

## 1 Mark Questions

- The Scientist who developed aseptic methods using phenol to prevent infections was  
(a) Robert Koch (b) John Tyndall  
(c) Paul Ehrlich (d) Joseph Lister
- The organism Robert Koch used first to propose Koch's postulates was  
(a) *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*  
(b) *Salmonella typhimurium*  
(c) *Bacillus anthracis*  
(d) *Klebsiella pneumoniae*
- The primary strain used for staining endospore is  
(a) crystal violet (b) malachite green  
(c) safranin (d) carbol fuchsin
- The engulfment of disease causing bacteria by macrophages was discovered by  
(a) Emil von Behring  
(b) Elie Metchnikoff  
(c) Shibasaburo Kitasato  
(d) J. Bordet
- The two key enzymes of glyoxylate cycle are  
(a) isocitrate dehydrogenase,  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate dehydrogenase  
(b) isocitrate lyase,  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate dehydrogenase  
(c) isocitrate lyase, malate synthase  
(d) malate synthase, isocitrate dehydrogenase
- Nitrosomonas europaea* is a chemolithotroph in which electron donor and electron acceptor, respectively are  
(a)  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ,  $\text{O}_2$  (b)  $\text{H}_2$ ,  $\text{O}_2$   
(c)  $\text{NO}_2^-$ ,  $\text{O}_2$  (d)  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ ,  $\text{NO}_3^-$
- In Gram negative bacteria, the flagellum is attached to the cytoplasmic membrane by the  
(a) S ring only (b) S and M rings  
(c) P ring only (d) P and L rings

- In *Rhizobium* legume symbiotic nitrogen fixation, oxygen sensitive nitrogenase is protected by leghaemoglobin. The ratio of leghaemoglobin bound  $\text{O}_2$  to free  $\text{O}_2$  is  
(a) 10 : 1 (b) 100 : 1  
(c) 1000 : 1 (d) 10000 : 1
- Non-phosphorylated Entner Doudoroff Pathway (EDP) is operative in species of  
(a) *Pyrococcus* (b) *Streptococcus*  
(c) *Micrococcus* (d) *Staphylococcus*
- A 'regulon' is defined as  
(a) a set of operons that are functionally coordinated  
(b) a master gene regulating the function of a set of genes  
(c) all the regulatory genes of the genome  
(d) the genes present in the control region of an operon

## 2 Marks Questions

- In TCA cycle, both carbons of acetyl Co-A are oxidised to  $\text{CO}_2$  two steps which are  
(a) Cis-aconitate  $\rightarrow$  Isocitrate  $\rightarrow$   $\alpha$ -Ketoglutarate  
(b)  $\alpha$ -Ketoglutarate  $\rightarrow$  Succinate  $\rightarrow$  Fumarate  
(c) Isocitrate  $\rightarrow$   $\alpha$ -Ketoglutarate  $\rightarrow$  Succinate  
(d) Citrate  $\rightarrow$  Cis-aconitate  $\rightarrow$  Isocitrate
- Cells of *Escherichia coli* grown on mineral salts medium with glycerol as carbon source are harvested and exposed to three different inducers of lac operon. Their inducing efficiencies are  
(a) TMG < IPTG < Lactose  
(b) Lactose < TMG < IPTG  
(c) IPTG < Lactose < TMG  
(d) TMG < Lactose < IPTG
- A bacterial suspension when counted in Petroff-Hausser bacteria counting chamber showed an average 20 bacteria in one large square (each large square =  $1/25 \text{ mm}^2$ ). The number of bacteria/mL of the suspension is

(a)  $25 \times 10^6$   
(c)  $10 \times 10^7$

(b)  $50 \times 10^6$   
(d)  $25 \times 10^7$

14. *Pseudomonas* species metabolise a wide range of organic compound through  $\beta$ -ketoacid, whose structure is

- (a)  $\text{CH}_3 \cdot \text{CH}_2 \cdot \text{CO} \cdot \text{CH}_2 \cdot \text{COOH}$   
(b)  $\text{HOOC} \cdot \text{CH}_2 \cdot \text{CH}_2 \cdot \text{CO} \cdot \text{COOH}$   
(c)  $\text{HOOC} \cdot \text{CH}_2 \cdot \text{CH}_2 \cdot \text{CH}_2 \cdot \text{CO} \cdot \text{COOH}$   
(d)  $\text{HOOC} \cdot \text{CH}_2 \cdot \text{CH}_2 \cdot \text{CO} \cdot \text{CH}_2 \cdot \text{COOH}$

15. In a different planet, codons have four bases instead of three and there are four termination codons as against three found in our planet. Which of the following statements will not hold true in four base codon planet assuming there is no evolutionary selection?

