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Sample Questions

Multiple Choice Questions

1. The term abiogenesis means _____
 - a. The emergence of life forms from pre-existing material
 - b. Describe the emergence of life forms from inanimate material.
 - c. Is another name of natural selection
 - d. Describe the emergence of small organism from mud.
2. According to Oparin, which one of the following was not present in the primitive atmosphere of earth?
 - a. Methane
 - b. Hydrogen
 - c. Water vapour
 - d. Oxygen
3. Phylogenetic system of classification is based on _____
 - a. Floral characters
 - b. Evolutionary relationship
 - c. Morphological features
 - d. Chemical constituent
4. First experiment regarding evolution of life was performed by _____
 - a. Watson and Crick
 - b. Oparin and Haldane
 - c. Urey and Miller
 - d. Meselson and Stahl
5. The precellular stage of organization has been termed as _____.
 - a. Progenote
 - b. Ribozymes
 - c. Protocell
 - d. Microsphere
6. Which one of the following suggests that simplest living organisms could not have originated spontaneously from non-living matter?
 - a. Special Creation Theory
 - b. Abiogenesis
 - c. Louis Pasteur Experiment
 - d. Hypothesis of Panspermia
7. The _____ is the ancestor of modern eukaryote
 - a. Eukaryote
 - b. Archaeobacteria
 - c. Eubacteria
 - d. prokaryotes
8. Which of the following division of plants is called as 'Amphibians of plant Kingdom'?
 - a. Bryophytes
 - b. Thallophyta
 - c. Angiosperm
 - d. Pteridophytes
9. Which of the following does not reproduce through spores?
 - a. Rhizopus
 - b. Spirogyra
 - c. Pteridophytes

- d. Gymnosperms
10. Which of the following is a vascular seed plant?
- Fungi
 - Bryophytes
 - Algae
 - Angiosperm
11. Which of the following is NOT the part of four whorls of flower leaves?
- Calyx
 - Corolla
 - Androecium
 - Stem
12. Which of the following are characteristics of archaeobacteria different from eubacteria?
- Anaerobic
 - either gram positive or gram negative
 - Organotrophs
 - Methane-producers, extreme halophiles, and thermoacidophiles
13. Which class has largest number of animals
- Mammals
 - Reptiles
 - Fishes
 - Insects
14. Which of the following combination of phylum and description is correct?
- Echinodermata- microscopic, excretory system present.
 - Nematoda – Parasitic, cilia present
 - Platyhelminthes – dorsoventrally flattened, acoelomate
 - Calcarea – gastrovascular cavity, nervous system present
15. Name the phylum which is characterized by the presence of notochord.
- Chordata
 - Hemichordata
 - Echinodermata
 - Mollusca
16. Which among the following are used widely in food industry?
- Archaeobacteria
 - Eubacteria
 - Actinomycetes
 - Eumycota
17. Which of the following kingdom does not belong to Eukaryotes?
- Plantae
 - Protista
 - Monera
 - Fungi
18. Lipopolysaccharide in cell walls is characteristic of?
- Gram-positive bacteria
 - Gram-negative bacteria
 - Fungi
 - Algae
19. Which microorganism(s) among the following perform photosynthesis by utilizing light?
- Methanogens
 - Cyanobacteria
 - Eumycots
 - Viruses
20. Antheridia and Archegonia are sex organs of _____
- Mosses
 - Mucor
 - Spirogyra

- d. Puccinia
21. _____ are normal microorganisms in the human large intestine help us break down food, reduce risk of infection
- Archaeobacteria
 - Eubacteria
 - Actinomycetes
 - Eumycota
22. _____ is the sum of genetic information contained in the genes of individual plants, animals, and micro-organisms Chemotrophs
- Species diversity
 - Genetic diversity
 - Ecosystem diversity
 - Taxonomic diversity
23. Jelly fish belong to class _____
- Hydrozoa
 - Scyphozoa
 - Anthozoa
 - Cubozoa
24. Amphibians have _____ chambered heart.
- 2
 - 3
 - 4
 - 6
25. Genetic differentiation within species occurs as a result of _____ reproduction.
- Sexual
 - Asexual
 - Parthenogenesis
 - Budding
26. The cell wall of Spirogyra contains _____
- Cellulose
 - Chitin
 - Lignin
 - Suberin
27. _____ diversity is not uniform throughout the world
- Genetic
 - Species
 - Ecosystem
 - Taxonomic
28. Ecosystem diversity boosts the availability of _____ via the process of photosynthesis.
- Water
 - Oxygen
 - Carbon dioxide
 - Food
29. Ecological diversity is the number of _____ in a community of organisms.
- Ecosystems
 - Genes
 - Taxonomic classes
 - Species
30. Peptidoglycan layer is present in large quantity in?
- Gram-positive bacteria
 - Gram-negative bacteria
 - Fungi
 - Algae
31. Which plant kingdom can survive both on land and in the water?
- Tracheophyta

