



## GATE 2012

### LIFE SCIENCES – XL

#### General Aptitude (GA) Questions (Compulsory)

**Q.1 - Q.5 carry one mark each.**

Q.1 If  $(1.001)^{1259} = 3.52$  and  $(1.001)^{2062} = 7.85$ , then  $(1.001)^{3321} =$

- (A) 2.23
- (B) 4.33
- (C) 11.37
- (D) 27.64

Q.2 One of the parts (A, B, C, D) in the sentence given below contains an ERROR. Which one of the following is INCORRECT?

**I requested that he should be given the driving test today instead of tomorrow.**

- (A) requested that
- (B) should given
- (C) the driving test
- (D) instead of tomorrow

Q.3 Which one of the following options is the closest in meaning to the word given below?

**Latitude**

- (A) Eligibility (B) Freedom (C) Coercion (D) Meticulousness

Q.4 Choose the most appropriate word from the options given below to complete the following sentence:

Given the seriousness of the situation that he had to face, his \_ was impressive.

- (A) beggary (B) nomenclature (C) jealousy (D) nonchalance

Q.5 Choose the most appropriate alternative from the options given below to complete the following sentence:

If the tired soldier wanted to lie down, he \_ the mattress out on the balcony

- (A) should take
- (B) shall take
- (C) should have taken
- (D) will have taken

**Q. 6 - Q. 10 carry two marks each.**

Q.6 One of the legacies of the Roman legions was discipline. In the legions, military law prevailed and discipline was brutal. Discipline on the battlefield kept units obedient, intact and fighting, even when the odds and conditions were against them.

Which one of the following statements best sums up the meaning of the above passage?

- (A) Thorough regimentation was the main reason for the efficiency of the Roman legions even in adverse circumstances.
- (B) The legions were treated inhumanly as if the men were animals.

- (C) Discipline was the armies' inheritance from their seniors.  
(D) The harsh discipline to which the legions were subjected to led to the odds and conditions being against them.

Q.7 A and B are friends. They decide to meet between 1 PM and 2 PM on a given day. There is a condition that whoever arrives first will not wait for the other for more than 15 minutes. The probability that they will meet on that day is

- (A)  $\frac{1}{4}$  (B)  $\frac{1}{16}$  (C)  $\frac{7}{16}$  (D)  $\frac{9}{16}$

Q.8 The data given in the following table summarizes the monthly budget of an average household.

Category	Amount (Rs.)
Food	4000
Clothing	1200
Rent	2000
Savings	1500
Other expenses	1800

The approximate percentage of the monthly budget **NOT** spent on savings is

- (A) 10%  
(B) 14%  
(C) 81%  
(D) 6%

Q.9 There are eight bags of rice looking alike, seven of which have equal weight and one is slightly heavier. The weighing balance is of unlimited capacity. Using this balance, the minimum number of weighings required to identify the heavier bag is

- (A) 2  
(B) 3  
(C) 4  
(D) 8

Q.10 Raju has 14 currency notes in his pocket consisting of only Rs. 20 notes and Rs. 10 notes. The total money value of the notes is Rs. 230. The number of Rs. 10 notes that Raju has is

- (A) 5  
(B) 6  
(C) 9  
(D) 10

## Answers

**1 D 2 B 3 B 4 D 5 A 6 A 7 C 8 D 9 A 10 A**

## H: CHEMISTRY (Compulsory)

### Q. 1 - Q. 5 carry one mark each.

Q.1 Among the following, the most reactive diene in the Diels-Alder reaction is



Q.2 The molecule that does **NOT** absorb the microwave radiation is

- (A) CO<sub>2</sub>  
 (B) H<sub>2</sub>O  
 (C) CO  
 (D) NO

Q.3 The hybridization of atomic orbitals of sulphur in SF<sub>4</sub> is

- (A) dsp<sup>2</sup>  
 (B) sp<sup>3</sup>d<sup>2</sup>  
 (C) sp<sup>3</sup>d  
 (D) sp<sup>3</sup>

Q.4 The ionic size of Na<sup>+</sup>, F<sup>-</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup> and Al<sup>3+</sup> varies as

- (A) Al<sup>3+</sup> > Mg<sup>2+</sup> > Na<sup>+</sup> > F<sup>-</sup>  
 (B) F<sup>-</sup> > Na<sup>+</sup> > Mg<sup>2+</sup> > Al<sup>3+</sup>  
 (C) Al<sup>3+</sup> > Mg<sup>2+</sup> > F<sup>-</sup> > Na<sup>+</sup>  
 (D) Na<sup>+</sup> > F<sup>-</sup> > Mg<sup>2+</sup> > Al<sup>3+</sup>

Q.5 The non-aromatic compound/ion is



### Q. 6 - Q. 15 carry two marks each.

Q.6 As predicted by MO theory, the bond order and magnetic nature of NO<sup>+</sup> are

- (A) three and paramagnetic  
 (C) two and paramagnetic  
 (B) two and diamagnetic  
 (D) three and diamagnetic

