GATE 2024 Life Sciences Question Paper with Solution

Time Allowed :3 Hour	Maximum Marks :100	Total Questions :65

General Instructions

Please read the following instructions carefully:

1. This question paper is divided into three sections:

   - **General Aptitude (GA):** 10 questions (5 questions × 1 mark + 5 questions × 2 marks) for a total of 15 marks.
   - **Chemistry :**15 questions (9 question × 1 mark + 8 question × 2 marks) for a total of 25 marks.
   - **Life Sciences :**
     - Each of the optional sections of the XL paper (Biochemistry, Botany, Microbiology, Zoology, Food Technology) contains 19 questions carrying a total of 30 marks:
     - 8 questions carrying 1-mark each (sub-total 8 marks) and 11 questions carrying 2-marks each (sub-total 22 marks).

2. The total number of questions is **65**, carrying a maximum of **100 marks**.

3. The duration of the exam is **3 hours**.

4. Marking scheme:

   - For 1-mark MCQs, $\frac{1}{3}$ mark will be deducted for every incorrect response.
   - For 2-mark MCQs, $\frac{2}{3}$ mark will be deducted for every incorrect response.
   - No negative marking for numerical answer type (NAT) questions.
   - No marks will be awarded for unanswered questions.

5. Ensure you attempt questions only from the optional section (Part B1 or Part B2) you have selected.

6. Follow the instructions provided during the exam for submitting your answers.

General Aptitude GA

1. If '→' denotes increasing order of intensity, then the meaning of the words [walk → jog → sprint] is analogous to [bothered → _____ → daunted]. Which one of the given options is appropriate to fill the blank?
(A) *phased*
(B) *phrased*
(C) *fazed*
(D) *fused*

Correct Answer: (C) fazed

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the relationship.

The relationship in the sequence [walk → jog → sprint] represents increasing levels of intensity or progression. Similarly, the sequence [bothered → _____ → daunted] represents an increasing intensity of emotional disturbance or difficulty.

Step 2: Analyzing the options.

- **(A) phased:** This refers to stages or steps, but it does not fit the context of emotional progression.

- **(B) phrased:** This relates to wording or expression, which is irrelevant here.

- **(C) fazed:** This means disturbed or unsettled, fitting perfectly between bothered and daunted.

- **(D) fused:** This refers to joining together, which does not align with the context.

Step 3: Selecting the correct option.

Option (C) **fazed** correctly represents the increasing emotional intensity from bothered to daunted.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
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> When solving analogy questions, focus on identifying the relationship between terms in one set and finding the corresponding term in the other set based on the same pattern.

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2. Two wizards try to create a spell using all the four elements, water, air, fire, and earth. For this, they decide to mix all these elements in all possible orders. They also decide to work independently. After trying all possible combinations of elements, they conclude that the spell does not work. How many attempts does each wizard make before coming to this conclusion, independently?

(A) 24
(B) 48
(C) 16
(D) 12

Correct Answer: (A) 24

Solution: Step 1: Total permutations of the elements.

There are four elements: water, air, fire, and earth. The total number of ways to arrange these elements in all possible orders is given by the factorial of the number of elements:

$$4! = 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 24$$

Step 2: Independent attempts.

Each wizard works independently, and both attempt all the possible arrangements of the four elements. Thus, each wizard makes 24 attempts before concluding that the spell does not work.

Step 3: Verifying the correct option.

Since 4! equals 24, the correct answer is (A) 24.

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3. In an engineering college of 10,000 students, 1,500 like neither their core branches nor other branches. The number of students who like their core branches is $\frac{1}{4}$ of the number of students who like other branches. The number of students who like both their core and other branches is 500. The number of students who like their core branches is:

(A) $1,800$
(B) $3,500$
(C) $1,600$
(D) $1,500$

Correct Answer: (A) 1,800

Solution:

Step 1: Total students and given information. The total number of students in the college is $10,000$. Out of these, $1,500$ students like neither their core branches nor other branches. Hence, the remaining students who like at least one of the branches is:

$$10,000 - 1,500 = 8,500$$

Step 2: Let the number of students who like other branches be x. The number of students who like their core branches is given as $\frac{1}{4}x$, and the number of students who like both branches is 500.

Using the principle of inclusion-exclusion for the students who like at least one branch:

Students liking at least one branch = (Students liking core branches)+(Students liking other branches)−(

Substituting the values:

$$8,500 = \frac{1}{4}x + x - 500$$

Step 3: Simplify the equation to find x. Combine terms:

$$8,500 = \frac{5}{4}x - 500$$

Add 500 to both sides:

$$9,000 = \frac{5}{4}x$$

Multiply through by 4 and divide by 5:

$$x = \frac{9,000 \times 4}{5} = 7,200$$

Step 4: Find the number of students who like core branches. The number of students who like their core branches is:

$$\frac{1}{4}x = \frac{1}{4} \times 7,200 = 1,800$$

Thus, the correct answer is $1,800$.

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4. For positive non-zero real variables x and y, if

$$\ln\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left[\ln(x) + \ln(y)\right],$$

then, the value of $\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x}$ is:
(A) 1
(B) $\frac{1}{2}$
(C) 2
(D) 4

Correct Answer: (C) 2
Solution:
Step 1: Simplify the given logarithmic equation. The given equation is:

$$\ln\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\left[\ln(x) + \ln(y)\right].$$

Using the logarithm property, $\ln(ab) = \ln(a) + \ln(b)$, we write:

$$\frac{1}{2}\left[\ln(x) + \ln(y)\right] = \frac{1}{2}\ln(xy).$$

Thus, the equation becomes:

$$\ln\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\ln(xy).$$

Step 2: Exponentiate both sides. Exponentiating both sides, we get:

$$\frac{x+y}{2} = \sqrt{xy}.$$

Multiply through by 2:

$$x + y = 2\sqrt{xy}.$$

Step 3: Divide through by $\sqrt{xy}$. Dividing both sides by $\sqrt{xy}$, we get:

$$\frac{x}{\sqrt{xy}} + \frac{y}{\sqrt{xy}} = 2.$$

Simplify the terms:

$$\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} + \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} = 2.$$

Step 4: Square both sides. Squaring both sides:

$$\left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} + \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}}\right)^2 = 2^2.$$

Expanding the square:

$$\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x} + 2 = 4.$$

Step 5: Solve for $\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x}$. Subtract 2 from both sides:

$$\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x} = 2.$$

Thus, the value of $\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x}$ is $\boxed{2}$.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
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> When solving logarithmic equations, simplify step-by-step using logarithmic properties, and always verify the solution by back-substitution.

