

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION - 2013
M.Sc. Plant Biology and Biotechnology

Time: 2 hours

Maximum Marks: 100

HALL TICKET NO.

INSTRUCTIONS

Please read carefully before answering the questions:

1. Enter your Hall Ticket number both on the top of this page and on the OMR answer sheet.
2. Answers are to be marked only on the OMR answer sheet following the instructions provided there upon.
3. Hand over the OMR answer sheet at the end of the examination to the Invigilator.
4. The question paper contains 100 questions (**Part-A:** Question Nos. 1-25 and **Part-B:** Question Nos. 26-100) of multiple choice typed in 18 pages, including this page. One OMR answer sheet is provided separately. **Please check.**
5. The marks obtained in **Part-A** will be used for resolving the tie cases.
6. Each question carries one mark.
7. There is negative marking for wrong answers, in **PARTS-A and B**. For each wrong answer, 0.33 of a mark will be deducted.
8. Calculators and mobile phones are not allowed.

PART-A

1. Which of the following processes substitutes for sexual reproduction in flowering plants?

- A. Parthenocarpy
 B. Apomixis
 C. Parthenogenesis
 D. Semigamy

2. Match the common names of the plants listed in the left panel with their scientific names from the right panel and choose the correct answer

Common name

- L. Blackgram
 M. Greengram
 N. Chickpea
 O. Pigeonpea

Scientific name

- I. *Cajanus cajan* L.
 II. *Cicer arietinum* L.
 III. *Vigna mungo* L.
 IV. *Vigna radiata* L.
 V. *Vigna unguiculata* L.

- A. L-IV; M-III; N-I; O-II
 B. L-III; M-IV; N-I; O-II
 C. L-III; M-IV; N-II; O-I
 D. L-III; M-V; N-II; O-I

3. The genotype that is present most often among the progeny of a cross **AaBb** X **AaBb** is

- A. AaBb
 B. AAbb
 C. AABB
 D. AABb

4. Robert Lefkowitz and Brian Kobilka received Nobel Prize in chemistry in 2012 for studies on

- A. Quasicrystals
 B. Structure and function of the ribosome
 C. Molecular basis of eukaryotic transcription
 D. G-protein-coupled receptors

5. A set of approximately 25 genes encodes a pathogenicity mechanism that enables Gram-negative bacteria to secrete and inject virulence proteins into the cytoplasm of eukaryotic host cell is termed as

- A. ABC transporter system
 B. Type two secretion system
 C. Type three secretion system
 D. Type four secretion system

6. Which among the following is not correctly matched?
- A. Day neutral plants – Plants that start flowering without any light stimulus
 - B. Short day plants – Plants that flower only when exposed to short periods of lights
 - C. Long day plants – Plants that flower after exposure to long days
 - D. Intermediate day plants – Plants that flower in response to either long or short days
7. When enzyme binds to substrate, the activation energy level is
- A. Lower
 - B. Higher
 - C. Not changed
 - D. Sub-optimal
8. All of the following statements regarding plant secondary metabolites are true except
- A. They play a primary role in the normal growth and development of the organism
 - B. They can provide protection against predators and microbial pathogens
 - C. They can provide protection from radiation from the sun
 - D. They play a major role in the adaption of plants to the changing environment
9. Gregor Mendel had discovered the basic mechanism of inheritance. Which of the following is not true with regard to the experimental techniques used by Mendel?
- A. The choice of peas which are easy to grow and have a short life cycle
 - B. He choose simple, easily identified characteristics which occurred in just two forms
 - C. He made crosses between heterozygous parent plants to get F₁
 - D. He analyzed his results mathematically
10. The antibiotic that is used in plant transformation experiments for inhibiting the growth of *Agrobacterium* is
- A. Amphotericin
 - B. Carbenicillin
 - C. Kanamycin
 - D. Streptomycin
11. Fermentation: a word with many meanings for microbiologist and for a biochemist, it is
- A. Growth dependent on substrate-level phosphorylation
 - B. Use of an organic substrate as the electron donor and acceptor
 - C. A biological process that occurs in the absence of oxygen
 - D. Any process involving mass culture of microorganisms under anaerobic conditions

12. Trisomic series have been obtained in *Datura stramonium* which has $2n = 24$ chromosomes. How many chromosomes will be formed in a trisomic member of this species?