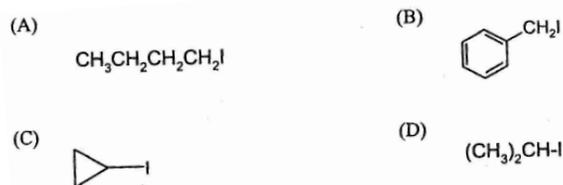
Q.7 The value of ionic product of water changes with temperature. It is  $1 \times 10^{-14}$  at 25 °C and  $1 \times 10^{-13}$  at 60°C. The **CORRECT** statement with respect to  $\Delta H$  and  $\Delta S$  is

- (A)  $\Delta H$  is negative and  $\Delta S$  is negative  
 (C)  $\Delta H$  is positive and  $\Delta S$  is negative  
 (B)  $\Delta H$  is positive and  $\Delta S$  is zero  
 (D)  $\Delta H$  is negative and  $\Delta S$  is positive

Q.8 10 micrograms of the enzyme carbonic anhydrase (molecular weight = 30,000 g/mole) removes 300 milligrams of carbon dioxide per minute from the cells ~ The turnover number of the enzyme is

- (A)  $20 \text{ min}^{-1}$   
 (B)  $2 \times 10^7 \text{ min}^{-1}$   
 (C)  $2 \times 10^{10} \text{ min}^{-1}$   
 (D)  $7.2 \times 10^{10} \text{ min}^{-1}$

Q.9 The iodide which reacts most slowly with cyanide ion as a nucleophile in a  $\text{S}_{\text{N}}^2$  reaction is



Q.10 The value of  $K_a$  of acetic acid is  $1.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol/dm}^3$

The pH of a buffer solution prepared by mixing 100 ml of 0.1 M acetic acid with a solution of 100 ml of 0.2 M sodium acetate is

- (A) 4.1  
 (B) 4.5  
 (C) 5.1  
 (D) 5.5

Q.11 The value of standard half cell potential of  $\text{Cu}^{+2}$ , Cu couple ( $E^{\circ}_{\text{Cu}^{(+2)}, \text{Cu}}$ ) is 0.34 V. A wire of pure copper is immersed into a solution of copper nitrate. If the measured cell potential against standard hydrogen electrode at 298 K is 0.24 V, the molar concentration of copper nitrate is

{Assume activity of  $\text{Cu}^{+2} = [\text{Cu}^{+2}]$ }

- (A)  $4.1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$   
 (B)  $2.0 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}$   
 (C)  $3.4 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M}$   
 (D)  $1.8 \times 10^{-1} \text{ M}$

### Common Data Questions

#### Common Data for Questions 12 and 13:

$[\text{FeCl}_4]^{2-}$  (I),  $[\text{CoCl}_4]^{2-}$  (II) and  $[\text{NiCl}_4]^{2-}$  (III) are paramagnetic tetrahedral complexes.

Q.12 The order of values of crystal field stabilization energy is

- (A) I > III > II  
 (B) III > I > II  
 (C) I > II > III  
 (D) II > III > I

Q.13 The order of values of spin only magnetic moment is

- (A) III > II > I  
 (B) III > I > II  
 (C) II > I > III  
 (D) I > II > III

### Linked Answer Questions

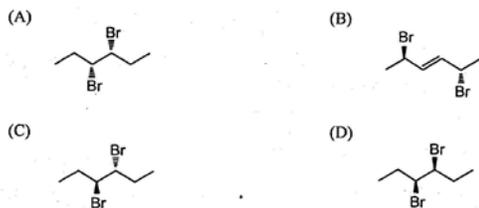
#### Statement for Linked Answer Questions 14 and 15:

Bromine water is decolourised upon reaction with (E)-3-hexene.

Q.14 it is due to

- (A) electrophilic addition of bromine to C=C
- (B) nucleophilic addition of bromine to C=C
- (C) electrophilic allylic bromination
- (D) nucleophilic allylic bromination

Q.15 The structure of the product obtained is



## Answers

1D 2A 3C 4B 5A 6D 7 Marks to All 8B 9C 10C 11A 12 Marks to All 13D 14A 15C

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# I: BIOCHEMISTRY

## Q.1- Q. 10 carry one mark each.

Q.1 Four proteins (P1, P2, P3 and p4) have 17, 10, 21 and 14 percent hydrophobic amino-acids respectively. The order of precipitation of these proteins using ammonium sulphate will be

- (A) P3, P1, P4, P2
- (B) P3, P1, P2, P4
- (C) P2, P4, P3, P1
- (D) P2, P4, P1, P3

Q.2 Which one of the following pairs of amino-acids if the protein has high propensity to take up the  $\alpha$ -helix conformation?

- (A) Gly-Asp
- (B) Pro-His
- (C) Gly-Pro
- (D) Ala-Arg

Q.3 Which one of the following closely defines 'Molten Globule' state of a protein?

- (A) State with high degree of secondary structure and loss of tertiary structure
- (B) State with complete loss of secondary structure
- (C) Completely unfolded state
- (D) Loss of quaternary structure

Q.4 Which one of the following amino acids has highest fluorescence quantum yield ( $\Phi$ ) in aqueous solution

- (A) Tyrosine
- (B) Tryptophan
- (C) Phenylalanine
- (D) Histidine

Q.5 Which one of the following compounds does **NOT** block electron transport?