- (a) The number of codons will be too few to code for all twenty amino acids  
(b) There will be greater codon degeneracy than in earth  
(c) The number of tRNA genes will be more compared to earth  
(d) The sizes of proteins will be generally longer

16. In most phototrophic and autotrophic organisms,  $\text{CO}_2$  is fixed by Rubisco via Calvin cycle. The sugar into which  $\text{CO}_2$  gets fixed is

- (a) Ribulose 5-phosphate  
(b) Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate  
(c) 1, 3-bisphosphoglycerate  
(d) Ribulose 1, 5-bisphosphate

17. The genome size of the following organisms are in the order

- (a) *Haemophilus influenzae* > *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* > *Escherichia coli* >  $\phi$ x174  
(b) *Escherichia coli* > *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* > *Haemophilus influenzae* >  $\phi$ x174  
(c) *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* > *Escherichia coli* > *Haemophilus influenzae* >  $\phi$ x174  
(d) *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* > *Haemophilus influenzae* >  $\phi$ x174 > *Escherichia coli*

18. The following are the number of germline genes for heavy and light chains in an individual. Calculate the approximate number of diverse IgG (Kappa) molecules that the individual can generate not taking into account somatic mutation

Germline genes	Heavy chain	K chain
V	50	40
D	30	0
J	6	5

(a) 131  
(c) 1800000

(b) 9200  
(d) 3600000

19. A strain of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* was found to be resistant to INH, streptomycin and rifampicin at  $10^{-5}$ ,  $10^{-6}$ ,  $10^{-7}$  frequencies, respectively. The frequency of appearance of a strain resistance to all three compounds is

- (a)  $10^{-5}$   
(c)  $10^{-11}$
- (b)  $10^{-6}$   
(d)  $10^{-18}$

20. In *Escherichia coli*, the number of molecules per cell occur in the following order

- (a) tRNA < mRNA < rRNA < DNA  
(b) DNA < mRNA < rRNA < tRNA  
(c) rRNA < mRNA < tRNA < DNA  
(d) DNA < tRNA < mRNA < rRNA

21. Switch recombination does not take place among the immunoglobulin genes

- (a) IgM  $\rightarrow$  IgD  
(c) IgM  $\rightarrow$  IgE
- (b) IgM  $\rightarrow$  IgG1  
(d) IgM  $\rightarrow$  IgA

22. EMB (Eosin-Methylene Blue) agar is used to differentiate *Escherichia coli* from *Enterobacter aerogenes*. The green metallic sheen of the colonies is due to

- (a) eosin and methylene blue combine to produce a precipitate under neutral conditions (*E. aerogenes*)  
(b) eosin and methylene blue combine to produce a precipitate under acidic conditions (*E. coli*)  
(c) methylene blue gets precipitated under acid conditions (*E. coli*)  
(d) eosin gets precipitated under neutral conditions (*E. aerogenes*)

23. UN spectroscopy is not used to quantitate the compounds based on absorbance

- (a) nucleic acids have absorbance peak at 260 nm  
(b) NAD(P)H have absorbance peak at 340 nm  
(c) aromatic amino acids have absorption maxima about 280 nm  
(d) sulphur containing amino acids absorbance at 270 nm

24. Luminous bacterium (*Vibrio fischeri*) and flashlight fish (*Photoblepheron palpebratus*) provide an interesting symbiotic association. In the luciferase reaction, the products are

- (a) FMN + RCOOH +  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$   
(b) RCOOH +  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  + Light  
(c) FMN + RCOOH +  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  + Light  
(d) FMNH<sub>2</sub> + RCOOH +  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  + Light

25. The flagellate *Monas stigmatica* (6  $\mu\text{m}$  long) swims at the speed of 50 cell lengths per second. The distance it covers in 1 hour is

- (a) 1.08 cm
- (b) 10.80 cm
- (c) 10.8 m
- (d) 1.08 m

26. The serotypes of *Salmonella* species are due to

- (a) lipid A structure
- (b) core polysaccharide containing KDO and heptose
- (c) unusual sugars in O-side chain
- (d) both lipid A structure and core polysaccharide

27. The property not possessed by archaebacteria is

- (a) they have pseudomurein in their cell walls
- (b) their lipids have ether linkage
- (c) they have N-acetylglucosamine and N-acetylalosaminuronic acid as repeating alternating units in the backbone
- (d) they have D and L-amino acids in their short peptide chain

8. Which of the following properties of diphtheria toxin is not true?

- (a) The nicked toxic is biologically and immunologically identical to unnicked toxin
- (b) On reduction with GSH, chains A and B are separable

- (c) Diphtheria toxic inhibits protein synthesis by ADP-ribosylating EF2
- (d) Chain A alone is toxic to animals and whole cells

29. The following statements are made regarding incorporation of 5-bromodeoxyuridine into DNA

- A. 5-bromodeoxyuridine substitutes thymidine in DNA
- B. The minimum number of DNA replication cycles required to observe mutation is two
- C. 5-bromodeoxyuridine produces GC  $\rightarrow$  AT transition
- D. 5-bromodeoxyuridine generates deletion mutants

Which of the above statements are true?

- (a) A and C
- (b) A and B
- (c) A and D
- (d) B and C

30. In a bacterial cell culture, the initial cell population ( $N_0$ ) was  $10^3$  cells/mL. In 6 hours and 40 minutes, it has gone through 20 generations. The final cell population ( $N_t$ ) and growth rate constant (K), respectively are

- |     | $N_t$           | K |
|-----|-----------------|---|
| (a) | $10^9$ cells/mL | 3 |
| (b) | $10^8$ cells/mL | 4 |
| (c) | $10^7$ cells/mL | 5 |
| (d) | $10^6$ cells/mL | 6 |