Life Sciences Paper II

Time Allowed: 75 Minutes] [Maximum Marks: 100 Note: This Paper contains Fifty (50) multiple choice questions, each question carrying Two (2) marks. Attempt All questions.

- Dosage compensation in *Drosophila* and mammals differs by :
 - (A) Hyperactivation of single Xin Drosophila males and inactivation of X in female mammals
 - (B) Equalisation of transcription in female Drosophila and hyperactivation of transcription in female mammals
 - (C) Inactivation of X in *Drosophila* females and hyperactivation of X in mammalian female
 - (D) Equalisation of autosomal transcription in *Drosophila* and reduced expression of one X in mammals

- During homologous recombination mediated by RecBCD enzyme in E.coli at chi site:
 - (A) Rec BCD proteins bind to DNA to initiate recombination
 - (B) Enzyme produces double stranded breaks in DNA
 - (C) Helicase activity of enzyme starts unwinding DNA
 - (D) Branch migration is terminated
- 3. What is a Pseudogene?
 - (A) A gene that is only expressed at certain developmental stage
 - (B) A non-functional gene
 - (C) A gene that contains a mutation but is still functional
 - (D) A sequence of DNA that is slowly evolving to become an active gene

- 4. How are proteins able to bind to DNA at specific sequences ?
 - (A) By interacting with sugarphosphate backbone
 - (B) By opening up double helix and forming bonds with the bases
 - (C) By interacting with bases through histone proteins
 - (D) By interacting with bases in the major and minor grooves of double helix
- 5. Black rats of identical genotypes on mating produced offsprings consisting of 45 black, 15 cream coloured and 15 albino. Which of the following gene interactions may account for these results?
 - (A) Dominant epistasis
 - (B) Recessive epistasis
 - (C) Incomplete dominance and penetrance
 - (D) Complementary gene interactions
- 6. People suffering from Cockayne syndrome have defective :
 - (A) Double strand break repair system
 - (B) Transcription coupled repair system
 - (C) Nucleotide excision repair system
 - (D) Mismatch repair system

- 7. Virulence of *Corynebacterium diphtheriae* is due to:
 - (A) Phage conversion
 - (B) Transformation
 - (C) Transduction
 - (D) Mutation
- 8. The yeast two hybrid system is designed to identify:
 - (A) All components of multiprotein complex
 - (B) Proteins required for binding RNA polymerase
 - (C) Two proteins that directly interact with one another
 - (D) Two proteins involved in consecutive step of a metabolic pathway
- 9. Diuron inhibits photosynthesis by binding to:
 - (A) PS II
 - (B) PS I
 - (C) ATPase
 - (D) Cyt b₆f
- 10. Which of the following properties of water makes it a universal solvent?
 - (A) Hydrophobic bonds formed between water and fatty acids
 - (B) Strong covalent bonds formed between water and salts
 - (C) High dielectric constant of water
 - (D) Hydrogen bonds formed between water and biochemical molecules

- 11. Animal system is not able to synthesize ethanol in their body because they lack one of the following enzymes:
 - (A) Alcohol dehydrogenase
 - (B) Pyruvate decarboxylase
 - (C) Pyruvate carboxylase
 - (D) Oxidase
- 12. Which of the following is *true* for uncompetitive inhibitor of enzyme ?
 - (A) It decreases the affinity of the substrate for enzyme
 - (B) It increases the affinity of the substrate for enzyme
 - (C) It does not affect the affinity of substrate for enzyme
 - $\begin{array}{c} \text{(D) It changes velocity but not} \\ V_{max} \ \text{of enzyme catalyzed} \\ \text{reaction} \end{array}$
- 13. Which of the following statements is *false* for α -helix of proteins ?
 - (A) Number of amino acids per helical turn is 3.6
 - (B) Size of the helix is 5.4 Å
 - (C) Right handed helices are commonly found in proteins
 - (D) Left handed helices are commonly found in proteins

