



BIOLOGY HIGHER LEVEL PAPER 1

Wednesday 16 November 2011 (afternoon)

1 hour

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer all the questions.
- For each question, choose the answer you consider to be the best and indicate your choice on the answer sheet provided.

Questions 1 and 2 refer to the following image of a liver cell.

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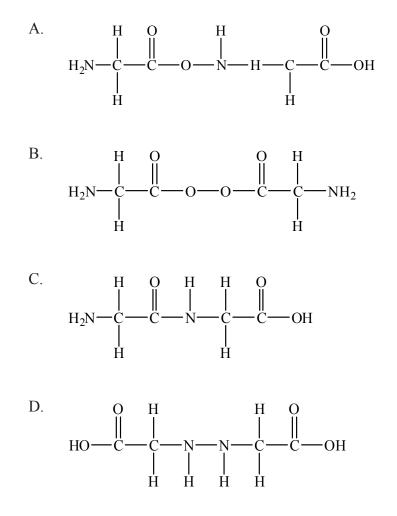
- 1. What is the function of the organelles labelled X?
 - A. Glycolysis
 - B. Polypeptide formation
 - C. Aerobic cell respiration
 - D. Protein transport
- 2. What is the approximate size of the nucleus?
 - A. 2μm
 - B. 5μm
 - C. 9 µm
 - D. 24 µm

- **3.** Which statement is part of the cell theory?
 - A. All cells have a cell wall.
 - B. Every cell shows emergent properties.
 - C. Every cell carries out all the functions of life.
 - D. All cells come from pre-existing cells.
- 4. What is phosphorus used for in plant cells?
 - A. Structure of hemoglobin
 - B. Composition of long-term energy storage
 - C. Positive charge of membranes
 - D. Composition of nucleic acids
- 5. Which statement describes glycogen?
 - A. It is a hormone involved in the control of blood glucose.
 - B. It is a component of the cell wall in plants.
 - C. It is a monosaccharide converted to pyruvate during cell respiration.
 - D. It is a polysaccharide found in animals.

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6. Which molecular structure correctly illustrates two amino acids linked by a peptide bond?



7. What substance is represented by this structure?

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- A. Glycerol
- B. Fatty acid
- C. Cellulose
- D. Glycogen

- I. It occurs during interphase.
- II. It is semi-conservative.
- III. It is a stage in protein synthesis.
- A. I only
- B. II only
- C. I and II only
- D. I, II and III
- 9. Which of the following processes uses DNA ligase?
 - A. Unwinding DNA
 - B. Gene transfer using plasmids
 - C. Adding primers
 - D. Complementary base pairing
- **10.** After which process are introns removed?
 - A. Replication
 - B. Transcription
 - C. Translation
 - D. Translocation
- **11.** What is predicted by the induced-fit model?
 - A. An inhibitor changes the shape of the active site.
 - B. The substrate shape exactly fits the active site.
 - C. The enzyme shape is changed by the substrate.
 - D. The substrate is an inhibitor of the active site.

- 12. What is involved during oxidation?
 - A. The loss of electrons
 - B. The gain of electrons
 - C. The gain of hydrogen
 - D. The loss of oxygen
- 13. What happens for each glucose during glycolysis?
 - A. Four ATP are used.
 - B. Two three-carbon compounds are formed.
 - C. Two NADPH + H^+ are formed.
 - D. Two pyruvates are decarboxylated.
- 14. Which of the following is a role of ATP in photosynthesis?
 - A. It provides the energy to make carbohydrate molecules.
 - B. It splits water molecules to form oxygen and hydrogen.
 - C. It breaks down pyruvate into carbon dioxide.
 - D. It converts light energy into chemical energy.
- 15. What happens to triose phosphate (TP) in the light-independent reactions of photosynthesis?

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- A. TP is reduced to glycerate-3-phosphate (GP).
- B. TP is linked to CO_2 by ribulose bisphosphate carboxylase (Rubisco).
- C. TP is oxidized by NADPH + H^+ .
- D. TP is regenerated into ribulose bisphosphate (RuBP).

16. The following diagram shows a stage of meiosis.

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What stage is represented in the diagram?

- A. Anaphase I
- B. Metaphase I
- C. Metaphase II
- D. Anaphase II
- 17. When does an unequal division of cytoplasm occur?
 - A. During meiosis in the apical meristem
 - B. During the division of Sertoli cells into spermatozoa
 - C. During binary fission of eukaryotic cells
 - D. During meiosis in the human ovary
- **18.** In humans a V-shaped hair line is dominant to a straight hair line. A woman with a V-shaped hair line and a man with a straight hair line have children. The woman has a mother with a straight hair line. What is the proportion of children who are likely to have a V-shaped hair line?
 - A. Half of the children
 - B. A quarter of the children
 - C. All of the children
 - D. None of the children

19. The following is a dihybrid cross involving linked genes.

$$\frac{FH}{fh} = \frac{fh}{fh}$$

Which of the following offspring genotypes are recombinants?