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5. In the sequence $6, 9, 14, x, 30, 41$, a possible value of x is:
(A) 25
(B) 21
(C) 18
(D) 20

Correct Answer: (B) 21
Solution:
Step 1: Analyze the differences between consecutive terms. The given sequence is $6, 9, 14, x, 30, 41$. Calculate the differences between consecutive terms:

$$9 - 6 = 3, \quad 14 - 9 = 5.$$

Let x be the next term:

$$x - 14 = 7 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = 21.$$

For the subsequent terms:

$$30 - 21 = 9, \quad 41 - 30 = 11.$$

Step 2: Confirm the pattern. The differences between consecutive terms form the sequence:

$$3, 5, 7, 9, 11.$$

This is an arithmetic progression with a common difference of 2, verifying the correctness of the solution.
Thus, the value of x is $\boxed{21}$.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
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> To solve sequence problems, analyze the differences or ratios between consecutive terms. Look for arithmetic or geometric progressions or other patterns.

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6. Sequence the following sentences in a coherent passage.

P: This fortuitous geological event generated a colossal amount of energy and heat that resulted in the rocks rising to an average height of 4 km across the contact zone.

Q: Thus, the geophysicists tend to think of the Himalayas as an active geological event rather than as a static geological feature.

R: The natural process of the cooling of this massive edifice absorbed large quantities of atmospheric carbon dioxide, altering the earth's atmosphere and making it better suited for life.

S: Many millennia ago, a breakaway chunk of bedrock from the Antarctic Plate collided with the massive Eurasian Plate.

(A) $QPSR$
(B) $QSPR$
(C) $SPRQ$
(D) $SRPQ$

Correct Answer: (C) $SPRQ$

Solution: The correct sequence of the passage is $S \to P \to R \to Q$:

Step 1: Identify the introductory sentence. The sentence S describes the origin of the geological event, making it the natural starting point.

Step 2: Arrange the subsequent sentences. Sentence P follows S, as it explains the energy and heat generated by the collision. Sentence R describes the cooling process that followed the event, which logically succeeds P. Finally, sentence Q concludes the passage by explaining the perspective of geophysicists, tying together the overall context.

Thus, the correct sequence is $SPRQ$.

> **💡 Quick Tip**
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> When solving sentence arrangement problems, identify the sentence that introduces the topic (usually the most general statement) and the one that concludes it (often summarizing or providing a perspective).

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7. A person sold two different items at the same price. He made 10% profit in one item, and 10% loss in the other item. In selling these two items, the person made a total of:

(A) 1% profit
(B) 2% profit
(C) 1% loss
(D) 2% loss

Correct Answer: (C) 1% loss

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the problem.

The person sells two items at the same selling price. For one item, he makes a 10% profit, and for the other, he incurs a 10% loss. We need to calculate the overall gain or loss percentage.

Step 2: Assume selling price and calculate cost prices.
Let the selling price of each item be 100 units. - For the first item with 10% profit:

$$\text{Cost price of the first item} = \frac{\text{Selling price}}{1 + \frac{\text{Profit percentage}}{100}} = \frac{100}{1.1} = 90.91 \text{ units.}$$

- For the second item with 10% loss:

$$\text{Cost price of the second item} = \frac{\text{Selling price}}{1 - \frac{\text{Loss percentage}}{100}} = \frac{100}{0.9} = 111.11 \text{ units.}$$

Step 3: Calculate total cost price and total selling price.
- Total cost price:
$$\text{Total cost price} = 90.91 + 111.11 = 202.02 \text{ units.}$$

- Total selling price:
$$\text{Total selling price} = 100 + 100 = 200 \text{ units.}$$

Step 4: Calculate overall loss percentage.
The overall loss is:

$$\text{Loss} = \text{Total cost price} - \text{Total selling price} = 202.02 - 200 = 2.02 \text{ units.}$$

The loss percentage is:

$$\text{Loss percentage} = \frac{\text{Loss}}{\text{Total cost price}} \times 100 = \frac{2.02}{202.02} \times 100 \approx 1\%.$$

Conclusion.
The overall result is a 1% loss. Thus, the correct answer is:
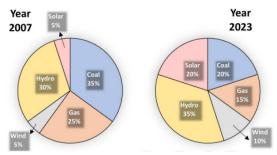**Correct Answer:** (C) 1% loss

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💡 **Quick Tip**

For questions involving equal selling prices with both profit and loss, use the formula:

$$\text{Overall loss percentage} = \frac{(\text{Profit percentage} \times \text{Loss percentage})}{100}.$$

This simplifies calculations without requiring assumptions.

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8. The pie charts depict the shares of various power generation technologies in the total electricity generation of a country for the years 2007 and 2023.

The renewable sources of electricity generation consist of Hydro, Solar, and Wind. Assuming that the total electricity generated remains the same from 2007 to 2023, what is the percentage increase in the share of the renewable sources of electricity generation over this period?

