# **Layers of the Skin**

◆ Integumentary System: set of organs consisting of & its accessories (hair, nails, sweat, & sebaceous glands).
◆ Skin is the largest organ of the human body and composed of layers:
1 Epidermis: layer, insensitive and avascular (lacks its own blood supply).
2 Dermis: inner layer, composed of tissue.
- Has blood vessels, endings, hair follicles, sweat glands, and sebaceous glands.
<ul> <li>Subcutaneous Layer (dermis): fatty layer, separates the dermis from the deeper tissue.</li> </ul>
ous Membrane (Skin)
Subcutaneous Layer Hypodermis

## **EXAMPLE**

Identify the incorrect statement.

- a) The epidermis is the outermost layer of the skin and lacks its own blood supply.
- b) The dermis is a connective tissue that binds the epidermis to deeper muscles.
- c) The primary organ of the integumentary system is the largest organ of the human body.
- d) Cutaneous membrane is a collective name for the epidermis and the dermis.

## **Integumentary System Functions**

Serves the following main functions:



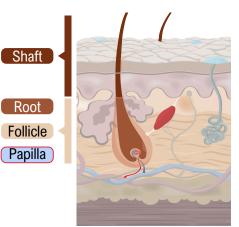
## **EXAMPLE**

Which of the following statements is incorrect about the functions of the skin?

- a) Sweat produced by sweat glands evaporates on the skin to help cool it down.
- b) Sebum lubricates the skin and helps to keep it moisturized.
- c) The skin can sense temperature through the nerve endings in its outer layer.
- d) The skin acts as a barrier and prevents pathogens from entering the body.

## **Accessory Structures: Hair**

- ◆ Anatomical structures made up of \_\_\_\_\_ keratinized cells.
- ◆ Composed of a \_\_\_\_\_ and a root (embedded within the hair follicle).
  - Roots get nourishment from a loop of capillaries called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ Contraction of arrector pili (a slip of smooth muscle) causes \_\_\_\_\_bumps. Follicle



#### EXAMPLE

is the protein that makes up most of the hair.

a) Collagen

c) Albumin

b) Melanin

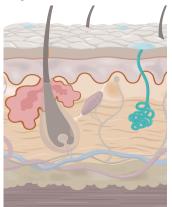
d) Keratin

# **Accessory Structures: Sweat & Sebaceous Glands**

◆ Sweat & sebaceous glands are \_\_\_\_crine glands.

#### **Sebaceous Glands**

- ◆ Sebum lubricates skin & hair.
- Production \_\_\_\_ during adolescence
   & \_\_\_\_ in old age.



#### **Sweat Glands**

- Sweat is secreted through a \_ onto the surface of the skin.
- ◆ Aids in excretion of \_\_\_\_\_\_.

## **EXAMPLE**

Identify the statement that correctly describes the sweat and sebaceous glands.

- a) Sweat is secreted into hair follicles while sebaceous glands secrete sebum onto the surface of the skin.
- b) Sebaceous glands help to keep skin lubricated while sweat glands help to regulate body temperature and remove waste products.
- c) Sweat glands become less active with age while sebum production remains the same.
- d) Sebaceous and sweat glands are both ductless but differ in where they deliver their secretions.

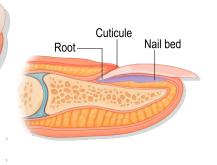
## **Accessory Structures: Nails**

◆ Flat plate of \_\_\_\_\_ covers the ends of fingers & toes.

Connected to the deeper tissue by the nail \_\_\_\_\_\_.

◆ Cuticle: A soft tissue at the base of the nail, \_\_\_\_\_ the nail root.

◆ Lunula: Light-colored half- at the base of the nail.



### **EXAMPLE**

Which of the following statements about the integumentary system accessory structures is correct?

- a) Papillae at the base of the nail provide oxygen and nutrients for growth.
- b) Arrector pili provides structural strength to the dermis.
- c) The cuticle provides structural support to the base of the nail.
- d) Goosebumps are caused by a small muscle attached to the hair follicle.

#### **PRACTICE**

Which of the following statements about the accessory structures of the integumentary system is correct?

- a) Hair is composed of living keratinized cells and gets nourishment from a loop of capillaries called papilla.
- b) Nails are composed of a hard protein called keratin and are connected to the deeper tissue by the cuticle.
- c) The arrector pili muscle located in the epidermis contracts to produce goosebumps.
- d) Sweat glands help with waste removal in addition to temperature regulation.