- (A) Cyanide
- (B) Rotenone
- (C) Oligomycin
- (D) Antimycin A

Q.6 The pair of amino-acids which does **NOT** undergo post-translational modification is

- (A) Asn-His
- (B) Tyr-Ser
- (C) Asn-Ser
- (D) Ala-Gly

Q.7 Match the hormones in Group I with their metabolic precursor in Group II

### Group I

### Group II

- |                               |                      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| P. 17- $\beta$ estradiol      | 1. Arachidonic acid  |
| Q. Thromboxane A <sub>2</sub> | 2. Tyrosine          |
| R. Epinephrine                | 3. $\beta$ -carotene |
| S. Retinoic acid              | 4. Cholesterol       |

- (A) P-4, Q-2, R-3, S-1
- (B) P-1, Q-3, R-2, S-4
- (C) P-4, Q-1, R-2, S-3
- (D) P-1, Q-2, R-4, S-3

Q.8 Upon stimulation of a eukaryotic cell, the intracellular calcium ( $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ) is released from

- (A) Endoplasmic reticulum
- (B) Nucleus
- (C) Peroxisome

(D) Mitochondria

Q.9 Leguminous plants maintain a very low concentration of free oxygen in their root nodules because

- (A) the nitrogen fixing bacteria living in the root nodules are anaerobic
- (B) of binding of oxygen to leghemoglobin
- (C) reductase enzyme of the nitrogenase complex helps in removal of O<sub>2</sub>
- (D) nitrogenase enzyme of the nitrogenase complex helps in removal of O<sub>2</sub>

Q.10 The membrane of mature B cells have

- (A) both IgG and IgM
- (B) both IgG and IgD
- (C) both IgM and IgE
- (D) both IgM and IgD

**Q. 11 - Q. 20 carry two marks each.**

Q.11 An amino-acid has one proton donating group in the side chain (R). The  $pK_{COOH}$ ,  $pK_{NH_2}$  and  $pK_R$  values for this amino-acid are 2.19, 9.67 and 4.25, respectively. Which one of the following statements about this amino-acid is **CORRECT**?

- (A) Majority of the molecules will have a net charge of -1 at pH of 7.0
- (B) Majority of the molecules will have a net charge of 0 at pH of 4.25
- (C) All the molecules will have a deprotonated R group at pH of 3.22
- (D) During titration with a strong base, deprotonation will start with the R group

Q.12 Which one of the following bacterial toxins does NOT have ADP-ribosyl transferase activity?

- (A) Pertussis toxin
- (B) Diphtheria toxin
- (C) Pseudomonas Exotoxin A
- (D) *S. aureus*  $\alpha$ -toxin

Q.13 The **CORRECT** pair of amino acid sequence and the corresponding target organelle is

- (A) KDEL - Golgi
- (B) K-K/R-X-K/R - Lysosome
- (C) SKL - Peroxisome
- (D) NPVY - Endoplasmic reticulum

Q.14  $\beta$ -oxidation of a 16 carbon fatty acid and a 17 carbon fatty acid leads to formation of

- (A) (8 Acetyl CoA) and (8 Acetyl CoA + CO<sub>2</sub>), respectively
- (B) (5 Propionyl CoA + 1 CO<sub>2</sub>) and (5 Propionyl CoA + 1 Acetyl CoA), respectively
- (C) (5 Propionyl CoA + 1 CO<sub>2</sub>) and (5 Propionyl CoA + 2 CO<sub>2</sub>), respectively
- (D) (8 Acetyl CoA) and (7 Acetyl CoA + 1 Propionyl CoA), respectively

Q.15 Pick the correctly matched pairs.

- P. Immature B cells - Terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase
- Q. Activated B cells - Class switching
- R. Pre B cells - Surrogate light chain
- S. Mature B cells - Recombination activating gene 1

- (A) P and R
- (B) Q and R
- (C) Q and S
- (D) Q and P

Q.16 The actual free energy change of a given biochemical reaction carried out under standard conditions with 1 M initial concentration of each of the reactants and products will be

- (A) equal to zero
- (B) equal to standard free energy change for the reaction
- (C) less than the standard free energy change for the reaction
- (D) greater than the standard free energy change for the reaction

Q.17 Match the enzymes in **Group I** with their corresponding activity in **Group II**

<b>Group I</b>	<b>Group II</b>
P; Flippase	1. Catalyzes the movement of any $\gamma$ -phospholipid across the lipid bilayer down its concentration gradient
Q. Floppase	2. Catalyzes the translocation of amino-phospholipids from the extracellular to the inner leaflet
R. Lipase	3. Catalyzes the translocation of phospholipids from cytosolic to the extracellular leaflet
S. Scramblase	4. Degradation of phospholipids from the lipid bilayer including the inner and outer leaflets

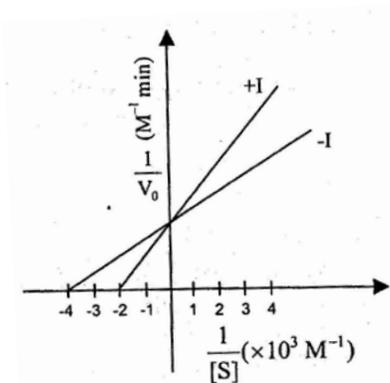
- (A) P-2, Q-3, R4, S-1  
 (B) P-1, Q-2, R-3, S-4  
 (C) P4, Q-1, R-2, S-3  
 (D) P-3, Q-2, R4, S-1

Q.18 Match the antibiotics in **Group I** with their mechanism of action in **Group II**