- A. 12
 B. 13
 C. 24
 D. 25

13. Match the terms listed in Panel 1 with the description indicated in Panel 2 and choose the correct answer

Panel 1

- L. Xerophyte
 M. Orophyte
 N. Mesophyte
 O. Halophyte

Panel 2

- I. Plants adapted to non-saline soil
 II. Plants that grow in places with scanty water
 III. Plants adapted to saline soils
 IV. Plants inhabiting hills and mountains
 V. Plants that grow under average conditions of temperature and moisture

- A. L-II, M-IV, N-I, O-III
 B. L-II; M-IV, N-V; O-III
 C. L-II, M-I, N-V; O-III
 D. L-V; M-I, N-IV, O-II

14. Which of the following statements regarding a catalyst is **wrong**?

- A. A catalyst remains chemically unchanged at the end of the reaction
 B. Only a small amount of catalyst is required
 C. A catalyst initiates a chemical reaction
 D. A catalyst is a substance which increases or decreases the rate of a reaction

15. In autochory, the plant itself carries out the dispersal of its propagules. Identify the mismatch with respect to self-dispersal in the following

- A. Ballochory – transport by attachment of propagules to animals
 B. Barochory – transport *via* gravity
 C. Blastochory – dispersal *via* runners
 D. Herpochory – transport *via* active creeping

16. An organism has cytosine as 20% of its bases. The relative percentages of guanine, adenine and thymine in its bases would be

- A. 20%, 30% and 30%, respectively
 B. 30%, 30% and 20%, respectively
 C. 30%, 20% and 30%, respectively
 D. 20%, 20% and 30%, respectively

23. Match the gene interactions given in Panel-A with inheritance pattern given in Panel B and choose the correct answer

Panel A

- L. Complementary epistasis (9:7)
 M. Recessive epistasis (9:3:4)
 N. Dominant epistasis (12:3:1)
 O. Duplicate genes (15:1)

Panel B

- i. Dominant allele at one locus masks expression at second locus
 ii. At least one dominant allele from each of two genes needed for phenotype
 iii. One dominant allele from either of two genes needed for the phenotype
 iv. Homozygous recessive genotype at one locus masks expression at second locus

- A. L-III; M-IV; N-II; O-I
 C. L-II; M-IV; N-III; O-I

- B. L-III; M-IV, N-I; O-II
 D. L-II; M-IV; N-I; O-III

24. *Bordetella pertussis* produces an exotoxin as a pathogenicity factor that causes increase in target cell cAMP level, decrease in ATP production and modifies the cellular functions. What could be the target of this exotoxin?

- A. ADP ribosylation of the elongation factor 2
 B. Calmodulin-activated adenylate cyclase
 C. Mitogen-activated protein kinase
 D. Zinc-dependent endopeptidase

25. When the pollen tube enters the ovules through the integuments, it is referred as

- A. Pseudogamy
 C. Chalazogamy
 B. Mesogamy
 D. Porogamy

PART-B

26. Which of the following statements about phytochromes is incorrect?

- A. It is a heterodimer consisting of two different protein molecules conjugated to a light absorbing molecule
 B. Plants make 5 phytochromes, Phy A, Phy B, Phy C, Phy D and Phy E
 C. Phytochromes differ in their absorption spectra
 D. Phytochromes exist in two interconvertible forms, PR and PFR

27. Which test can be undertaken to differentiate between Glucose and Fructose?
- A. Benedict
B. Seliwanoff
C. Molisch
D. Osazone
28. Identify the pyrimidine base that contains an amino group at carbon 4 position
- A. Adenine
B. Uracil
C. Cytosine
D. Thymine
29. *Neurospora crassa* is an extremely important research tool in genetics and biochemistry. This fungus belongs to the division
- A. Ascomycota
B. Zygomycota
C. Chitridiomycota
D. Basidiomycota
30. All of the following statements are true about sickle-cell anemia except
- A. It is an autosome-linked recessive trait
B. It is controlled by a single pair of alleles, HbA and HbS
C. There are two genotypes and heterozygous individuals show the diseased phenotype
D. It can be transmitted from parents to the offspring when both the partners are carriers for the gene
31. Vivipary occurs due to the deficiency of
- A. Auxin
B. Abscisic acid
C. Cytokinin
D. Gibberellins
32. Which of the following is an ideal bioindicator?
- A. Grass
B. Moss
C. Sedge
D. Sugarcane
33. Which among the following is a bactericidal antibiotic that binds to the small ribosomal subunit and inhibit protein synthesis in bacteria?
- A. Bacitracin
B. Penicillin
C. Streptomycin
D. Vancomycin

34. Match the scientists names given in the Panel-A with their contributions given in the Panel-B and choose the correct answer

Panel-A

- L. H. J. Muller
M. C. Bridges
N. B. McClintock
O. T. H. Morgan

Panel-B

- I. Non-disjunction proof that chromosomes contain genes
II. Demonstration of extranuclear inheritance in higher plants
III. Mutagenic effect of X-rays in *Drosophila* flies
IV. Discovery of mobile genetic elements
V. Discovery of sex-linkage