(A) 25%

(B) 50%

(C) 77.5%

(D) 62.5%

Correct Answer: (D) 62.5%

Solution:

Step 1: Determine the share of renewable sources for 2007. The renewable sources are Hydro, Solar, and Wind. From the 2007 pie chart:

$$\text{Hydro} = 30\%, \text{ Solar} = 5\%, \text{ Wind} = 5\%$$

$$\text{Total Renewable Share (2007)} = 30\% + 5\% + 5\% = 40\%.$$

Step 2: Determine the share of renewable sources for 2023. From the 2023 pie chart:

$$\text{Hydro} = 35\%, \text{ Solar} = 20\%, \text{ Wind} = 10\%$$

$$\text{Total Renewable Share (2023)} = 35\% + 20\% + 10\% = 65\%.$$

Step 3: Calculate the percentage increase.

$$\text{Increase in Renewable Share} = \text{Total Renewable Share (2023)} - \text{Total Renewable Share (2007)}$$

$$\text{Increase in Renewable Share} = 65\% - 40\% = 25\%.$$

The percentage increase in the share of renewable sources is:

$$\text{Percentage Increase} = \frac{\text{Increase in Renewable Share}}{\text{Total Renewable Share (2007)}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Percentage Increase} = \frac{25\%}{40\%} \times 100 = 62.5\%.$$

Thus, the percentage increase is 62.5%.

💡 **Quick Tip**

For pie chart-based problems involving percentages, identify the relevant segments and calculate differences systematically. Use the formula for percentage increase:

$$\text{Percentage Increase} = \frac{\text{Increase in Value}}{\text{Initial Value}} \times 100.$$

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9. A cube is to be cut into 8 pieces of equal size and shape. Here, each cut should be straight, and it should not stop till it reaches the other end of the cube. The minimum number of such cuts required is:

(A) 3

(B) 4

(C) 7

(D) 8

Correct Answer: (A) 3
Solution:
Step 1: Understanding the problem. To divide a cube into 8 equal parts, we need to make straight cuts. Each cut should divide the cube into smaller sections until 8 equal pieces are obtained.

Step 2: Visualizing the cuts. 1. Make the first cut along one plane (say the vertical plane) to divide the cube into 2 equal halves. 2. Make the second cut along a plane perpendicular to the first (say the horizontal plane) to divide each half into 2 more equal parts, resulting in 4 equal pieces. 3. Make the third cut along another perpendicular plane (say the depth plane) to divide each of the 4 parts into 2 more equal parts, resulting in 8 equal pieces.

Step 3: Verification. Each cut reaches the other end of the cube and divides it completely into smaller sections. After 3 cuts, we get $2^3 = 8$ pieces, as required.
Thus, the minimum number of cuts required is 3.

> 💡 **Quick Tip**
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> For problems involving division of objects like cubes or cuboids, use the formula 2^n, where n is the number of cuts, to calculate the resulting pieces.

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10. In the 4×4 array shown below, each cell of the first three rows has either a cross (X) or a number. The number in a cell represents the count of the immediate neighboring cells (left, right, top, bottom, diagonals) NOT having a cross (X). Given that the last row has no crosses (X), the sum of the four numbers to be filled in the last row is:

1	X	4	3
X	5	5	4
3	X	6	X
?	?	?	?

(A) 11
(B) 10
(C) 12
(D) 9

Correct Answer: (A) 11
Solution:
Step 1: Understand the rule for calculating numbers.
Each cell's value represents the count of its immediate neighbors (left, right, top, bottom, and diagonals) that do not have a cross (X). This rule applies to all cells in the grid.

Step 2: Calculate the numbers for the last row. We compute the value for each cell in the last row based on the given information:

- Cell (4, 1): Neighbors: (3, 1), (3, 2), (4, 2). Non-X neighbors: (3, 1) = 3. Value = 1.
- Cell (4, 2): Neighbors: (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 3), (4, 1), (4, 3). Non-X neighbors: (3, 1), (3, 3), (4, 1). Value = 3.
- Cell (4, 3): Neighbors: (3, 2), (3, 3), (3, 4), (4, 2), (4, 4). Non-X neighbors: (3, 3), (3, 4), (4, 2). Value = 3.
- Cell (4, 4): Neighbors: (3, 3), (3, 4), (4, 3). Non-X neighbors: (3, 3), (3, 4). Value = 4.

Step 3: Compute the total sum.
The sum of the numbers in the last row is:

$$1 + 3 + 3 + 4 = 11.$$

Final Answer: (A) 11

> **♀ Quick Tip**
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> When solving grid-based problems, carefully examine the neighbors for each cell and apply the given rule systematically. Double-check calculations for edge and corner cells, as their neighbors are fewer.

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11. The CORRECT order of electronegativity is:
(A) Al ¿ Si ¿ P ¿ S
(B) Al ¿ S ¿ Si ¿ P
(C) S ¿ Si ¿ Al ¿ P
(D) S ¿ P ¿ Si ¿ Al

Correct Answer: (D) S ¿ P ¿ Si ¿ Al
Solution:
Step 1: Understanding electronegativity. Electronegativity is the tendency of an atom to attract electrons towards itself in a chemical bond. The Pauling scale is the most commonly used scale for electronegativity. Electronegativity generally increases across a period and decreases down a group in the periodic table.

Step 2: Electronegativity values of the given elements. - Sulfur (S) = 2.58 - Phosphorus (P) = 2.19 - Silicon (Si) = 1.90 - Aluminum (Al) = 1.61
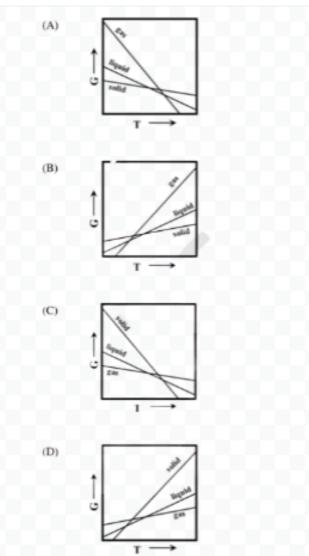**Step 3: Arranging in decreasing order.** Based on the electronegativity values:

$$S ¿ P ¿ Si ¿ Al$$

Step 4: Verifying the options. Option (D) matches the correct order.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
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> Electronegativity increases across a period (left to right) and decreases down a group (top to bottom). For elements in the same group or period, consult the Pauling scale for accurate values.