<b>Group I</b>	<b>Group II</b>
P. Tetracyclines	1. Inhibits bacterial protein synthesis by blocking peptidyl transfer
Q. Chloramphenicol	2. Inhibits bacterial protein synthesis by blocking the A-site on the ribosome
R. Cycloheximide	3. Misreads the genetic code and inhibits initiation of protein synthesis
S. Streptomycin	4. Inhibits protein synthesis by blocking peptidyl transferase on 80S ribosome

- (A) P-2, Q-1, R-3, S-4  
 (B) P-2, Q-1, R-4, S-3  
 (C) P-4, Q-3, R-1, S-2  
 (D) P-3, Q-4, R-2, S-1

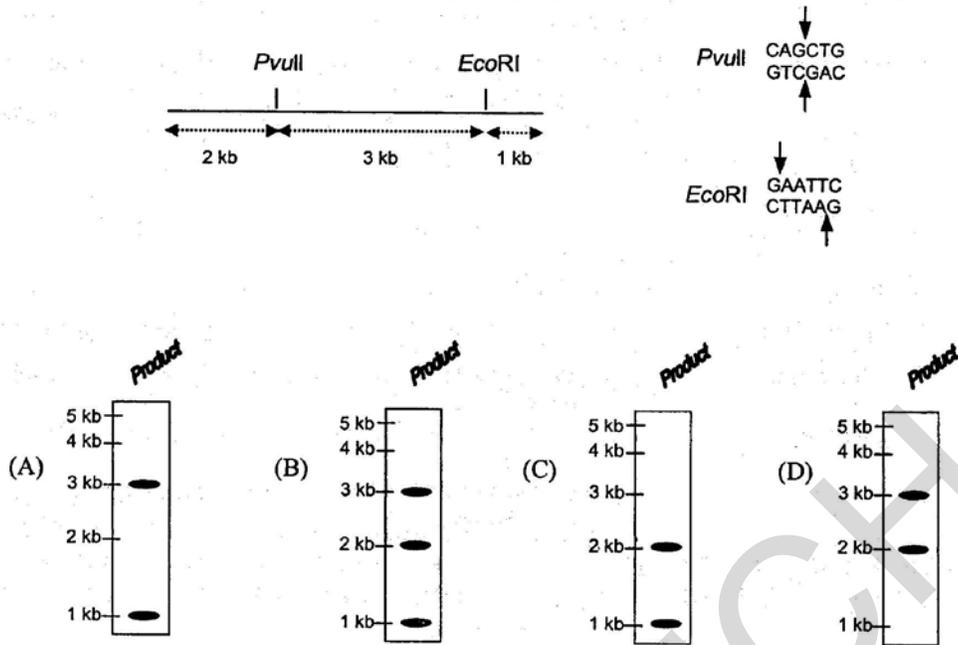
Q.19 The kinetics of an enzyme in the presence (+I) or absence (-I) of a reversible inhibitor is described in the following graph.



If concentration of the reversible inhibitor in +I experiment was equal to  $3.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M, then the dissociation constant for the enzyme-inhibitor complex is

- (A)  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  M  
 (B)  $2 \times 10^{-3}$  M  
 (C)  $3 \times 10^{-3}$  M  
 (D)  $4 \times 10^{-3}$  M

Q.20 The figure below is a schematic of a linear double stranded DNA containing the indicated restriction sites. The DNA was completely digested with PvuII and EcoRI. The products were purified and added to an appropriately buffered reaction mixture containing dNTP mix,  $\alpha$ - $^{32}$ P, dATP, and Klenow fragment of *E. coli* DNA polymerase I. The Klenow reaction products were analyzed by gel electrophoresis and autoradiography. Which of the following products depicts the expected result?



**Answers**

1A 2D 3A 4B 5C 6D 7C 8A 9B 10D 11A 12D 13C 14D 15B 16B 17A 18B 19C 20A

**J: BOTANY****Q. 1 - Q. 10 carry one mark each**

Q.1 The swollen base of a petiole is known as

- (A) Ligule
- (B) Hastule
- (C) Pulvinus
- (D) Stipule

Q.2 An estimate of phylogenetic relationships among the taxa is commonly represented in the form of a

- (A) Cladogram
- (B) Idiogram
- (C) Phenogram
- (D) Dedrogram

Q.3 Parenchyma cells associated with sieve tube members are called

- (A) Albuminous cells
- (B) Companion cells
- (C) Bulliform cells
- (D) Subsidiary cells

Q.4 Cytoplasmic male sterility via the chloroplast genome can be induced by the expression of *Pha A* gene encoding

- (A)  $\beta$ 3-Ketothiolase
- (B) Acetoacetyl CoA carboxylase
- (C) Acetoacetyl CoA reductase
- (D) PHB synthase

Q.5 The number of nucleosomes present in a 30 nm solenoid structure of a chromatin is

- (A) 2
- (B) 4
- (C) 6
- (D) 8

Q.6 Which one of the following performs normal C3 photosynthesis when water is available, but switches to crassulacean acid metabolism (CAM) during salt or drought stress?

- (A) *Mesembryanthemum Crystallinum*
- (B) *Cynodon dactylon*
- (C) *Eleusine coracana*
- (D) *Hordeum vulgare*

Q.7 Which one of the following is a free living photosynthetic nitrogen fixer?

