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 **1.) State 4 importance of cholesterol.**
a. It is a major component of Plasma membrane and Plasma Lipoproteins
b. It is a precursor of Bile salts
c. It is required for nerve transmission
d. It is a precursor of Steroid hormones which includes Adrenocortical hormones, Sex hormones
and Parental Hormones.

 **2.) Differentiate between globosides and gangliosides.**
a. GLOBOSIDES have multiple sugars while, GANGLIOSIDES have multiple sugars including at
least one sialic acid.

b. GLOBOSIDES head groups are neutral, whereas GANGLIOSIDES head groups are charged.

c. Gangliosides are present and concentrated on cell surfaces with two hydrocarbon chains of the
ceramide moiety embedded in the plasma membrane and the oligosaccharides located on the
extracellular surface, they are found predominantly in the nervous system where they constitute about
6% of all phospholipids.
Globosides is the most abundant red cell membrane glycolipid and is present in the serum of all
p+ individuals.

**3.) Methylated form of phosphatidyl ethanol amine is known as an auxiliary pathway for
phosphatidylcholine biosynthesis in the liver.**

**4.) Which ring of cholesterol molecule contains a double bond?**Answer
The four rings (A, B, C, D) have trans ring junctions, and the side chain and two methyl groups
(C-18 and C-19) are at an angle to the rings above the plane with β stereochemistry (as for the
hydroxyl group on C-3 also); there is a double bond between carbons 5 and 6. So therefore Ring
C contains double bond.

**5.) State 3 properties of phosphoglycerides.**

a. They are common constituents of cellular membranes

b. They have both hydrophilic and hydrophobic natures.

c. They have glycerol backbone.

**6.) In a tabular form, differentiate between triacylglycerol and phosphosglyceride.**

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| Triacylglycerol | phosphoglycerides |
| A lipid that is composed of a glycerol backbone | Composed of glycerol with phosphate and an amino acid |
| They act as fat storage in our body | Main lipid component of cell membranes and are important in cell semi permeability |
| Composed of 3 fatty acid | Composed of 2 fatty acid` |