

# FAQs, MCQs and Viva Voce

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## Frequently Asked Questions — Lungs

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### 1. What are the main functions of the lungs?

? The lungs are the **primary organs of respiration**, responsible for **exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide**, regulation of **acid-base balance**, and participation in **filtering blood** and **metabolic activities** (like conversion of angiotensin I to II).

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### 2. Why is the right lung larger than the left?

? The **right lung** is larger, shorter, and wider because the **liver** lies below it, elevating the diaphragm. The **left lung** is smaller due to the **presence of the heart** on that side.

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### 3. How many lobes are present in each lung?

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- **Right lung:** 3 lobes — upper, middle, and lower.
  - **Left lung:** 2 lobes — upper and lower, with a **lingula** representing the middle lobe.
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### 4. What are the fissures of the lungs?

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- **Right lung:** Oblique and horizontal fissures.
  - **Left lung:** Only oblique fissure.
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### 5. What is the cardiac notch?

? A deep **indentation** on the **anterior border of the left lung** below the 4th costal cartilage to accommodate the **heart**.

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## 6. What is the lingula?

? A **tongue-like projection** from the upper lobe of the **left lung**, equivalent to the **middle lobe** of the right lung.

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## 7. What is the root of the lung?

? The **collection of structures** connecting the lung to the mediastinum, including bronchi, pulmonary vessels, bronchial vessels, nerves, and lymphatics.

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## 8. What is the arrangement of structures in the root of the lung?

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- **Right lung:** Bronchus – Artery – Bronchus – Veins (**B-A-B-V**).
  - **Left lung:** Artery – Bronchus – Veins (**A-B-V**).
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## 9. What are the contents of the root of the lung?

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- Principal bronchus (right: eparterial and hyparterial)
  - Pulmonary artery and veins
  - Bronchial arteries and veins
  - Lymph nodes and lymph vessels
  - Pulmonary nerve plexuses (anterior and posterior)
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## 10. What is the hilum of the lung?

? A **triangular depression** on the **mediastinal surface** of each lung where structures of the root enter and leave.

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### 11. What are the surfaces of the lung?

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- **Costal surface:** convex, related to ribs.
  - **Mediastinal surface:** concave, related to heart and great vessels.
  - **Diaphragmatic surface:** concave, rests on diaphragm.
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### 12. What are the borders of the lung?

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- **Anterior border:** sharp and thin.
  - **Posterior border:** rounded, corresponds to vertebral column.
  - **Inferior border:** separates base from costal and medial surfaces.
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### 13. What is the carina?

? A **cartilaginous ridge** at the tracheal bifurcation (T4 level) marking the division into right and left bronchi.

It is **highly sensitive**, and stimulation causes **violent cough**.

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### 14. Why are foreign bodies more often found in the right lung?

? The **right bronchus** is **shorter, wider, and more vertical**, making it a direct continuation of the trachea.

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### 15. What are bronchopulmonary segments?

? **Pyramidal subdivisions** of lung tissue, each supplied by its **own segmental bronchus and artery**, and separated by connective tissue septa.

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### 16. How many bronchopulmonary segments are there?

? **Ten in each lung**, though some may fuse in the left lung.

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### 17. What is the surgical importance of bronchopulmonary segments?

? Each segment is **functionally and surgically independent**, allowing **segmental resection** in disease without affecting other segments.

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### 18. What is the blood supply of the lungs?

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- **Pulmonary circulation:** Pulmonary arteries (deoxygenated blood) and pulmonary veins (oxygenated blood).
  - **Bronchial circulation:** Bronchial arteries (nutrient supply) and veins.
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### 19. What is the nerve supply of the lungs?

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- **Parasympathetic (Vagus):** Bronchoconstriction, vasodilation, secretion.
  - **Sympathetic (T1–T5):** Bronchodilation, vasoconstriction, decreased secretion.
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### 20. What are the stages of lung development?