- (A) *Frankia*
- (B) *Clostridium*
- (C) *Rhodospirillum*
- (D) *Rhizobium*

Q.8 Carbon dioxide and other green house gases act by

- (A) destroying ozone in the stratosphere
- (B) trapping heat in the earth's atmosphere
- (C) allowing more visible light to reach the earth's surface
- (D) reducing the amount of radiant energy which reaches the surface of the earth

Q.9 Which of the following best represents the flow of energy through an ecosystem?

- (A) Producers → Primary consumers → Secondary consumers
- (B) Sun → Producers → Secondary consumers → Primary consumers
- (C) Sun → Producers → Primary consumers → Secondary consumers
- (D) Secondary consumers → Primary consumers → Producers → Sun

Q.10 Which one of the following drugs is obtained from the capsule of *Papver somniferum*

- (A) Papain
- (B) Codeine
- (C) Digoxin
- (D) Bromelain

**Q. 11 - Q. 20 carry two marks each.**

Q.11 Which of the following statements are TRUE for plant growth regulators?

- P. The release of cellulase and polygalacturonase into the cell wall is promoted by abscissic acid
- Q. The early biosynthetic steps of gibberellic acid, up to the formation of ent-kaurene take place in the plastid
- R. The naturally occurring zeatin belongs to the aromatic group of cytokinins
- S. Induction of protease inhibitors as a result of wounding and pathogen attack is activated by jasmonic acid

- (A) P, R
- (B) Q, S
- (C) Q, R
- (D) P, Q

Q.12 Which Of the following statements are TRUE for the transposable elements?

- P. Barbara McClintock discovered the autonomous and non-autonomous transposable elements in Maize
- Q. Variations in flower pigmentation in *Antirrhinum* are due to the presence of transposable elements Ac and Ds
- R. The Ac transposable element is 4563 bp long and has an 11 bp inverted repeats
- S. Ds produces the transposase and mobilize the Ac elements

- (A) Q, S
- (B) P, Q
- (C) P, R
- (D) R, S

Q.13 Match the recombinant proteins produced through molecular farming with their applications.

**Recombinant proteins**

**Applications**

- P. Hirudine
- Q. Trichosanthin
- R. Somatotrophin
- S.  $\beta$ -Interferon

1. HIV therapy
2. Anticoagulant
3. Growth hormone
4. Hypertension
5. Cysticfibrosis
6. Treatment for hepatitis-B

- (A) (B) (C) (D)

- P-2 P-4 P-1 P-2
- Q-3 Q-1 Q-5 Q-1
- R-4 R-5 R-3 R-3
- S-1 S-2 S-2 S-6

Q.14 Which of the following statements are **CORRECT** for somatic cell hybridization?

- P. For fusion of protoplast, dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) is used as a fusogen
- Q. The enzyme 'Cellulase Onozuka' used for protoplast isolation is sourced from *Trichoderma viride*
- R. The first report of somatic hybrid plants resulted from the fusion of protoplasts of *Nicotiana glauca* and *N. tabacum*
- S. Viability of isolated protoplasts can be determined by Evan's blue staining

- (A) P, Q
- (B) Q, S
- (C) R, S
- (D) Q, R

Q.15 Which of the following statements are TRUE on transgene approach?

- P. T-DNA integration occurs mainly through homologous recombination
- Q. The Gateway cloning depends on recombination technology as opposed to standard uses of restriction enzymes and DNA ligase
- R. The localization of  $\beta$ -glucuronidase (GUS) activity as a result of expression of GUS reporter gene can be visualized in a histochemical assay using the X-gal

S. The green fluorescent protein gene (GFP) is isolated from the bacterium *Photinus pyralis*

- (A) P, Q
- (B) Q, R
- (C) P, S
- (D) R, S

Q.16 Identify the free radicals (marked as '?') in sequence from the inter-conversion of reactive oxygen species as shown below.



- P.  $O_2^-$
- Q.  $OH^-$
- R.  $HO_2$
- S.  $^1O_2$

- (A) P, Q
- (B) R, Q
- (C) P, R
- (D) Q, S

Q.17 With respect to adhesion and cohesion of stamens, identify the INCORRECT statements.

- P. Adnation of stamens to petals is described as epiphyllous stamens
- Q. In *Calotropis*, stamens and carpels are united to form gynostegium
- R. In syngenesious stamens, filaments are united to form a bundle while the anthers are free
- S. Synandrous stamens found in *Cucurbita* represent the union of filaments as well as anthers

- (A) P, Q
- (B) P, R
- (C) Q, S
- (D) Q, R

Q.18 Identify the CORRECT statements in plant secondary metabolism.

- P. Tropane alkaloids in *Atropa belladonna* are synthesized from tyrosine
- Q. Antioxidative food ingredient rosmarinic acid is obtained from cell suspension cultures of *Coleus blumei*
- R. Thiophenes are produced from hairy root cultures of *Tagetes patula*
- S. Cyanidin, the principal anthocyanin responsible for red color in *Rosa hybrida* is produced from cinnamaldehyde

- (A) P, S
- (B) R, S
- (C) P, Q
- (D) Q, R

Q.19 Which of the following statements are TRUE for respiration?

