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## **QUESTIONS**

Write a short note on the characteristics (and components) of urine

## **ANSWERS**

## **CHARACTERISTICS OF URINE**

Color Pale yellow to deep amber

Odor Odorless

Volume 750–2000 mL/24 hour

pH 4.5–8.0 Specific gravity 1.003–1.032

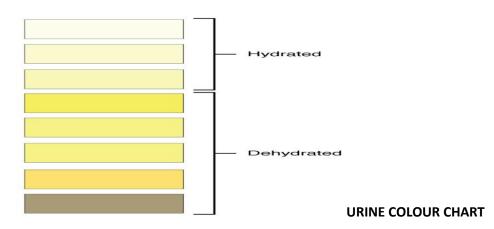
Osmolarity 40–1350 mOsmol/kg Urobilinogen 0.2–1.0 mg/100 mL

White blood cells 0–2 HPF (per high-power field of microscope)

Leukocyte esterase None

Protein None or trace
Bilirubin <0.3 mg/100 mL

Ketones None
Nitrites None
Blood None
Glucose None



## **COMPONENTS OF URINE**

Urine is an aqueous solution of greater than 95% water, with a minimum of these remaining constituents, in order of decreasing concentration:

- Urea 9.3 g/L.
- Chloride 1.87 g/L.
- Sodium 1.17 g/L.
- Potassium 0.750 g/L.
- Creatinine 0.670 g/L.
- Other dissolved ions, inorganic and organic compounds (proteins, hormones, metabolites).