? **Pseudoglandular, Canalicular, Terminal sac, Alveolar.**

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### 21. What is the embryological origin of the lung epithelium?

? **Endoderm** of the foregut.

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### 22. What is the molecular regulation of lung development?

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- **TBX4** — induces lung bud formation.
  - **FGF10** — promotes bronchial outgrowth.
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- **SHH (Sonic Hedgehog)** — regulates branching pattern.
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**23. When does surfactant appear in fetal life?**

? Around **28–32 weeks** of gestation, produced by **Type II pneumocytes**.

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**24. What is the function of surfactant?**

? Reduces **surface tension** and prevents **alveolar collapse** at the end of expiration.

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**25. What happens in surfactant deficiency?**

? Leads to **Neonatal Respiratory Distress Syndrome (Hyaline Membrane Disease)** in premature infants.

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**26. What is the histological feature of a bronchus?**

? **Pseudostratified ciliated columnar epithelium, cartilage plates, and mucous glands.**

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**27. What is the histological feature of a bronchiole?**

? **Simple columnar to cuboidal epithelium, no cartilage, and no glands.**

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**28. What are the types of alveolar cells?**

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- **Type I pneumocytes:** Thin cells for gas exchange.
  - **Type II pneumocytes:** Secrete surfactant.
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**29. What are the main impressions on the medial surface of the right lung?**

? **Superior vena cava, inferior vena cava, azygos vein, right atrium, oesophagus.**

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**30. What are the main impressions on the medial surface of the left lung?**

? **Heart (left ventricle), aortic arch, descending aorta, oesophagus.**

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**31. Why is knowledge of fissures important clinically?**

? Helps in locating **lung lesions**, **pleural effusions**, and **interpreting X-rays**; incomplete fissures can cause **spread of infection** between lobes.

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**32. What is the clinical significance of carina?**

? Its **widening or distortion** on bronchoscopy indicates **subcarinal lymph node enlargement** or **carcinoma**.

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**33. What are the common sites of bronchogenic carcinoma?**

? **Hilum and upper lobes** of the lungs.

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**34. What is pulmonary embolism?**

? Blockage of a **pulmonary artery** by a **thrombus**, usually from **deep veins of legs**.

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**35. What is atelectasis?**

? **Collapse of alveoli** due to airway obstruction or loss of surfactant.

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**36. What is bronchial asthma?**

? **Reversible airway obstruction** caused by **bronchial smooth muscle constriction** and **mucus secretion**.

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**37. What is bronchiectasis?**

? **Permanent dilation of bronchi** due to chronic infection or obstruction, leading to **foul-smelling sputum** and recurrent infections.

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**38. What is an azygos lobe?**

? A **small accessory lobe** of the right lung formed by an **aberrant azygos vein** arching over the lung apex.

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**39. Why is the apex of the lung important clinically?**

? It may be affected in **tuberculosis** and **Pancoast tumors**, which can invade the **brachial plexus** and **sympathetic chain**.

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**40. What is Pancoast's syndrome?**

? Caused by **apical carcinoma** of lung compressing **T1 spinal nerve** and **sympathetic chain**, resulting in **Horner's syndrome** (ptosis, miosis, anhidrosis).

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**41. Which condition is caused by inhalation of dust particles?**

? **Pneumoconiosis** — e.g., silicosis, asbestosis, coal worker's disease.

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**42. What is emphysema?**

? **Destruction of alveolar walls** and **loss of elasticity**, causing **overinflation** of lungs and **air trapping**.

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**43. What is the sentinel (Virchow's) node and its importance?**

? **Left supraclavicular node** — enlargement indicates **metastasis** from **bronchogenic carcinoma** or **abdominal malignancy**.

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**44. Why is the knowledge of lung segments important in surgery?**

? Enables **segmental resection** of diseased areas without impairing function of other parts.

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**45. What are the common causes of pleural effusion secondary to lung disease?**

? **Pneumonia, tuberculosis, carcinoma, or pulmonary embolism**.