- P. The conversion of one molecule of pyruvate to three molecules of  $CO_2$  generates four molecules of NADH
- Q. Fructose 6-phosphate is the principal substrate for glycolysis
- R. The oxidation of glucose 6-phosphate to 6-phosphogluconate is the first step in the oxidative pentose phosphate pathway
- S. The mitochondrial 'alternate oxidase' provides an alternative pathway for transfer of electrons from ubiquinone to oxygen utilizing proton pumping complex of the respiratory chain

- (A) P, R
- (B) P, S
- (C) Q, R
- (D) Q, S

Q.20 Match the name of the disease with the causal organism.

**Disease**

- P. Black rot of sugarcane
- Q. Stem rot of jute
- R. Tikka disease of groundnut
- S. Crown gall of grapes

**Causal organism**

1. *Cercospora personata*
2. *Macrophomina phaseolina*
3. *Ceratocystis adiposa*
4. *Synchytrium endobioticum*
5. *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*
6. *Colletotrichum corchorum*

- (A)      (B)      (C)      (D)

P-1	P-2	P-3	P-2
Q-3	Q-3	Q-2	Q-6
R-6	R-1	R-1	R-3
S-5	S-5	S-5	S-4

### Answers

**1C 2A 3B 4A 5C 6A 7C 8B 9C 10B 11B 12C 13D 14 Marks to All 15A 16A 17B 18D 19A 20C**

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**K : MICROBIOLOGY****Q. 1- Q. 10 carry one mark each.**

Q.1 Which ONE of the following components is NOT an electron acceptor during anaerobic respiration?

- (A) Lactate
- (B) Carbonate
- (C) Nitrate
- (D) Sulphate

Q.2 Bergey's Manual of Systematic Bacteriology groups bacteria into species according to their

- (A) nutritional requirement
- (B) Phylogenetic relationships
- (C) pathogenic properties
- (D) morphology

Q.3 An Auxotrophic mutant arises spontaneously in a wild type *E.coli* culture growing in a rich medium.

Which ONE of the following techniques will ensure the isolation of the auxotrophic mutant?

- (A) Replica plating
- (B) Streaking for single colonies
- (C) Pour plating method
- (D) Direct microscopic observation

Q.4 Which ONE of the following mutants is used to carry out genetic analysis to determine the function of an essential gene?

- (A) Knock out mutant
- (B) Deletion mutant
- (C) Insertion mutant
- (D) Temperature sensitive mutant

Q.5 An *E. coli* mutant constitutive for the *lac* operon was mated with a wild type strain. The merodiploid thus obtained was inducible by lactose. This observation indicates that the original mutation is

- (A) dominant
- (B) trans-dominant
- (C) recessive
- (D) cis-dominant

Q.6 A rich medium is inoculated with a bacterium that divides every 30 minutes. The number of bacteria at the end of 50 hours is

- (A)  $2 \times 1^{10}$
- (B)  $2 \times 10^{20}$
- (C)  $1 \times 10^{50}$
- (D)  $1 \times 2^{100}$

Q.7 Which ONE of the following statements about *E. coli* is NOT true?

- (A) *E.coli* was the first disease-causing bacterium identified by Robert Koch
- (B) *E.coli* is part of the normal microbiota of humans
- (C) Certain *E.coli* strains can cause bloody diarrhoea
- (D) *E.coli* is beneficial to human

Q.8 Antibody coated pathogens are recognized by effector cells through

- (A) CD4 receptor
- (B) Fc receptor
- (C) CD8 receptor
- (D) IFN gamma receptor

Q.9 Match the disease in **Group I** with their corresponding organism in **Group II**

**Group I**

- P. African sleeping sickness
- Q. Rocky mountain spotted fever
- R. Mumps
- S. Filariasis

**Group II**

- I. Rubulavirus
- II. *Trypanosoma brucei*
- III. *Wucherera bancrofti*
- IV. *Rickettsia rickettsii*

V. *Leishmania donovani*

- (A) P-III, Q-V, R-II; S-I  
 (B) P-II, Q-I, R-III, S-IV  
 (C) P-II, Q-IV, R-I, S-III  
 (D) P-I, Q-V, R-II, S-IV

Q.10 Select the technique most appropriate to demonstrate that lactose induces the synthesis of  $\beta$ -galactosidase enzyme.

- (A) Northern Blot  
 (B) Western Blot  
 (C) Quantitative PCR  
 (D) Southern Blot

**Q. 11 - Q. 20 carry two marks each.**

Q.11 Frederick Griffith used smooth (S) and rough (R) strains of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* in his classical experiment that showed DNA might be the genetic element. Which ONE of the following observations gave the clue for this discovery?