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12. Which one of the following is the CORRECT representation of the variation of the Gibbs free energy (G) of a substance with temperature (T) at constant pressure?

(A)

(B)

(C)

(D)

Correct Answer: (A)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding Gibbs free energy (G) dependence on temperature. Gibbs free energy (G) is a thermodynamic potential that decreases as the temperature (T) increases for a given phase. The phase with the lowest G at a particular T is the stable phase.

Step 2: Behavior of G for different phases. - Solids have the lowest entropy and the most stable G at low T. - Liquids have moderate entropy and become stable at intermediate T. - Gases have the highest entropy and are stable at high T.
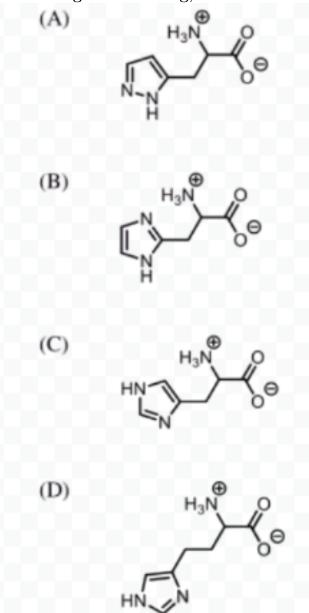
Step 3: Analyzing the diagrams. Option (A) correctly depicts the sequence:

$$G_{\text{solid}} > G_{\text{liquid}} > G_{\text{gas}}$$

at increasing temperatures (T) with intersecting lines at phase transition points.

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13. Among the following, the structure representing histidine is:

(A)

(B)

(C)

(D)

Correct Answer: (C)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the structure of histidine. Histidine is an essential amino acid with an imidazole side chain, making it one of the basic amino acids. It consists of: - An amino group (NH_3^+) at physiological pH, - A carboxyl group (COO^-), - An imidazole ring as the side chain.

Step 2: Analyzing the options. - Option (A) lacks the imidazole side chain. - Option (B) represents an incorrect ring structure (pyrrole). - Option (C) correctly depicts the imidazole ring along with the amino and carboxyl groups, characteristic of histidine. - Option (D) does not include the imidazole ring, which is essential for histidine.

Conclusion. The structure in option (C) accurately represents histidine with its imidazole side chain, amino group, and carboxyl group.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
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> Histidine's imidazole ring plays a crucial role in enzyme active sites due to its ability to donate and accept protons, making it essential in biological catalysis.

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14. The CORRECT order of acidity of the following compounds is:

(A) I ¿ II ¿ III
(B) II ¿ III ¿ I
(C) I ¿ III ¿ II
(D) III ¿ II ¿ I

Correct Answer: (B)
Solution:
Step 1: Understanding acidity in the given compounds. The acidity of a compound is influenced by the stability of the conjugate base after deprotonation. A more stable conjugate base implies higher acidity. In this case, the compounds I, II, and III differ based on the position and number of hydrogen atoms attached to the nitrogen atom in the pyrrole ring.
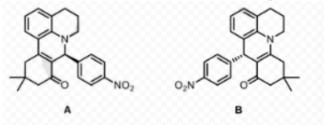
- **Compound I:** The nitrogen atom is protonated (NH_2^+), leading to a strong acid since the conjugate base formed (NH) is neutral and stable.

- **Compound II:** The nitrogen atom is protonated (NH_3^+), but it has an additional proton, which results in relatively less stability of the conjugate base compared to Compound I.

- **Compound III:** The nitrogen is unprotonated, and the lone pair on nitrogen participates in resonance with the pyrrole ring, reducing its acidic nature.

Step 2: Analyzing the options. - Compound II has the highest acidity due to the greater stability of the conjugate base after deprotonation (NH_2^+ becoming NH_3^+). - Compound III follows due to partial resonance stabilization. - Compound I is the least acidic because the conjugate base is less stabilized.

Step 3: Conclusion. The correct order of acidity is: II ¿ III ¿ I.

15. The molecules A and B are a pair of ":

(A) enantiomers
(B) diastereomers
(C) conformational isomers
(D) constitutional isomers

Correct Answer: (D)
Solution:
Step 1: Understanding the types of isomerism. 1. Enantiomers: Molecules that are non-superimposable mirror images of each other. 2. Diastereomers: Stereoisomers that are not mirror images of each other. 3. Conformational isomers: Isomers that differ by rotation about a single bond. 4. Constitutional isomers: Molecules with the same molecular formula but different connectivity of atoms.

Step 2: Analyzing molecules A and B. The given molecules A and B have the same molecular formula. However, the connectivity of atoms differs between the two structures. For example, the positions of the functional groups (like the NO_2 group) and the bonds differ between the two molecules.
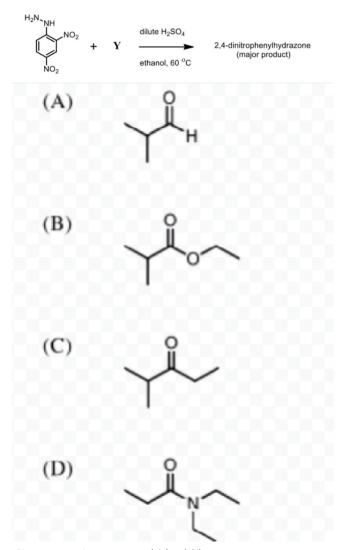This difference in connectivity indicates that the two molecules are constitutional isomers.