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**46. What is postural drainage?**

? A physiotherapy technique using **gravity-assisted positioning** to drain bronchial secretions from specific lung segments.

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**47. Which condition involves air in the pleural cavity?**

? **Pneumothorax**.

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**48. What causes hoarseness in advanced lung cancer?**

? **Compression of the left recurrent laryngeal nerve** by mediastinal lymph nodes.

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**49. What is the clinical significance of bronchial artery anastomosis?**

? Provides **collateral circulation** in pulmonary artery obstruction and contributes to **hemoptysis** in chronic lung disease.

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**50. What imaging technique is most useful for detecting pulmonary embolism?**

? **CT pulmonary angiography.**

**Multiple Choice Questions — Lungs (With Answers)**

Here are **50 comprehensive MCQs** covering the **gross anatomy, development, histology, and clinical anatomy of lungs**, ideal for MBBS and NEET-PG revision.

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**1.** The lungs develop as an outgrowth from which embryonic structure?

- a) Midgut
- b) Foregut
- c) Hindgut
- d) Pharyngeal pouch

**Answer:** b) Foregut

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**2.** The respiratory diverticulum appears during which week of development?

- a) 2nd week
- b) 3rd week
- c) 4th week
- d) 5th week

**Answer:** c) 4th week

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**3.** The epithelium of alveoli is derived from:

- a) Ectoderm
- b) Endoderm
- c) Mesoderm
- d) Neural crest

**Answer:** b) Endoderm

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4. The connective tissue and cartilage of the lungs are derived from:

- a) Somatic mesoderm
- b) Splanchnic mesoderm
- c) Intermediate mesoderm
- d) Neural crest

**Answer:** b) Splanchnic mesoderm

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5. The molecular factor essential for lung bud initiation is:

- a) FGF10
- b) WNT
- c) TBX5
- d) HOXA13

**Answer:** a) FGF10

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6. The TBX4 gene is responsible for:

- a) Alveolar surfactant production
- b) Lung bud formation
- c) Vascular branching
- d) Ciliary differentiation

**Answer:** b) Lung bud formation

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7. The trachea develops from:

- a) Dorsal wall of foregut
- b) Ventral wall of foregut
- c) Midgut
- d) Hindgut

**Answer:** b) Ventral wall of foregut

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8. The tracheo-oesophageal septum separates:

- a) Pharynx and oesophagus
- b) Larynx and trachea
- c) Trachea and oesophagus
- d) Bronchi and alveoli

**Answer:** c) Trachea and oesophagus

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**9.** Which stage of lung development is characterized by formation of terminal bronchioles?

- a) Canalicular
- b) Pseudoglandular
- c) Terminal sac
- d) Alveolar

**Answer:** b) Pseudoglandular

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**10.** Surfactant is secreted by:

- a) Type I pneumocytes
- b) Type II pneumocytes
- c) Clara cells
- d) Goblet cells

**Answer:** b) Type II pneumocytes

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**11.** Surfactant production begins around:

- a) 20 weeks
- b) 28 weeks
- c) 36 weeks
- d) Birth

**Answer:** b) 28 weeks

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**12.** Surfactant prevents:

- a) Pulmonary embolism
- b) Alveolar collapse
- c) Lung fibrosis
- d) Pulmonary edema

**Answer:** b) Alveolar collapse

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**13.** Deficiency of surfactant causes:

- a) Pneumonia
- b) Hyaline membrane disease
- c) Bronchial asthma
- d) Tuberculosis

**Answer:**

b)

Hyaline

membrane

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**14.** Which is the smallest functional unit of the lung?

- a) Alveolus
- b) Bronchus
- c) Bronchopulmonary segment
- d) Pulmonary lobule

**Answer:** a) Alveolus

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**15.** The right lung has how many lobes?

- a) One
- b) Two
- c) Three
- d) Four

**Answer:** c) Three

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**16.** The left lung has how many fissures?