- (A) R strain became S strain when mixed with heat killed S strain  
 (B) R strain remained R strain when mixed with heat killed S strain  
 (C) strain became R strain when mixed with heat killed R strain  
 (D) R strain became S strain when mixed with live S strain

Q.12 Entry of  $\lambda$  phage lysogen to lytic phase is triggered by

- (A) mutation in the  $\lambda$  genome  
 (B) loss of co-operativity in binding of  $\lambda$  repressor  
 (C) increase in the  $\lambda$  repressor concentration  
 (D) decrease in *recA* function

Q.13 Match the Phylum in **Group I** with their characteristic motility appendage listed in **Group II**

<b>Group I</b>	<b>Group II</b>
P. Archaezoa	I. Flagella
Q. Amoebozoa	II. Fimbriae
R. Ciliophora	III. Pseudopods
S. Apicomplexa	IV. Cilia
	V. Pili

- (A) P-V, Q-II, R-IV, S-IV  
 (B) P-II, Q-I, R-IV, S-III  
 (C) P-I, Q-III, R-IV, S-I  
 (D) P-III, Q-II, R-IV, S-V

Q.14 Ten bacteria were inoculated into a rich medium. If at the end of ten hours the total number of cells is  $10^4$  then the number of elapsed generations and the generation time respectively is

- (A) 10, 120 minutes  
 (B) 10, 60 minutes  
 (C) 20, 30 minutes  
 (D) 40, 15 minutes

Q.15 The first step in the replication of a virus with the reverse transcriptase deals with the synthesis of

- (A) complementary strand of RNA  
 (B) double stranded RNA  
 (C) complementary strand of DNA  
 (D) double stranded DNA

Q. 16 An *E. coli* mutant defective for an enzyme is unable to grow on acetate but grows on glycerol as the sole carbon source. Which ONE of the following enzymes is likely to be defective in this mutant?

- (A) Isocitrate dehydrogenase  
 (B) Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase  
 (C) Pyruvate dehydrogenase  
 (D) Isocitrate lyase

Q.17 Which of the following pairs of bacterial species fixes atmospheric Nitrogen?

- (A) Clostridia and *Rhizobia*
- (B) *Clostridia* and *Lactobacillus*
- (C) *Rhizobia* and *Enterococcus*
- (D) *Actinomycetes* and *Mycoplasma*

Q.18 Nalidixic acid inhibits gyrase activity. Resistance to this antibiotic arises mainly due to

- (A) nonsense mutation in the gyrase gene
- (B) deletion mutation in the gyrase gene
- (C) missense mutation in the gyrase gene
- (D) degradation of the gyrase gene product

Q.19 Transformation of normal cyanobacterial cells into heterocysts involves

- (A) synthesis of nitrogenase and retention of photosystem I
- (B) synthesis of nitrogenase and loss of photosystem I
- (C) loss of nitrogenase but retention of photosystem I
- (D) loss of both nitrogenase and photo system I

Q.20 Methane belched (eructation) out by cattle arises from the carbon dioxide produced

- (A) during normal respiration
- (B) oxidation of food stuff occurring in mitochondria
- (C) lactic acid fermentation occurring in muscles
- (D) bacterial fermentation occurring in the gut

### Answers

1A 2B 3A 4D 5C 6D 7A 8B 9C 10B 11A 12B 13C 14B 15C 16D 17A 18C 19A 20D

## L: ZOOLOGY

### Q. 1- Q. 10 carry one mark each.

Q.1 Trees in the equatorial region of earth supply oxygen into the atmosphere that sustains species living in distant polar regions. This relationship is called as –

- (A) mutualism
- (B) symbiosis
- (C) commensalism
- (D) parasitism

Q.2 A swimmer is preparing to swim 'non-stop' across the English channel (a distance of 34 kilometers). Consumption of which of the following category of food/s should the swimmer increase to accomplish this feat?

- (A) Proteins
- (B) Fats
- (C) Proteins and Carbohydrates
- (D) Carbohydrates

Q.3 Some species of beetles and fishes can survive at sub freezing temperature. They accomplish this by maintaining cellular integrity using one of the following mechanisms.

- (A) Expressing anti-freeze proteins
- (B) Accumulating fats
- (C) Increasing accumulation of complex polyols
- (D) Reducing the availability of total water in the body

Q.4 Zygotic genes required for the formation of a group of adjacent segment the developing *Drosophila* embryo is called

- (A) Maternal gene
- (B) Pair rule gene
- (C) Homeotic gene
- (D) Gap gene

Q.5 A typical receptor senses extracellular stimuli by virtue of its localization on plasma membrane. The receptor to which of the following ligands is an exception to this rule?

- (A)  $\gamma$ -amino butyric acid
- (B) Acetyl Choline
- (C) Estrogen
- (D) Luteinizing hormone

Q.6 The relationship between genes and enzymes was first suggested, by the discovery of

- (A) in born errors of metabolism in human
- (B) sexual phenotype in insects
- (C) metabolic pathways in fungi
- (D) gene regulation in bacteria

Q.7 The blind spot in the retina is blind because of which of the following reasons?

- (A) It is the region where the optical nerve leaves the retina.
- (B) The opsin is not expressed in this region.
- (C) It lies in the shadow of pupil.
- (D) It is the junction between rods and cones.

Q.8 Lamprey, a jawless fish, belongs to which one of the following 'Classes'?

- (A) Myxini
- (B) Cephalaspilomorphi
- (C) Conodonts
- (D) Anaspida

Q.9 Chorionic gonadotropin plays an important role in the establishment and maintenance of pregnancy and synthesized in the placenta of

- (A) Cattle

- (B) Pigs
- (C) Mice
- (D) Human

Q.10 Glucose and hexanoic acid, each having six carbon atoms can undergo complete biological oxidation. In terms of net ATP generation, which of the following statements is CORRECT?