Step 3: Conclusion. The correct classification of molecules A and B is that they are constitutional isomers.

Quick Tip

To differentiate between types of isomers, always compare: 1. Connectivity of atoms for constitutional isomers. 2. Mirror image relation for enantiomers. 3. Bond rotations for conformational isomers. 4. Stereochemistry for diastereomers.

16. The CORRECT option(s) of Y for the following reaction is/are:

Correct Answer: (A); (C)

Solution:

Step 1: Reaction mechanism overview. This reaction involves the formation of a 2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazone derivative, a classic test for the presence of carbonyl compounds (aldehydes and ketones). The $2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine$ reacts with carbonyl compounds to form hydrazones. The reaction is highly specific for compounds with a carbonyl group ($-CHO$ or $C = O$).

Step 2: Analyzing the options. 1. Option (A): Contains a carbonyl group ($-CHO$), making it reactive under the given conditions. 2. Option (B): Contains an ester functional group ($COOR$), which does not react with $2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine$. 3. Option (C): Contains a carbonyl group ($C = O$), making it reactive under the given conditions. 4. Option (D): Contains an amide group ($CONH2$), which does not react with $2,4-dinitrophenylhydrazine$.

Step 3: Conclusion. The compounds with a reactive carbonyl group are present in options (A) and (C).

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17. The maximum number of electrons that can be accommodated in the shell with $n = 2$ is _____ (in integer).

(Given: n = principal quantum number)

Correct Answer: 8

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the concept of principal quantum number n. The principal quantum number n defines the shell of an atom. The number of electrons in a shell is determined by the formula:

$$\text{Maximum electrons} = 2n^2$$

Step 2: Applying the formula for $n = 2$. For $n = 2$, the maximum number of electrons is:

$$\text{Maximum electrons} = 2 \cdot (2)^2 = 2 \cdot 4 = 8$$

Step 3: Conclusion. The shell with $n = 2$ can accommodate a maximum of 8 electrons.

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18. One mole of an ideal gas expands isothermally and reversibly to double its volume. If the expansion work done by the system is 1728.85 J, the temperature of the system is _____ K (rounded off to 2 decimal places).

(Given: Gas constant, $R = 8.314 \, \text{J K}^{-1} \, \text{mol}^{-1}$)

Correct Answer: 300.48 K

Solution:

Step 1: Work done during isothermal expansion. For an isothermal and reversible expansion, the work done is given by:

$$W = nRT \ln\left(\frac{V_f}{V_i}\right)$$

where: $n = 1$ (number of moles), $R = 8.314 \, \text{J K}^{-1} \, \text{mol}^{-1}$ (gas constant), $\ln\left(\frac{V_f}{V_i}\right) = \ln(2) \approx 0.693$, $W = 1728.85 \, \text{J}$ (work done).

Step 2: Rearrange the formula to find T. Rewriting the equation:

$$T = \frac{W}{nR \ln\left(\frac{V_f}{V_i}\right)}$$

Step 3: Substituting the values.

$$T = \frac{1728.85}{1 \cdot 8.314 \cdot 0.693}$$

$$T = \frac{1728.85}{5.755522}$$

$$T \approx 300.48\,\text{K}$$

Step 4: Conclusion. The temperature of the system is approximately $300.48\,\text{K}$, which lies between $299.90\,\text{K}$ and $301.90\,\text{K}$.

💡 Quick Tip

For isothermal processes, always use the relation $W = nRT \ln\left(\frac{V_f}{V_i}\right)$. Remember that $\ln(2) \approx 0.693$, which is commonly used in problems involving doubling the volume.

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19. The initial rate of a reaction triples when the concentration of a reactant, A, is doubled. The order of the reaction with respect to A is _____ (rounded off to 2 decimal places).

Correct Answer: 1.585

Solution:

Step 1: Write the rate law for the reaction. The rate of a reaction can be expressed as:

$$r = k[A]^n$$

where: $r =$ rate of reaction, $k =$ rate constant, $[A] =$ concentration of reactant A, $n =$ order of the reaction with respect to A.

Step 2: Analyze the given data. When the concentration of A is doubled, the rate of reaction triples. Mathematically:

$$\frac{r_2}{r_1} = \frac{k[2A]^n}{k[A]^n}$$

Simplify:

$$\frac{r_2}{r_1} = 2^n$$

Given that $\frac{r_2}{r_1} = 3$:

$$3 = 2^n$$

Step 3: Solve for n. Take the logarithm on both sides:

$$\ln(3) = n \ln(2)$$

$$n = \frac{\ln(3)}{\ln(2)}$$

Substitute values:

$$n = \frac{1.0986}{0.6931}$$

$$n \approx 1.585$$

Step 4: Conclusion. The order of the reaction with respect to A is approximately 1.585, which lies between 1.55 and 1.60.

> **Quick Tip**
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> To determine the reaction order when rates and concentrations are given, use the formula:
> $$n = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{\text{Rate 2}}{\text{Rate 1}}\right)}{\ln\left(\frac{\text{Concentration 2}}{\text{Concentration 1}}\right)}.$$

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20. Each of the following alkenes undergoes addition reaction with bromine. Under the same reaction conditions, the CORRECT trend in the reaction rates is:

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

Correct Answer: (B) II > III > I
Solution:
Step 1: Analyze the effect of substituents on the alkene. The rate of bromine addition to alkenes depends on the electron density in the double bond. Electron-donating groups increase the electron density, making the alkene more reactive towards bromine. Conversely, electron-withdrawing groups reduce the electron density, decreasing the reactivity.