- A. L-III; M-I; N-IV; O-V
C. L-V; M-I; N-IV; O-III

- B. L-III; M-I; N-IV; O-II
D. L-V; M-I; N-IV; O-II

35. Centriole is a

- A. Structure in the cytoplasm of a cell that plays an important role in cell replication
B. Structure on chromosomes that defines the length of chromosomal arms
C. Structure present in the vacuole of a cell
D. Structure present in the nucleolus of a cell

36. Assuming Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium, the genotype frequency of heterozygotes, if the frequency of the two alleles at the gene being studied are 0.7 and 0.3 will be

- A. 0.09
C. 0.42
B. 0.21
D. 0.49

37. Which of the following is **not** a coal combustion product?

- A. Fly ash
C. Gypsum
B. Lime
D. Boron

38. What is the function of the Golgi apparatus?

- A. Site of protein synthesis
B. Stores additional DNA, to be used during apoptosis
C. Sorts and packages proteins made in the endoplasmic reticulum
D. Site of cellular toxin degradation

39. Identify the mismatch between the type of enzyme and its example
- A. Oxidoreductase – Lactate dehydrogenase
 - B. Hydrolase – Glucose-6-phosphatase
 - C. Ligase – Glutamate synthetase
 - D. Transferase – Fumarate hydratase
40. The outer membrane of Gram-negative bacteria is known to harbor the endotoxins in the lipopolysaccharide (LPS) complex. Which portion of the LPS is toxic?
- A. Lipoprotein
 - B. Lipid A
 - C. Peptidoglycan
 - D. Oligosaccharide
41. The decrease in size and vigour in early generation of inbreeding is due to
- A. Loss of superior genes
 - B. Reduction in the frequency of superior genes
 - C. Expression of many lethal and sub-vital recessive alleles
 - D. Loss of hybrid vigour
42. Which one of the following was used as a source of hydrogen by earliest photosynthesizers?
- A. H_2S
 - B. H_2O
 - C. S
 - D. HCl
43. Which of the following is not composed of amino acids?
- A. Glucagon
 - B. Collagen
 - C. Amylase
 - D. Cellulose
44. The eukaryotic RNA polymerase that transcribes transfer RNA is
- A. RNA polymerase I
 - B. RNA polymerase II
 - C. RNA polymerase III
 - D. RNA polymerase IV
45. The association between mycorrhizae with the roots of plant species are considered
- A. Commensalism
 - B. Amensalism
 - C. Mutualistic
 - D. Parasitic

60. Haploid production by wide hybridization followed by zygotic embryo culture was reported by Kasha and Kasha in 1970 in
- A. *Hordeum vulgare* L. B. *Oryza sativa* L.
C. *Solanum lycopersicum* L. D. *Secale cereale* L.
61. The organization of meristems differs in angiosperms, gymnosperms and pteridophytes. Identify the **incorrect** statement with respect to meristem organization
- A. Pteridophytes possess a single meristematic cell
B. The vegetative meristem in gymnosperms lacks organization into distinct tunica and corpus
C. The gymnosperms do not have any vegetative meristem
D. The outermost layer of meristem cells in angiosperms divides anticlinally to generate the new cells
62. The conversion of pyruvate to acetyl CoA occurs in
- A. Mitochondrial matrix B. Cytosol
C. Nucleus D. Thylakoid membrane
63. What is the **correct** order of steps in a mutagenesis screen?
- A. Positional cloning, mutagenesis, identify mutants, verify genetic basis
B. Mutagenesis, positional cloning, identify mutants, verify genetic basis
C. Mutagenesis, identify mutants, verify genetic basis, positional cloning
D. Identify mutants, positional cloning, mutagenesis, verify genetic basis
64. Which of the following molecular markers requires Southern hybridization for its identification?
- A. Random Amplified Polymorphic DNA
B. Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphism
C. Inter Simple Sequence Repeats
D. Single Nucleotide Polymorphism
65. *Cinnamomum camphora* which is a source of camphor belongs to the family
- A. Euphorbiaceae B. Lauraceae
C. Santalaceae D. Malvaceae