- a) One
- b) Two
- c) Three
- d) Four

**Answer:** a) One

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**17.** The horizontal fissure of the right lung corresponds to which rib anteriorly?

- a) 3rd
- b) 4th
- c) 5th
- d) 6th

**Answer:** b) 4th

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**18.** The oblique fissure begins at the level of which thoracic vertebra?

- a) T2
- b) T3
- c) T4

d) T5

**Answer:** c) T4

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**19.** The cardiac notch is present in:

- a) Right lung
- b) Left lung
- c) Both lungs
- d) None

**Answer:** b) Left lung

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**20.** The lingula belongs to which lobe?

- a) Right middle lobe
- b) Left upper lobe
- c) Right lower lobe
- d) Left lower lobe

**Answer:** b) Left upper lobe

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**21.** The right bronchus is:

- a) Longer and narrower
- b) Shorter and wider
- c) Longer and more oblique
- d) Same as left

**Answer:** b) Shorter and wider

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**22.** Foreign bodies most often enter:

- a) Left main bronchus
- b) Right main bronchus
- c) Trachea
- d) Larynx

**Answer:** b) Right main bronchus

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**23.** The ridge at the bifurcation of trachea is known as:

- a) Carina
- b) Lingula

c) Cardiac notch

d) Crista

**Answer:** a) Carina

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**24.** The carina is situated at the level of:

a) T2

b) T3

c) T4

d) T6

**Answer:** c) T4

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**25.** Each lung has how many bronchopulmonary segments?

a) 6

b) 8

c) 10

d) 12

**Answer:** c) 10

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**26.** The bronchopulmonary segments are separated by:

a) Pleura

b) Intersegmental septa

c) Alveolar septa

d) Bronchial walls

**Answer:** b) Intersegmental septa

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**27.** Which of the following bronchi divides before entering the lung?

a) Left principal bronchus

b) Right principal bronchus

c) Segmental bronchus

d) Terminal bronchiole

**Answer:** b) Right principal bronchus

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**28.** The pulmonary artery in the right lung root lies:

a) Above the bronchus

- b) Below the bronchus
- c) Between two bronchi
- d) Behind the bronchus

**Answer:** c) Between two bronchi

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**29.** The pulmonary veins in both lungs lie:

- a) Above bronchi
- b) Anterior and inferior to bronchi
- c) Posterior to bronchi
- d) Between bronchi and arteries

**Answer:** b) Anterior and inferior to bronchi

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**30.** The bronchial arteries supply:

- a) Alveoli
- b) Bronchial walls
- c) Pleura
- d) Heart

**Answer:** b) Bronchial walls

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**31.** The lymph from the lungs drains first into:

- a) Tracheobronchial nodes
- b) Bronchopulmonary (hilar) nodes
- c) Paratracheal nodes
- d) Deep cervical nodes

**Answer:** b) Bronchopulmonary (hilar) nodes

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**32.** Nerve supply to the lungs is via:

- a) Phrenic nerve
- b) Vagus and sympathetic nerves
- c) Intercostal nerves
- d) Recurrent laryngeal nerve

**Answer:** b) Vagus and sympathetic nerves

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**33.** Parasympathetic stimulation of lungs causes:

- a) Bronchodilation
- b) Bronchoconstriction
- c) Vasoconstriction
- d) Dryness of airway

**Answer:** b) Bronchoconstriction

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**34.** Sympathetic stimulation causes:

- a) Bronchoconstriction
- b) Bronchodilation
- c) Secretion increase
- d) Vasodilation

**Answer:** b) Bronchodilation

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**35.** The pulmonary veins carry:

- a) Oxygenated blood
- b) Deoxygenated blood
- c) Lymph
- d) Mixed blood

**Answer:** a) Oxygenated blood

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**36.** The pulmonary arteries carry:

