Quiz

Instructions: Answer each question.

1. List four functions of the endocrine system.

2. In general, the endocrine system is in charge of body processes that happen slowly, such as cell growth. Faster processes like breathing and body movement are controlled by the:
   a. digestive system
   b. respiratory system
   c. nervous system
   d. cardiovascular system

3. ____________ are chemical messengers that transfer information and instructions from one set of cells to another.

4. Endocrine glands release more than ______ major hormones directly into the bloodstream.
   a. 20
   b. 100
   c. 200
   d. 1,000

5. The brain contains these three glands:

6. The pineal gland secretes:
   a. melatonin
   b. oxytocin
   c. insulin
   d. thyroxine

7. True or false: The thyroid gland is involved in metabolism, the process by which the fuel in the food we eat is converted into cellular energy.

8. A problem with the pancreas’s production of insulin can lead to a condition called ________________.

9. Once a hormone is secreted, it travels from the endocrine gland that produced it through the bloodstream to the cells designed to receive its message. These cells are called ________________.

10. If the pituitary glands release hormones that stimulate the gonads to produce sex hormones too early, some kids may begin to go through puberty at a very young age. This is called:
    a. hyperthyroidism
    b. precocious puberty
    c. gigantism
    d. hypothyroidism