Step 2: Reactivity of each compound. - Compound I: Contains a strongly electron-withdrawing $-COOH$ group. This reduces the electron density in the double bond, making it the least reactive. - Compound II: Contains an electron-donating $-CH_3$ group, which increases the electron density in the double bond, making it highly reactive. - Compound III: Contains no significant electron-donating or electron-withdrawing groups. Its reactivity lies between that of Compound I and Compound II.

Step 3: Arrange the reactivity. Based on the substituent effects:

Rate of reaction: II ¿ III ¿ I.

Step 4: Conclusion. The correct trend in the reaction rates is II > III > I.

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21. An enzyme-catalyzed conversion of a substrate at 298 K proceeds by a Michaelis-Menten mechanism. The Lineweaver-Burk plot for the analysis of the experimental data has an intercept along the y-axis of $0.357\,\text{mmol}^{-1}\,\text{dm}^3\,\text{s}$ and a slope of $2.10\,\text{s}$. The CORRECT Michaelis constant for the reaction is——- (rounded off to 2 decimal places):

(A) $5.88\,\text{mmol}\,\text{dm}^{-3}$
(B) $5.88\,\text{mmol}\,\text{dm}^{-3}\,\text{s}^{-1}$
(C) $2.80\,\text{mmol}\,\text{dm}^{-3}$
(D) $2.80\,\text{mmol}\,\text{dm}^{-3}\,\text{s}^{-1}$

Correct Answer: (A) $5.88\,\text{mmol}\,\text{dm}^{-3}$

Solution:

Step 1: Lineweaver-Burk equation. The Lineweaver-Burk equation is given by:

$$\frac{1}{v} = \frac{K_m}{V_{\text{max}}} \cdot \frac{1}{[S]} + \frac{1}{V_{\text{max}}}$$

where: - K_m: Michaelis constant. - V_{max}: Maximum reaction rate. - $[S]$: Substrate concentration.

From the equation, the slope of the Lineweaver-Burk plot is:

$$\text{slope} = \frac{K_m}{V_{\text{max}}}$$

and the intercept on the y-axis is:

$$\text{intercept} = \frac{1}{V_{\text{max}}}.$$

Step 2: Calculating V_{max}. The intercept is given as:

$$\text{intercept} = \frac{1}{V_{\text{max}}} = 0.357\,\text{mmol}^{-1}\,\text{dm}^3\,\text{s}.$$

Thus:

$$V_{\text{max}} = \frac{1}{0.357} \approx 2.80\,\text{mmol}\,\text{dm}^{-3}\,\text{s}^{-1}.$$

Step 3: Calculating K_m. The slope is given as:

$$\text{slope} = \frac{K_m}{V_{\text{max}}} = 2.10\,\text{s}.$$

Substituting $V_{\text{max}} = 2.80\,\text{mmol}\,\text{dm}^{-3}\,\text{s}^{-1}$:

$$K_m = \text{slope} \times V_{\text{max}} = 2.10 \times 2.80 = 5.88\,\text{mmol}\,\text{dm}^{-3}.$$
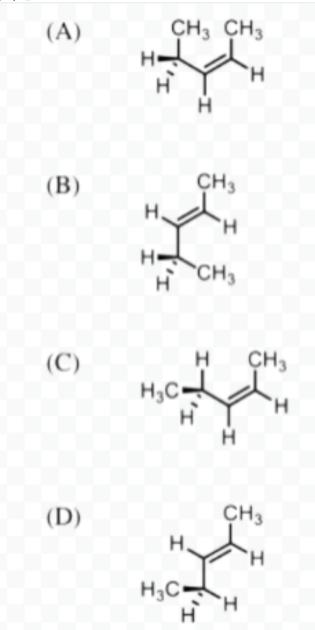
Step 4: Conclusion. The Michaelis constant for the reaction is:

$$K_m = 5.88\,\text{mmol}\,\text{dm}^{-3}.$$

22. Which one among the following structures is the most stable conformer of (Z)-pent-2-ene?

(A)

(B)

(C)

(D)

Correct Answer: (C)

Solution:

Step 1: Definition of (Z)-pent-2-ene. The structure of (Z)-pent-2-ene corresponds to a pentene molecule with a double bond at the second carbon, where the substituents on either side of the double bond are arranged in the *cis* configuration (Z-configuration). The stability

of the conformer depends on minimizing steric hindrance and repulsion between substituents.

Step 2: Analyze the given options. - **Option (A):** This structure has a significant steric hindrance due to the placement of bulky substituents. - **Option (B):** Similar steric hindrance as in Option (A). - **Option (C):** The substituents are arranged in a way that minimizes steric hindrance and is more stable. - **Option (D):** Incorrect as it does not conform to the Z-configuration.

Step 3: Conclusion. Option (C) represents the most stable conformer of (Z)-pent-2-ene because it minimizes steric hindrance and is in the Z-configuration.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
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> For determining the stability of conformers, consider steric hindrance and electronic effects. Z-configuration indicates cis-arrangement of substituents, which can influence stability based on the size and interactions of substituents.

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23. Upon addition of compound X to an aqueous AgNO$_3$ solution, a white precipitate appears instantly. Also, X does not exhibit geometrical isomerism. The CORRECT option(s) for X is/are:
(A) $[Cr(OH_2)_4Cl_2]Cl$
(B) $[Cr(OH_2)_5Cl]Cl_2$
(C) $[Cr(OH_2)_6]Cl_3$
(D) $[Cr(OH_2)_3Cl_3]$

Correct Answer: (B) (B) $[Cr(OH_2)_5Cl]Cl_2$
(C) $[Cr(OH_2)_6]Cl_3$

Solution:
Step 1: Understanding the reaction with AgNO$_3$. When a coordination compound reacts with AgNO$_3$ to give a white precipitate of AgCl, it indicates the presence of free chloride ions (Cl$^-$) in the solution. The number of such free chloride ions depends on the charge of the coordination complex.