66. Mosses and ferns, which belong to bryophytes and pteridophytes respectively, resemble the amphibians in the animal kingdom in what respect?
- They have same pattern of nutrition
 - They have common sensory organ which help them to recognize their food
 - They have common sensory organ which help them to recognize their enemy
 - They require an external source of water for male gametes to swim to female gametes for fertilization during sexual reproduction
67. In case of single crossovers between two-linked genes, the frequency of recombinant gametes is half the frequency of crossing-over because
- A testcross between a homozygote and heterozygote produces $\frac{1}{2}$ heterozygous and $\frac{1}{2}$ homozygous progeny
 - The frequency of recombination is always 50%
 - Each crossover takes place between only two of the four chromatids of a homologous pair
 - Crossovers occur in about 50% of meiosis
68. Alginic acid that is widely used in food, textile and pharmaceutical industry as gelling or thickening agent, is a major constituent of
- Phycocolloid and commercially extracted from giant brown algae
 - Phycobillins conjugated with heavy metals and commercially extracted from giant brown algae
 - Phycocolloid conjugated with heavy metals and commercially extracted from red algae
 - Phycocolloid and commercially extracted from green algae
69. Transpeptidation is a crucial step in the biosynthesis of bacterial cell wall. Antibiotics that inhibit the transpeptidation are routinely used for therapeutic purposes for bactericidal effects. What could be the substrate for one such antibiotic vancomycin?
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| A. Carboxypeptidase | B. D-Ala-D-Ala |
| C. Transpeptidase | D. mDPA-L-Ala |
70. Saffron, obtained from *Crocus sativus* L., is a spice that is used in cooking as a seasoning and as a food colouring agent. Which part of *Crocus sativus* is used to make saffron?
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| A. Leaves | B. Stigma |
| C. Corm | D. Petals |

71. If an affected male has affected daughters and sons in about the same number as unaffected daughters and sons, the trait is likely to be an
- A. X-linked dominant trait B. X-linked recessive trait
C. Autosomal recessive trait D. Autosomal dominant trait
72. Zoonotic describes a situation caused by a
- A. Parasitic organism that is normally found in animals
B. Nematihelminth parasite in human beings
C. Parasitic animal infecting the plants
D. Parasitic organism that is normally found in humans
73. Which of the following plants is the smallest flowering plant on earth?
- A. *Lemma* B. *Rafflesia*
C. *Wolffia* D. *Sequoia*
74. Taxol, an anticancer drug, isolated from the bark of *Taxus brevifolia* is classified as
- A. Terpenoid B. Flavonoid
C. Polyketide D. Phenylpropanoid
75. The molecule that confers acidic nature on DNA is
- A. Nitrogenous base B. Phosphate
C. Pentose sugar D. Hydrogen
76. Conjugation between F^+ and F^- cells usually results in
- A. Two F^- cells B. Two F^+ cells
C. One F^+ cell and one F^- cell D. Two Hfr cells
77. The output of glycolysis if one glucose molecule metabolizes
- A. 2 Pyruvate, 2 ATP and 2 NADH
B. 4 Pyruvate, 2 ATP and 2 NADH
C. 4 Pyruvate, 4 ATP and 2 NADH
D. 2 Pyruvate, 4 ATP and 4 NADH

92. π and ψ angles for secondary structures of protein are also called
- A. Torsion angle
B. Trihedral angle
C. Dipeptide angle
D. Quadrangle
93. If a radioactive isotope has a smaller proton/neutron ratio in its nucleus than the corresponding stable isotope, it would emit
- A. Positron
B. Neutron
C. α -particle
D. Electron
94. Identify the mismatch in the following
- A. Raffinose is a trisaccharide
B. Glucose is an aldohexose
C. Fructose is a ketohexose
D. Mannose is an aldopentose
95. Which of the following is not a characteristic feature of aromatic compounds?
- A. Cyclic
B. Usually very unstable
C. Uses a p atomic orbital to form π -type bonds
D. High degree of unsaturation but resistant to addition reactions
96. Identify the mismatch from the following
- A. Halophile - Salt
B. Osmophile - Solute
C. Oligophile - Pressure
D. Alkaliphile - pH
97. For microbial growth, Molasses is a very good source of
- A. Oxygen
B. Carbon
C. Phosphorus
D. Heavy metals
98. An infection developed during a stay at a hospital or other clinical care facility is often referred to as
- A. Latent
B. Nosocomial
C. Opportunistic
D. Secondary

99. Stickland reaction is

- A. between two amino acids, in which one amino acid is oxidized and a second amino acid acts as an electron acceptor
- B. between an amino acid and a keto-acid, in which the amino acid is oxidized and the keto-acid acts as an electron acceptor
- C. between an amino acid and a keto-acid, in which the amino acid donates amino group and the keto-acid acts as an amino acceptor
- D. between two keto-acids, in which one keto-acid is oxidized and a second keto-acid acts as an electron acceptor

100. If a mRNA sequence is CUC AAG UGC UAC, its complementary anticodon (on tRNA) will be

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| A. GTG TTC TCG TUG | B. GAG UUC ACG AUG |
| C. GUG AAC UCG UAG | D. CAC UUG AGC AUC |