are their functions?

What are the types of circuits in neuronal pools? How do they differ?

What belongs in the telencephalon? Diencephalon? Mesencephalon? Metencephalon? Myelencephalon?

Where are the ventricles located? How are they interlinked?

Compare the functional areas of the cerebral cortex.

The four motor areas are what? What are their functions?

What are the sensory areas and their functions?

Which brain areas are associated with language?

What categories of white matter are seen in the cerebrum?

What are the basal nuclei and what are their functions?

Compare thalamus location and function to hypothalamus location and function

Which structures are associated with the epithalamus?

What are the three divisions of the brain stem and their functions?

Describe each of the meningeal layers

How and where is CSF produced? What is its function?

What is the blood-brain barrier and what does it do?