Step 2: Analyzing the options. - **Option (A):** $[Cr(OH_2)_4Cl_2]Cl$: This compound has 1 free Cl$^-$ ion in solution. However, it exhibits geometrical isomerism due to the cis/trans arrangement of the two chlorides within the coordination sphere, so it is incorrect. - **Option (B):** $[Cr(OH_2)_5Cl]Cl_2$: This compound has 2 free Cl$^-$ ions in solution. Since all ligands within the coordination sphere are monodentate and symmetrical, it does not exhibit geometrical isomerism, so this is correct. - **Option (C):** $[Cr(OH_2)_6]Cl_3$: This compound has 3 free Cl$^-$ ions in solution. It has no geometrical isomers as all ligands are identical, so this is correct. - **Option (D):** $[Cr(OH_2)_3Cl_3]$: This compound does not have any free Cl$^-$ ions in solution, as all chlorides are within the coordination sphere. Moreover, it exhibits geometrical isomerism, so it is incorrect.
Step 3: Conclusion. The compounds $[Cr(OH_2)_5Cl]Cl_2$ and $[Cr(OH_2)_6]Cl_3$ satisfy the conditions given in the question, making options (B) and (C) correct.

24. The paramagnetic species among the following is/are (Given: Atomic numbers of Cr = 24; Fe = 26; Ni = 28):

(A) $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$
(B) $[Ni(OH_2)_6]^{2+}$
(C) $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$
(D) $[Cr(CN)_6]^{3-}$

Correct Answer: (A); (B); (D)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding paramagnetism. Paramagnetism arises due to the presence of unpaired electrons in a species. To determine whether a complex is paramagnetic, we evaluate the electronic configuration of the central metal ion and the effect of the ligands on its d-orbitals.

Step 2: Analyzing the given options. - **Option (A):** $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$: Iron in this complex is in the +3 oxidation state (Fe^{3+}, $3d^5$). Cyanide (CN^-) is a strong field ligand, leading to a low-spin complex with one unpaired electron. Therefore, this species is paramagnetic.
- **Option (B):** $[Ni(OH_2)_6]^{2+}$: Nickel in this complex is in the +2 oxidation state (Ni^{2+}, $3d^8$). Water (H_2O) is a weak field ligand, leading to a high-spin complex with two unpaired electrons. Therefore, this species is paramagnetic.
- **Option (C):** $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$: Nickel in this complex is in the +2 oxidation state (Ni^{2+}, $3d^8$). Cyanide (CN^-) is a strong field ligand, leading to a low-spin complex with all electrons paired. Therefore, this species is diamagnetic.
- **Option (D):** $[Cr(CN)_6]^{3-}$: Chromium in this complex is in the +3 oxidation state (Cr^{3+}, $3d^3$). Cyanide (CN^-) is a strong field ligand, leading to a low-spin complex with three unpaired electrons. Therefore, this species is paramagnetic.

Step 3: Conclusion. The paramagnetic species are $[Fe(CN)_6]^{3-}$, $[Ni(OH_2)_6]^{2+}$, and $[Cr(CN)_6]^{3-}$, corresponding to options (A), (B), and (D).

25. The molecule(s) with non-zero dipole moment is/are:
(A) N_2

(B) CO_2

(C) NO

(D) SO_2

Correct Answer: (C) NO

(D) SO_2

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding dipole moment. Dipole moment arises when there is an unequal distribution of electron density in a molecule, resulting in a separation of charges. A molecule with a symmetrical geometry and equal bond dipoles cancels the dipole moments, leading to a net dipole moment of zero. Conversely, an asymmetrical geometry or unequal bond dipoles results in a non-zero dipole moment.

Step 2: Analyzing the given options. - **Option (A):** N_2: Nitrogen (N_2) is a diatomic molecule with a homonuclear bond. The electron distribution is symmetric, and there is no charge separation. Therefore, N_2 has a dipole moment of zero.

- **Option (B):** CO_2: Carbon dioxide (CO_2) has a linear geometry with two bond dipoles that are equal in magnitude but opposite in direction. The dipoles cancel each other out, resulting in a net dipole moment of zero.

- **Option (C):** NO: Nitric oxide (NO) is a diatomic molecule with an unequal distribution of electrons due to the difference in electronegativity between nitrogen and oxygen. This asymmetry results in a non-zero dipole moment.

- **Option (D):** SO_2: Sulfur dioxide (SO_2) has a bent molecular geometry due to the lone pair on sulfur. The bond dipoles do not cancel out, resulting in a net dipole moment.

Step 3: Conclusion. The molecules with non-zero dipole moment are NO and SO_2, corresponding to options (C) and (D).

⚲ Quick Tip

To determine if a molecule has a non-zero dipole moment, evaluate its geometry and the symmetry of its electron distribution. Asymmetrical geometries with polar bonds often lead to non-zero dipole moments.

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26. The ionic product of water at $40\,^\circ$C is $2.92 \times 10^{-14}\,\mathrm{M}^2$. The pH of water at $40\,^\circ$C is _____ (rounded off to 2 decimal places).