- (A) Glucose produces more ATP than hexanoic acid
- (B) Only glucose can generate ATP
- (C) Both glucose and hexanoic acid produce same amount of ATP
- (D) Hexanoic acid produces more ATP than glucose

**Q. 11 - Q. 20 carry two marks each.**

Q.11 Match the following evolutionary biologists with their respective theory

- |                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| I) August Weisman         | i) Neutral theory of molecular evolution    |
| II) Jean-Baptiste Lamarck | ii) Handicap principle                      |
| III) Amotz Zahavl         | iii) Germ plasm theory                      |
| IV) Motoo Kimura          | iy) Inheritance of acquired characteristics |

- (A) I-ii, II-iv, III-i, IV-iii
- (B) I-iii, II-I, III-ii, IV-i
- (C) I-iii, II-iv, III-I, IV-ii
- (D) I-iii, II-i, III-iv, IV-ii

Q.12 A female cat with a mutant phenotype was bred with a wild type male cat. All progeny (4 males and 4 females) show the mutant phenotype. On the other hand, all progeny (4 males and 4 females) from the reciprocal cross between a mutant and a wild-type female show the wild-type phenotype. Which of the following explain the inheritance pattern of the mutation?

- (A) Recessive
- (B) Linked inheritance
- (C) Mitochondrial inheritance
- (D) Autosomal inheritance

Q.13 If all the nucleotides have equal probability of occurrence in a 4 Mbp long DNA sequence, then how many times will the site of *EcoRI*, restriction endonuclease occur?

- (A) 976
- (B)  $4^6$
- (C)  $6^4$
- (D) 1000

Q.14 Seasonally breeding animals and birds measure the day length, i.e photoperiod and use these measurements as predictive information to prepare themselves for breeding. Besides melatonin, which of the following hormones is involved in this biological process ?

- (A) Gonadotropin releasing hormone
- (B) Growth hormone
- (C) Thyroxine
- (D) Adrenocorticotrophic hormone

Q.15 Red-Green color blindness is an X-linked recessive disorder. In a population which is in the Hardy Weinberg equilibrium, the incidence of occurrence of this in males is 1: 1000. What will be the expected incidence of affected homozygous females?

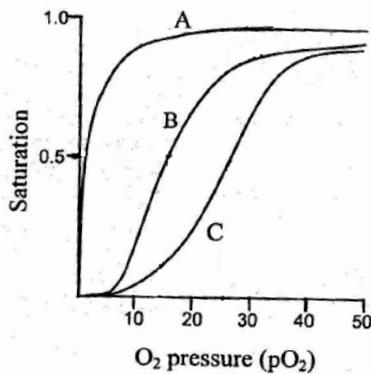
- (A) 1 in 1002000
- (B) 1 in 2000000
- (C) 1 in 1001000
- (D) 1 in 190qooo

Q.16 Golgi apparatus is also termed as cellular post office, since it packages and transports cellular proteins across various organelles and outside. The cell in general, the Golgi, is perinuclear in location and is closely associated with the endoplasmic reticulum. A chemical compound, Monensin inhibits all trafficking from Golgi. If Golgi is visualized by immunofluorescence microscopy after treatment with this compound, the Golgi will be

- (A) absent
- (B) normal
- (C) swollen

(D) fragmented

Q.17 In an individual, three distinct proteins bind oxygen depending on the location and development stage. While hemoglobin is the major oxygen binding protein in adults, myoglobin is present in skeletal muscles and fetal hemoglobin is present in fetal stage only. The following graph shows the oxygen binding capacity of these proteins. The A, B and C plots represent oxygen binding capacity of



- (A) hemoglobin, fetal hemoglobin and myoglobin, respectively  
 (B) fetal hemoglobin, hemoglobin and myoglobin, respectively  
 (C) hemoglobin, myoglobin and fetal hemoglobin respectively  
 (D) myoglobin, fetal hemoglobin and hemoglobin, respectively

Q.18 A patient comes with symptoms of autoimmune hemolysis. The diagnostic tests reveal that he has auto-antibodies to red blood cells (RBCs). Which one of the following mechanisms is the cause of this condition?

- (A) Neutrophils release granzymes which lyse RBCs  
 (B) Complement is activated and membrane attack complex lyse RBCs  
 (C) Cytotoxic T -cells lyse RBCs  
 (D) Interleukin-2 binds to the receptor on RBCs

Q.19 The nerve impulse at the neuromuscular junction results in discharge of acetylcholine (Ach) from its vesicles into the synaptic cleft. Ach gets degraded by acetylcholine esterase and is present in which one of the following locations?

- (A) Post synaptic membrane  
 (B) Both pre and post - synaptic clefts  
 (C) Presynaptic membrane  
 (D) Synaptic cleft

Q.20 Increasing estradiol (E2) hormone from ovarian follicles prior to ovulation has been hypothesized to play a critical role for induction of pheromones. These pheromones render females sexually receptive to males to facilitate mating. An investigator performs experiments in sheep in which females are gonadectomized, then treated with E2 or vehicle alone and allowed to breed. Which one of the findings listed below will validate the hypothesis that pheromones are induced by E2?

- (A) Sexual receptivity is regained only in vehicle treated females.  
 (B) Sexual receptivity is regained only in E2 treated females  
 (C) Sexual receptivity was regained irrespective of E2 treatment  
 (D) Sexual receptivity is not regained by any treatment

## Answers

1C 2B 3A 4D 5C 6A 7A 8B 9D 10D 11B 12C 13A 14C 15 D 16C 17D 18B 19A 20B



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