- a) Oxygenated blood
- b) Deoxygenated blood
- c) Lymph
- d) Mixed blood

**Answer:** b) Deoxygenated blood

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**37.** The most common site of lung abscess formation is:

- a) Apex of lung
- b) Posterior segment of upper lobe
- c) Anterior basal segment of lower lobe
- d) Lingula

**Answer:** b) Posterior segment of upper lobe

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**38.** In aspiration pneumonia, the most commonly affected area is:

- a) Apical lobe
- b) Middle lobe
- c) Posterior basal segment of lower lobe
- d) Anterior segment

**Answer:** c) Posterior basal segment of lower lobe

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**39.** The most common site for primary tuberculosis is:

- a) Apex of lung
- b) Middle lobe
- c) Lower lobe
- d) Lingula

**Answer:** a) Apex of lung

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**40.** Pancoast's tumor affects which structure?

- a) Carina
- b) Brachial plexus and sympathetic chain
- c) Phrenic nerve
- d) Vagus nerve

**Answer:** b) Brachial plexus and sympathetic chain

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**41.** The hallmark of emphysema is:

- a) Fibrosis
- b) Loss of alveolar elasticity
- c) Collapse of lung
- d) Pleural effusion

**Answer:** b) Loss of alveolar elasticity

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**42.** Hoarseness of voice in lung cancer is due to:

- a) Phrenic nerve injury
- b) Compression of left recurrent laryngeal nerve
- c) Vagus nerve irritation
- d) Right recurrent laryngeal nerve compression



**Answer:**

b)

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**43.** The apex of the lung extends above the clavicle by:

- a) 1 cm
- b) 2.5 cm
- c) 3 cm
- d) 5 cm

**Answer:** b) 2.5 cm

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**44.** The root of the lung lies opposite which vertebrae?

- a) T2–T4
- b) T4–T5
- c) T5–T7
- d) T7–T9

**Answer:** c) T5–T7

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**45.** The azygos lobe is a feature of:

- a) Left lung
- b) Right lung
- c) Both lungs
- d) Fetal lungs only

**Answer:** b) Right lung

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**46.** The costodiaphragmatic recess is deepest in:

- a) Midclavicular line
- b) Midaxillary line
- c) Scapular line
- d) Vertebral line

**Answer:** b) Midaxillary line

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**47.** The most common cause of pulmonary embolism is:

- a) Fat embolism
- b) Thrombus from deep veins of legs
- c) Amniotic embolism

d) Air embolism

**Answer:** b) Thrombus from deep veins of legs

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**48.** Which cell type lines most of the alveolar surface?

a) Type I pneumocytes

b) Type II pneumocytes

c) Clara cells

d) Goblet cells

**Answer:** a) Type I pneumocytes

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**49.** The main histological difference between bronchi and bronchioles is:

a) Presence of glands in bronchioles

b) Absence of cartilage and glands in bronchioles

c) Ciliated epithelium absent in bronchioles

d) Goblet cells absent in bronchioles

**Answer:** b) Absence of cartilage and glands in bronchioles

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**50.** In chest X-ray, the horizontal fissure of the right lung corresponds to which rib level?

a) 3rd rib

b) 4th rib

c) 5th rib

d) 6th rib

**Answer:** b) 4th rib

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## **iva Voce — Lungs (Comprehensive MBBS-Level Discussion)**

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**Q1. What are the main functions of the lungs?**

? Exchange of gases (O<sub>2</sub> uptake and CO<sub>2</sub> elimination), regulation of blood pH, phonation assistance, and metabolic functions such as activation of angiotensin I to II.

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**Q2. What is the position and shape of each lung?**

? Each lung is **conical**, with an **apex** projecting into the neck above the clavicle and a **concave base** resting on the diaphragm. The **right lung** is larger, shorter, and wider; the **left**

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**lung** is smaller and narrower due to the heart.

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**Q3. Why is the right lung larger than the left?**

? The **liver** elevates the right diaphragm making the lung shorter but broader; the **heart** occupies more space on the left, reducing lung size there.