- b. Pteridophyta
 - c. Thallophyta
 - d. Bryophyta
32. _____ lack chloroplasts and are heterotrophic organisms
- a. Thallophyta
 - b. Pteridophyta
 - c. Rhizopus
 - d. Gymnosperm
33. The phenomenon of double fertilization or triple fusion is the characteristic of the _____.
- a. Algae
 - b. Pteridophytes
 - c. Angiosperms
 - d. Bryophytes
34. An acoelomate animal _____
- a. Has a Double layered body with single cavity
 - b. Has cavity between body wall and gut
 - c. Has a tissue tissue layer lining cavity and internal organs
 - d. Lacks a digestive cavity
35. Which of these is cocci occurring in single or pairs?
- a. Streptococci
 - b. Diplococci
 - c. Tetrads
 - d. Tricocci
36. Flagella in bacteria enable them to _____.
- a. Reproduce
 - b. Locomote
 - c. Thrive in nutrient agar
 - d. Adhere to tissue surface
37. _____ can exhibit variety of shape.
- a. Pleomorphic
 - b. Cocci
 - c. Rod
 - d. Spiral
38. This cell organelle does not contain DNA _____.
- a. Nucleus
 - b. Mitochondria
 - c. Lysosomes
 - d. Chloroplast
39. Genetic information stored in mRNA is translated to polypeptide by _____
- a. Ribosome
 - b. Nucleus
 - c. Endoplasmic reticulum
 - d. Golgi apparatus
40. Bacteria produces spore external to the cells are called as _____.
- a. Endospores
 - b. Perisporangia
 - c. Centrospores
 - d. Exospores
41. What is the sedimentation coefficient of mitochondrial ribosome of humans?
- a. 70S
 - b. 55S
 - c. 80S
 - d. 60S
42. Which of the following transport involves translocation of the protein from cytosol to the nucleus?
- a. Transmembrane transport

- b. Vesicular transport
 - c. Non-gated transport
 - d. Gated transport
43. Name the site where secreted protein synthesized?
- a. ER membrane bound ribosomes
 - b. Mitochondrial ribosome
 - c. Membrane free ribosome
 - d. Chloroplast ribosome
44. The organelle serving as a primary packaging area for molecules that will be distributed throughout the cell is _____.
- a. Vacuole
 - b. Plastids
 - c. Mitochondria
 - d. Golgi apparatus
45. The power house of cell is called _____.
- a. Cell wall
 - b. Mitochondria
 - c. Ribosomes
 - d. Nucleus
46. In eubacteria, a cellular component which resembles a eukaryotic cell is _____
- a. Ribosome
 - b. Plasma membrane
 - c. Nucleus
 - d. Cell wall
47. Which of the following is present in both prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells?
- a. Proteasomes
 - b. Plasmids
 - c. Lysosomes
 - d. Peroxisomes
48. Which of the following polysaccharide is not present in the eukaryotic plant cell wall?
- a. Cellulose
 - b. Chitin
 - c. Hemicellulose
 - d. Pectin
49. The rotary engine made of protein at the base of the flagella is driven by _____
- a. Vanderwaal's force
 - b. Proton- motive force
 - c. Electron passage
 - d. Exchange of sodium and potassium ions
50. Capsules composed of single kind of sugar are called as _____.
- a. homopolysaccharide
 - b. heteropolysaccharide
 - c. homolipid
 - d. heterolipid
51. Which of the following is not a difference between cilia and flagella?
- a. Cilia is short hairlike; flagella are long thread-like
 - b. Nexin present in cilia; Nexin absent in flagella
 - c. Axoneme present in cilia; Axoneme absent in flagella
 - d. Rapid rotational motion of cilia; Undulating, sinusoidal slow movement of flagella
52. Which of the following statements is false?
- a. Gram negative bacteria is less resistant to physical disruption than Gram positive.
 - b. Gram positive bacteria is inhibited by basic dyes
 - c. Gram negative bacteria cell wall is thin and single layered.
 - d. Gram negative bacteria is more resistant to antibiotics than Gram positive.

