CHEM123x **Sugars and Fats**

Use any resource at your disposal to answer these questions. Please bring your answers to class on March 10th.

- 1. The structure of fructose is shown below. Draw each of the following sugars (shown in bold) in the linear from the information given. Note that the top carbon is C1.
 - a. **Psicose** is the C3 epimer of fructose.
- H₂C --- OH HC -

- b. **Tagalose** is the C4 epimer of fructose.
- c. **Sorbose** looks like fructose, but has the –OH orientation of C3 and C4 positions changed.
- 2. Describe the difference between starch and cellulose. Why can humans not use cellulose as energy?
- **3.** Which of the common disaccharides sugars contains fructose?
- **4.** In as much detail as possible, discuss why eating 12 grams of cane sugar (sucrose) has a significantly different metabolic outcome than eating 12 grams of fructose.
- 5. Using the metabolic pathway maps that are in the lecture slides, determine the **number of electrons** that are produced from the breakdown of each of these compounds:
 - a. Lactose (this is one of the common disaccharides that we talked about)
 - b. Stearic Acid (18:0)
- **6.** Potatoes contain a large amount of starch. Starting at the very beginning (i.e. when you first take a bite), describe how that starch is metabolized.
- 7. Based on the fluid mosaic model of biological membranes, why are unsaturated and polyunsaturated fatty acids necessary?
- **8.** Think about fatty acids.
 - a. Why are some fatty acids considered "essential"? In other words, what does it mean to be an essential fatty acid?
 - b. List all essential fatty acids.
 - c. What other three fatty acids did we talk about that should be included in your diet?
 - d. For each of the fatty acids that you identified in parts b and c, determine if they are omega 3, omega 6, or neither.
- **9.** Why is adipose tissue the preferred way to store energy? We discussed two reasons in class.