- 14. Which of the following statements regarding lipids is *false*?
 - (A) Lipids can serve as energy source for cells
 - (B) All cell membranes contain lipids
 - (C) All lipids can form bilayer membranes
 - (D) Lipids can function as hormones
- 15. Feedback inhibition differs from repression because feedback inhibition:
 - (A) is less precise
 - (B) stops synthesis of new enzymes
 - (C) stops the action of pre-existing enzymes
 - (D) is slow acting
- 16. Which of the following is the first product of the CAM pathway?
 - (A) Oxaloacetate
 - (B) 3-phosphoglycerate
 - (C) Malate
 - (D) Pyruvate

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- 17. Fraction of the population dying in each generation because of deleterious mutation at a locus is known as:
 - (A) Risk population
 - (B) Mutational load
 - (C) Genetic load
 - (D) Lethal linkage group
- 18. Characteristics that have arisen as a result of common evolutionary descent are said to be :
 - (A) Analogous
 - (B) Persimonious
 - (C) Morphotypes
 - (D) Homologous
- 19. Categories of species vulnerable to extinction include all of the following except those that:
 - (A) have high genetic variability
 - (B) are hunted by poachers or harvested by people
 - (C) have declining population size
 - (D) are local endemic species
- 20. A classical example of orthoevolutionary process is evolution of:
 - (A) Man
 - (B) Horse
 - (C) Fish
 - (D) Amphibia

- 21. Which of the following events could lead to the evolution of new gene that contains exons from two or more other genes?
 - (A) Domain duplication
 - (B) Domain shuffling
 - (C) Gene conversion
 - (D) Gene duplication
- 22. Mitochondrial DNA can be used to trace parental lineage because it is:
 - (A) Paternally transmitted, recombines at low rate
 - (B) Maternally transmitted does not recombine
 - (C) Maternally transmitted, recombines at low rate
 - (D) Biparental transmission, does not recombine
- 23. A given population with 0.03% frequency of phenylketonuria can be said to be:
 - (A) in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium
 - (B) under selection and migration
 - (C) maintaining balance between mutation and selection
 - (D) not in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium

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- 24. If genetic code is tetraplet, then what is the possible number of codons which would code for 20 amino acids?
 - (A) 32
 - (B) 64
 - (C) 256
 - (D) 512
- 25. Lysosomes have a very low pH. This is achieved by :
 - (A) Proton pumps that transfer protons down the concentration gradient
 - (B) Release of energy by proton pumps
 - (C) Proton pumps against the concentration gradient
 - (D) Synthesizing acidic components
- 26. The first step of "proof-reading" during protein synthesis is carried out by :
 - (A) Ribosomes
 - (B) Initiation factors
 - (C) Elongation factors
 - (D) Aminoacyl t-RNA synthetase

- 27. Which of the following is the *correct* sequence for T-cell differentiation in thymus ?
 - (A) Double negative, Single positive, Double positive
 - (B) Double positive, Double negative, Single positive
 - (C) Double negative, Double positive, Single positive
 - (D) Double positive, Single negative, Double negative
- 28. If mouse IgG1 is injected as an antigen in mice, it would generate:
 - (A) Anti-isotypic antibodies
 - (B) Anti-allotypic antibodies
 - (C) Anti-idiotypic antibodies
 - (D) No antibodies
- 29. The human immunodeficiency virus interacts with one of the following to gain entry into the cells of the immune system:
 - (A) CD-4
 - (B) CD-19
 - (C) CD-8
 - (D) CD-25

- 30. Nuclear matrix is:
 - (A) A complex of histone proteins and DNA that provides structural network throughout the nucleus
 - (B) A mixture of DNA, RNA and proteins that make up nucleus
 - (C) Network of microtubules that provide structural foundation to nucleus
 - (D) A complex network of protein and RNA fibrils that make up nuclear substructure
- 31. Which of the following is TRUE for secondary messenger molecules?
 - (A) They are hormones that initiate signaling pathway
 - (B) They are receptors that bind to hormones and activate a pathway
 - (C) They are internal moleules that transduce a signal inside the cell
 - (D) They are transcriptional activators that function at the end of a pathway
- 32. Carmine dye is obtained from:
 - (A) Cochined insects
 - (B) Lac insects
 - (C) Aphids
 - (D) Bumble bees