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**Q4. How many lobes and fissures are in each lung?**

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- **Right lung:** 3 lobes (upper, middle, lower) with 2 fissures (oblique + horizontal).
  - **Left lung:** 2 lobes (upper, lower) with 1 fissure (oblique only).
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**Q5. What is the cardiac notch and lingula?**

? The **cardiac notch** is an indentation on the anterior border of the left lung for the heart. The **lingula** is a tongue-like projection of the left upper lobe, equivalent to the middle lobe of the right lung.

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**Q6. Name the borders of each lung.**

? **Anterior (thin), posterior (thick, rounded), and inferior (sharp) borders.**

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**Q7. What are the surfaces of the lungs?**

? **Costal surface** (convex, facing ribs), **medial/mediastinal surface** (concave, facing heart and mediastinum), and **diaphragmatic surface** (concave, resting on diaphragm).

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**Q8. What structures form the root of the lung?**

? Principal bronchus (two in right, one in left), pulmonary artery, two pulmonary veins, bronchial vessels, lymphatics, and pulmonary plexuses bound by pleura.

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**Q9. How are the structures arranged in the root of each lung?**

? **Right lung:** Bronchus–Artery–Bronchus–Veins (**B-A-B-V**)

**Left lung:** Artery–Bronchus–Veins (**A-B-V**)

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**Q10. What is the hilum of the lung?**

? The **medial surface depression** where structures of the root enter and leave.

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**Q11. What is the difference between right and left principal bronchi?**

? Right is **shorter (2.5 cm), wider, and more vertical (25°)**; left is **longer (5 cm), narrower, and more oblique (45°)**—hence foreign bodies commonly lodge in the right.

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**Q12. What is the carina?**

? A cartilaginous ridge at the tracheal bifurcation (T4 level) that is **extremely sensitive**, triggering the **cough reflex** when stimulated.

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? Pyramidal subdivisions of lung tissue, each supplied by a **segmental bronchus and artery**, drained by intersegmental veins, and separated by connective-tissue septa—functionally independent.

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**Q14. How many bronchopulmonary segments exist in each lung?**

? Usually **ten in each lung**, though some fuse in the left lung.

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**Q15. What is the surgical importance of these segments?**

? Allows **segmental resection** in localized disease without compromising other segments.

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**Q16. What is the blood supply of the lungs?**

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- **Pulmonary arteries** — deoxygenated blood for gas exchange.
  - **Pulmonary veins** — oxygenated blood to left atrium.
  - **Bronchial arteries** — nutritional supply to bronchial walls.
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**Q17. What is the nerve supply of the lungs?**

? **Parasympathetic (vagus)**: bronchoconstriction, vasodilation, secretion.

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**Q18. What is the lymphatic drainage of the lungs?**

? Superficial (subpleural) and deep plexuses drain into **bronchopulmonary** ? **tracheobronchial** ? **paratracheal** ? **deep cervical** nodes ? thoracic or right lymphatic duct.

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**Q19. Which part of the lung is most affected by tuberculosis?**

? **Apex**, owing to its high oxygen tension.

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**Q20. What are the common impressions on the right lung?**

? SVC, IVC, right atrium, azygos vein, and oesophagus.

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**Q21. What are the impressions on the left lung?**

? Heart (left ventricle), arch and descending aorta, oesophagus, and thoracic duct.

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**Q22. What are the four stages of lung development?**

? **Pseudoglandular** (5–17 wks), **Canalicular** (16–25 wks), **Terminal sac** (24 wks–birth), **Alveolar** (birth–8 yrs).

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**Q23. From which germ layers are the lungs derived?**

? **Endoderm** (epithelium) and **splanchnic mesoderm** (muscle, cartilage, connective tissue).

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**Q24. When does surfactant appear?**

? Around **28–32 weeks** of gestation.

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**Q25. What is the function of surfactant?**

? **Reduces surface tension** in alveoli, preventing their collapse during expiration.