53. What is the basic functional and structural unit of organisms?
- Nucleus
 - DNA
 - Cell
 - Gene
54. Mark the component which is not the part of lipid bilayer?
- Glycerol or Sphingosine
 - Fatty acids
 - Tryptophan and methionine
 - Phosphate
55. Which of the following is the largest single membrane-bound intracellular compartment?
- Ribosome
 - Golgi apparatus
 - Nucleus
 - Endoplasmic reticulum
56. Endoplasmic reticulum membrane which is associated with ribosomes is called _____
- ER lumen
 - Smooth endoplasmic reticulum
 - Rough endoplasmic reticulum
 - Endosome
57. _____ have walls composed of pseudomurein.
- Bacillus
 - Staphylococcus
 - Escherichia
 - Methanobacterium
58. Which of the following organelle control intracellular digestion of macromolecules with the help of hydrolytic enzymes?
- Plastid
 - Peroxisome
 - Lysosome
 - Actin
59. Name the control centre of the eukaryotic cell?
- Nucleus
 - Ribosome
 - Cytoplasm
 - Golgi complex
60. Which of the following is responsible for pigment synthesis and storage?
- Leucoplast
 - Chloroplast
 - Chromoplast
 - Etioplast
61. Name the plant organelle which acts as a major site for an oxidative reaction?
- Peroxisomes
 - Mitochondria
 - Chloroplast
 - Thylakoid
62. What is microsome?
- Compartment of Golgi
 - Smaller ribosomes
 - Small ER compartments
 - Small vesicles of fragmented ER
63. Which of the following organelle takes part in the secretion?
- Cytoplasm
 - Ribosomes

- c. ER compartments
 - d. Golgi apparatus
64. When flagella are located around the entire bacterial cell, the arrangement is called _____.
- a. Polar
 - b. Random
 - c. Bipolar
 - d. Peritrichous
65. Digestion of cell's own component is known as _____
- a. Autophagy
 - b. Heterophagy
 - c. Phagocytosis
 - d. Pinocytosis
66. Protoplasm found inside the nucleus is known as _____
- a. Amyloplast
 - b. Nucleoplasm
 - c. Cytoplasm
 - d. Etioplast
67. Which of the following is not a function of cell wall?
- a. Gives the cells a definite shape and structure
 - b. Does not prevent osmotic bursting of cell
 - c. Protect against stress
 - d. Provides rigidity to cell
68. Cork screw shaped bacteria are _____
- a. Bacilli
 - b. Stalked bacteria
 - c. Spirochetes
 - d. Actinomycetes
69. What is sarcinae?
- a. Cocci group of bacteria
 - b. Chainlike group of bacteria
 - c. Cubelike group of bacteria
 - d. Grapelike cluster of bacteria
70. Which of the following bacteria is pleomorphic?
- a. Mycobacteria
 - b. Streptococcus
 - c. Pseudomonas
 - d. Corynebacterium
71. Which of the following organisms have thick peptidoglycan in their cell wall?
- a. Gram-negative bacteria
 - b. Gram-positive bacteria
 - c. Yeast
 - d. Molds
72. Name the type of bacteria which uses reduced inorganic substances as an electron source?
- a. Phototrophs
 - b. Organotrophs
 - c. Heterotrophs
 - d. Lithotrophs
73. What is a cluster of polar flagella called?
- a. Petritrichous
 - b. Monotrichous
 - c. Amphitrichous
 - d. Lophotrichous
74. Flagella in bacteria enable them to _____
- a. Reproduce