- 33. The primary causative agents of acid rain are:
 - (A) Sulphur dioxides and lead dioxides
 - (B) Sulphur dioxides and nitrogen dioxides
 - (C) Nitrogen dioxides and lead dioxides
 - (D) Sulphur dioxides and carbon dioxides
- 34. Natural products from one of the following is used as nutraceuticals, pharmaceutical and cosmaceutical:
 - (A) Aloe vera
 - (B) Curcuma longa
 - (C) Stevia rebaudiana
 - (D) Morinda citrifolia
- 35. Protection of its occupancy area encapsulates other species defines the :
 - (A) Flagship species
 - (B) Umbrella species
 - (C) Key-stone species
 - (D) Exotic species
- 36. An assemblage of populations of plants, animals, bacteria and fungi that live in an area and interact with each other defines:
 - (A) Biological community
 - (B) Ecosystem
 - (C) Population
 - (D) Biome

- 37. In India, air quality is monitored using levels of :
 - (A) SPM, RPM, CO₂ and NO₂
 - (B) SPM, RPM, SO_2 and NO_2
 - (C) RPM, CO_2 , SO_2 and NO_2
 - (D) SPM, CO₂, SO₂ and NO₂
- 38. DNA fingerprinting makes use of the following:
 - (A) Retroposon rearrangements in an organism
 - (B) Differences in gene families
 - (C) Polymorphism in splicing pattern
 - (D) Sequence heterogeneity and polymorphism
- 39. Which one of the following would need conservation on higher priority?
 - (A) Species which flowers rarely and has specific pollinator
 - (B) Species which flowers normally and is wind pollinated
 - (C) Species which flowers rarely and has non-specific pollinator
 - (D) Species which reproduces vegetatively
- 40. Species represented by a group of populations throughout distribution range is called:
 - (A) Taxonomic species
 - (B) Biological species
 - (C) Synthetic species
 - (D) Polyphyletic species

- 41. A species is designated as "vulnerable" when:
 - (A) It is not critically endangered but is facing a high risk of extinction in the wild in the near future
 - (B) It is not critically endangered but is facing a high risk of extinction in the wild in the immediate future
 - (C) It is critically endangered already
 - (D) 50% population got extinct in the last 10 years
- 42. Metagenomics refers to:
 - (A) Genomics of metabolic pathways
 - (B) Genomics of metallothionine gene
 - (C) Genomic sequencing of pool of DNA fragments
 - (D) Genomes of bacteria associated with metal bioremediation
- 43. Alpha, beta and gamma diversity refer to:
 - (A) Genetic diversity
 - (B) Landscape diversity
 - (C) Species diversity
 - (D) Population diversity

- 44. Which of the following processes does not generate ATP/GTP ?
 - (A) Oxidative phosphorylation
 - (B) TCA cycle
 - (C) Glycolysis
 - (D) Calvin's cycle
- 45. By which of the following mechanisms does an enzyme increase the rate of a reaction?
 - (A) It provides energy to start the reaction
 - (B) It increases the rate of collision between molecules
 - (C) It lowers the activation energy of the reaction
 - (D) It changes the equilibrium point of the reaction
- 46. The most selective antimicrobial activity would be exhibited by a drug that:
 - (A) Inhibits cell wall synthesis
 - (B) Inhibits protein synthesis
 - (C) Injures plasma membrane
 - (D) Inhibits nucleic acid synthesis

- 47. Osmotolerant yeasts are able to grow at high salt concentrations because their cytoplasm contains high concentration of:
 - (A) Divalent cations
 - (B) Lipids
 - (C) Amino acids
 - (D) Polyalcohols
- 48. In a seed, which of the following represents sporophytic tissue?
 - (A) Testa
 - (B) Cotyledon
 - (C) Endosperm
 - (D) Hypocotyle
- 49. The type of nitrogenous excretory product, in animals, primarily depends on :
 - (A) The quantum of protein availability to the animals
 - (B) The quantum of food availability to the animals
 - (C) Starvation
 - (D) The quantum of water availability to the animals
- 50. Development of gametophyte from sporophyte without formation of spores is called :
 - (A) Homospory
 - (B) Apospory
 - (C) Oospory
 - (D) Haplospory

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