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**Q26. Which cells secrete surfactant?**

? **Type II pneumocytes**.

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**Q27. What is the main histological difference between bronchus and bronchiole?**

? **Bronchi** possess cartilage plates and glands; **bronchioles** lack both.

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**Q28. Name the two types of alveolar cells and their functions.**

? **Type I:** gas exchange; **Type II:** surfactant secretion.

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**Q29. What is the respiratory membrane?**

? A thin barrier between alveolar air and blood: alveolar epithelium + fused basement membranes + capillary endothelium.

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**Q30. What is the significance of negative intrapleural pressure?**

? Keeps lungs inflated against the chest wall, preventing collapse.

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**Q31. Why are foreign bodies more often found in the right lower lobe?**

? Because the **right bronchus** is vertical and wider; gravity directs objects into **posterior basal segment**.

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**Q32. What is bronchogenic carcinoma?**

? Malignant tumor arising from **bronchial epithelium**, strongly linked to smoking; commonly located near the **hilum**.

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**Q33. How does bronchogenic carcinoma cause hoarseness of voice?**

? By compressing the **left recurrent laryngeal nerve** as it loops under the aortic arch.

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? **Irreversible dilation** of bronchi due to chronic infection and wall destruction, usually in **lower lobes**.

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**Q35. What is pulmonary embolism?**

? Blockage of a pulmonary artery by a **thrombus** from the deep veins of the legs.

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**Q36. What is pneumothorax?**

? Air in the **pleural cavity** causing lung collapse; may be spontaneous, traumatic, or tension type.

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? **Collapse of alveoli** due to airway obstruction or surfactant deficiency.

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**Q38. What is emphysema?**

? **Permanent enlargement of air spaces** with destruction of alveolar walls, leading to air trapping and poor gas exchange.

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**Q39. What is Pancoast's tumor?**

? Apical carcinoma of lung invading **brachial plexus (T1)** and **sympathetic chain**, producing **shoulder pain and Horner's syndrome**.

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**Q40. What is Horner's syndrome?**

? Triad of **ptosis, miosis, and anhidrosis** from sympathetic interruption, often due to apical lung tumor.

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**Q41. What is pulmonary infarction?**

? **Wedge-shaped necrosis** of lung tissue following pulmonary embolism; apex toward hilum, base toward pleura.

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**Q42. What is an azygos lobe?**

? An accessory lobe of the **right lung** formed when the azygos vein arches over the apex, creating an extra fissure—radiologically benign variant.

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**Q43. What is neonatal respiratory distress syndrome (NRDS)?**

? Seen in premature infants from **surfactant deficiency**, causing alveolar collapse and formation of **hyaline membranes**.

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**Q44. What is pleural effusion secondary to lung disease?**

? Accumulation of fluid in pleural cavity due to pneumonia, carcinoma, or heart failure; obliterates costodiaphragmatic recess.

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? A physiotherapy technique that uses gravity to drain mucus from specific bronchopulmonary segments.

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**Q46. What is the sentinel (Virchow's) node and its importance?**

? **Left supraclavicular lymph node**—its enlargement indicates metastasis from thoracic or abdominal malignancy, especially lung cancer.

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**Q47. What are the histological layers of an intrapulmonary bronchus?**

? Epithelium (pseudostratified ciliated), lamina propria, smooth muscle, submucosa with glands, cartilage plates, adventitia.

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**Q48. What is the function of Clara cells?**

? Present in terminal bronchioles; **detoxify harmful substances** and **secrete components of surfactant**.

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**Q49. Why does left lung infection occasionally spread to pericardium?**

? The **mediastinal pleura** and **pericardium** are closely related on the left side, allowing inflammatory extension.

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**Q50. Why is understanding lung anatomy important clinically?**

? It guides **bronchoscopy**, **radiological interpretation**, **thoracic surgery**, and **emergency procedures** such as **chest tube insertion**.