- b. Locomote
 - c. Thrive in nutrient agar
 - d. Adhere to tissue surfaces
75. Which of the following group of bacteria is considered as a link between bacteria and virus?
- a. Mycoplasma
 - b. Spirochetes
 - c. Actinomycetes
 - d. Vibrios
76. Bacterial cell wall is made up of _____
- a. Chitin
 - b. Cellulose
 - c. Dextran
 - d. Peptidoglycan
77. Name the type of bacteria which uses CO₂ as a sole source of carbon for growth.
- a. Chemotrophs
 - b. Autotrophs
 - c. Organotrophs
 - d. Heterotrophs
78. The organ of locomotion of bacteria is _____
- a. Capsule
 - b. Flagella
 - c. Slime
 - d. Fimbriae
79. A Gram-negative bacterium does not retain crystal violet stain because _____
- a. bacteria have thin peptidoglycan layer
 - b. bacteria have thick peptidoglycan layer
 - c. periplasmic space is absent
 - d. cell wall includes significant amount of teichoic and lipoteichoic acids
80. Which of the following is not true about mycoplasma?
- a. Multiplication is by binary fission
 - b. Totally devoid of cell wall
 - c. Resistant to penicillin and its analogues
 - d. Cell wall is made up of peptidoglycan
81. Which of the following is NOT the basic shape of the bacteria?
- a. Rod
 - b. Square
 - c. Comma
 - d. Spiral
82. First phase of viral multiplication cycle _____
- a. penetration
 - b. biosynthesis
 - c. uncoating
 - d. adsorption or attachment
83. Fourth phase of viral multiplication cycle _____
- a. penetration
 - b. biosynthesis
 - c. uncoating
 - d. adsorption or attachment
84. During lag phase _____
- a. Microorganisms increase in size of cell and metabolic rate
 - b. The cells start dividing and their number increase by geometric progression
 - c. Rate of multiplication and death becomes almost equal
 - d. Population of the cells decreases
85. During log phase _____
- a. Microorganisms increase in size of cell and metabolic rate

- b. The cells start dividing and their number increase by geometric progression
 - c. Rate of multiplication and death becomes almost equal
 - d. Population of the cells decreases
86. During decline phase _____
- a. Microorganisms increase in size of cell and metabolic rate
 - b. The cells start dividing and their number increase by geometric progression
 - c. Rate of multiplication and death becomes almost equal
 - d. Population of the cells decreases
87. Adenoviruses exhibit which of the following symmetry?
- a. helical symmetry
 - b. circular symmetry
 - c. icosahedral symmetry
 - d. complex structure symmetry
88. In papovaviruses, DNA occurs in which of the following forms?
- a. linear dsDNA
 - b. linear ssDNA
 - c. supercoiled circular dsDNA
 - d. supercoiled circular ssDNA
89. The delayed early genes codes for which of the following enzymes?
- a. phage enzymes
 - b. RNA polymerase
 - c. Nucleases
 - d. Oxidases
90. Which of the following enzymes transcribe late genes?
- a. Ligases
 - b. Nucleases
 - c. RNA polymerase
 - d. restriction enzymes
91. In the growth curve of plaque-forming units, the time from infection until lysis is known as _____
- a. eclipse period
 - b. rise period
 - c. burst period
 - d. latent period
92. The cocci which forms a chain is _____
- a. *Streptococci*
 - b. *Diplococcic*
 - c. *Staphylococci*
 - d. *Tetracocci*
93. The common word for bacteria which are helically curved rods is _____
- a. Cooci
 - b. Pleomorphic
 - c. Bacillus
 - d. Spirilla
94. Viroids are _____
- a. Varuses are genetically deficient and so incapable of producing infections daughter virion
 - b. Infective agents with protein free, with low molecular weight RNA.
 - c. Protein infections particles, lack detectable nucleic acid.
 - d. Extrachromosomal genetic elements
95. The capsid is composed of _____
- a. Peplomers
 - b. Nucleic acid
 - c. Capsomers
 - d. Envelope
96. Which of the following is not true about envelope?

- a. Derived from host cell membrane
 - b. Lipoprotein in nature
 - c. Has projecting spikes on the surface
 - d. Made up of nucleic acid
97. Naked viruses are _____
- a. Enveloped
 - b. Nonenveloped
 - c. Viruses are genetically deficient and so incapable of producing infectious daughter virions
 - d. Infective agents with protein free, with low molecular weight RNA
98. Capsid in nature is a _____
- a. Protein
 - b. Lipid
 - c. Polysaccharide
 - d. Lipoprotein
99. For uncoating viruses use _____
- a. Specific receptors
 - b. Lysozyme
 - c. The mechanism called viropexis
 - d. The synthetic machinery of host cell
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- a. Specific receptors
 - b. Lysozyme
 - c. The mechanism called viropexis
 - d. The synthetic machinery of host cell