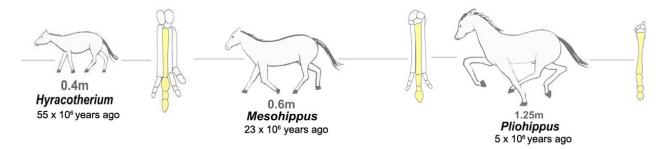
I.
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- A. I only
- B. II only
- C. I and II only
- D. I, II and III
- 20. Which technique causes fragments of DNA to move in an electric field?
 - A. Polymerase chain reaction (PCR)
 - B. Genetic modification
 - C. Therapeutic cloning
 - D. Gel electrophoresis

- 21. Which process occurs during cloning of animals using differentiated cells?
 - A. The oocyte is exposed to UV light to destroy the donor cell nucleus.
 - B. An oocyte nucleus is replaced with a donor nucleus.
 - C. A secondary oocyte is injected into the receiver's oviduct.
 - D. The nucleus of a spermatocyte is injected into the oocyte with a micropipette.
- 22. Which term best defines a group of populations living and interacting with each other in an area?
 - A. Ecology
 - B. Community
 - C. Species
 - D. Ecosystem
- 23. What is the purpose of calculating the standard deviation?
 - A. To represent graphically the variability of data
 - B. To give a measure of the spread of values around the mean
 - C. To represent the range of 50% of the data
 - D. To give a measure of the correlation between two variables
- 24. What is most likely to result in a species if there is increased immigration?
 - A. Decrease in emigration
 - B. Decrease in mortality
 - C. Increase in natality
 - D. Increase in population

- 25. What is a consequence of a global temperature rise on arctic ecosystems?
 - A. Decrease in CO₂ released from decomposing detritus
 - B. Increase in the greenhouse effect
 - C. Decrease in ocean level
 - D. Increase in pest species
- **26.** The following diagrams (not to scale) represent the fossilized forelimbs of three horses living at different times, none of which are alive today.

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The diagrams provide evidence for which of the following?

- A. Pentadactyl limb
- B. Domestication of animals
- C. Homologous structures
- D. Change in the characteristics of species

- 27. Where does **most** assimilation take place?
 - A. In cells
 - B. In the mouth
 - C. In the small intestine
 - D. In the large intestine
- **28.** What is the role of the pacemaker (SAN)?
 - A. It controls the release of epinephrine (adrenaline).
 - B. It sends nerve impulses to the ventricles.
 - C. It regulates the activity of the medulla.
 - D. It changes the frequency of muscle contraction in the heart.
- **29.** What occurs during the process of ventilation?
 - A. Contraction of external intercostal muscles raises the ribcage.
 - B. Relaxation of the abdominal muscles decreases the air volume in the lungs.
 - C. Contraction of internal intercostal muscles raises the ribcage.
 - D. Relaxation of the diaphragm decreases the air pressure in the lungs.

- **30.** Which term describes the phase of rapid entry of sodium ions (Na⁺) into an axon during an action potential?
 - A. Active transport
 - B. Depolarization
 - C. Ion pumping
 - D. Repolarization

31. What is excretion?

- A. Production of urea by the kidneys
- B. Removal of waste products of metabolic pathways
- C. Release of undigested substances through the anus
- D. Release of molecules into the proximal convoluted tubule
- **32.** What occurs in the body after the injection of a vaccine containing antigens?
 - A. Activated B-cells divide to form memory cells.
 - B. The receiver of the vaccine develops passive immunity.
 - C. Helper T-cells produce specific antibodies.
 - D. Macrophages are cloned and destroy the antigen.

- **33.** What happens **immediately** after the penetration of the egg membrane by a sperm during fertilization?
 - A. The acrosomal reaction
 - B. The secondary oocyte develops
 - C. The blastocyst divides by mitosis
 - D. The cortical reaction
- 34. Which hormone increases in concentration in the mother's blood during early pregnancy?
 - A. ADH
 - B. FSH
 - C. HCG
 - D. LH
- **35.** What is the role of ligaments in humans?
 - A. Linking bones together at a joint
 - B. Preventing friction at a joint
 - C. Contracting to move a joint
 - D. Attaching muscles to bones
- **36.** What is produced in the body during HIV infection?
 - A. Anti-HIV antibiotics
 - B. Anti-HIV anticodons
 - C. Anti-HIV antibodies
 - D. Anti-HIV antigens

- A. Bryophyta
- B. Porifera
- C. Angiospermophyta
- D. Cnidaria

38. Which characteristic suggests that a plant is dicotyledonous?

- A. Flowers having five anthers
- B. Cones producing seeds
- C. Leaves having parallel venation
- D. Flowers producing pollen
- **39.** What is a role of xylem?
 - A. It absorbs minerals from the soil by active transport.
 - B. It translocates amino acids from source to sink.
 - C. It carries glucose to the leaves.
 - D. It contributes to the plant support with lignified walls.
- **40.** Which substance is synthesized by germinating seeds?
 - A. Phytochrome
 - B. Gibberellin
 - C. Starch
 - D. Abscisic acid