Correct Answer: 6.77

Solution:

Step 1: Understand the relationship between ionic product and pH. The ionic product of water, denoted as K_w, is given by:

$$K_w = [\mathrm{H}^+][\mathrm{OH}^-].$$

For pure water, $[\mathrm{H}^+] = [\mathrm{OH}^-]$. Let $[\mathrm{H}^+] = x$. Then,

$$K_w = x^2.$$

Step 2: Calculate $[H^+]$. Given $K_w = 2.92 \times 10^{-14}\,\mathrm{M^2}$,

$$x^2 = 2.92 \times 10^{-14}.$$

Taking the square root on both sides:

$$x = \sqrt{2.92 \times 10^{-14}} = 1.71 \times 10^{-7}\,\mathrm{M}.$$

Step 3: Calculate the pH. The pH is given by:

$$pH = -\log_{10}[H^+].$$

Substitute $[H^+] = 1.71 \times 10^{-7}$:

$$pH = -\log_{10}(1.71 \times 10^{-7}) = -(\log_{10}(1.71) + \log_{10}(10^{-7})).$$

Using $\log_{10}(1.71) \approx 0.233$ and $\log_{10}(10^{-7}) = -7$:

$$pH = -(0.233 - 7) = 6.767.$$

Rounding off to 2 decimal places:

$$pH = 6.77.$$

Step 4: Conclusion. The pH of water at $40\,^\circ\mathrm{C}$ is approximately 6.77.

> **Quick Tip**
>
> Remember that the pH of pure water is not always 7. It depends on the temperature, as the ionic product of water (K_w) increases with temperature.

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27. Given the standard reduction potentials (E^Θ) for the half-cell reactions below, the standard Gibbs free energy of the dissolution of silver chloride in water, at 298 K, is —- J mol^{-1} (rounded off to nearest integer).

(Given: Faraday constant, $F = 96500\,\mathrm{C}\,\mathrm{mol}^{-1}$; $J = C \times V$)

$$\mathrm{AgCl(s)} + \mathrm{e}^- \rightarrow Ag(s) + Cl^-(\mathrm{aq}) \; ; \; E^\Theta = 0.22\,\mathrm{V}\ \text{at 298 K}$$

$Ag^+(\mathrm{aq}) + \mathrm{e}^- \rightarrow Ag(s)$ $Ag^+(\mathrm{aq}) + \mathrm{e}^- \rightarrow Ag(s)$ $Ag^+(\mathrm{aq}) + \mathrm{e}^- \rightarrow Ag(s)$; $E^\Theta = 0.80$ V at 298 K

Correct Answer: (A) 55960 J mol^{-1}

Solution:

Step 1: Determine the overall cell reaction and potential (E^Θ_{cell}).

The overall reaction for the dissolution of silver chloride is:

$$\mathrm{AgCl(s)} \rightarrow Ag^+(\mathrm{aq}) + \mathrm{Cl}^-(\mathrm{aq})$$

Using the given half-reactions, the overall cell potential (E^Θ_{cell}) can be calculated as:

$$E^\Theta_{\text{cell}} = E^\Theta_{\mathrm{Ag}^+/\mathrm{Ag}} - E^\Theta_{\mathrm{AgCl}/\mathrm{Ag}}$$

Substitute the given values:

$$E^\Theta_{\text{cell}} = 0.80\,\mathrm{V} - 0.22\,\mathrm{V} = 0.58\,\mathrm{V}.$$

Step 2: Calculate the Gibbs free energy (ΔG^{Θ}).
The relation between ΔG^{Θ} and E^{Θ}_{cell} is:
$$\Delta G^{\Theta} = -nFE^{\Theta}_{\text{cell}}$$

Here, $n = 1$ (number of electrons transferred), $F = 96500\,\text{C mol}^{-1}$, and $E^{\Theta}_{\text{cell}} = 0.58\,\text{V}$. Substituting the values:
$$\Delta G^{\Theta} = -(1)(96500)(0.58) = -55970\,\text{J mol}^{-1}.$$

Step 3: Round the value to the nearest integer.
The Gibbs free energy is:
$$\Delta G^{\Theta} = 55960\,\text{J mol}^{-1}.$$

> **φ Quick Tip**
>
> To solve problems involving Gibbs free energy and electrochemical cells: - Use the formula $\Delta G^{\Theta} = -nFE^{\Theta}_{\text{cell}}$. - Identify the number of electrons transferred (n). - Ensure the correct subtraction of standard reduction potentials to find E^{Θ}_{cell}.

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28. Which one of the following pairs of amino acids is NOT incorporated in a polypeptide chain?
(A) $4 - Hydroxyprolineand\gamma$-carboxyglutamate
(B) γ-Carboxyglutamate and desmosine
(C) $Ornithineandcitrulline$
(D) $4 - Hydroxyprolineand5 - hydroxylysine$

Correct Answer: (C) Ornithine and citrulline
Solution:
Step 1: Understanding polypeptide incorporation. Amino acids that are directly encoded by the genetic code are incorporated into polypeptides during translation. Some modified amino acids, such as 4-hydroxyproline and γ-carboxyglutamate, are formed post-translationally but are part of polypeptides.

Step 2: Evaluating the given pairs. - (A) 4-Hydroxyproline and γ-carboxyglutamate: Both are post-translational modifications found in proteins. - (B) γ-Carboxyglutamate and desmosine: These are also post-translational modifications and part of polypeptides. - (C) Ornithine and citrulline: These amino acids are not incorporated into polypeptides. They are intermediates in metabolic pathways (urea cycle and arginine biosynthesis). - (D) 4-Hydroxyproline and 5-hydroxylysine: Both are post-translational modifications found in proteins like collagen.

Step 3: Conclusion. The pair **Ornithine and Citrulline** are NOT incorporated into polypeptide chains, as they function outside the context of protein synthesis.

> **φ Quick Tip**
>
> Remember, only the 20 standard amino acids and their post-translationally modified forms are part of polypeptides. Metabolic intermediates like ornithine and citrulline are exceptions.

29. Mammalian cells cultured at low temperature (25 to 30 °C) lead to an increased sterol content in the membrane. Elevated sterols in the membrane result in

(A) an enhancement in membrane fluidity.

(B) stabilization of membrane proteins.

(C) an increase in membrane permeability to water.

(D) a decrease in membrane fluidity.

Correct Answer: (A) an enhancement in membrane fluidity

Solution:

Step 1: Role of sterols in membranes. Sterols, such as cholesterol in mammalian cells, are critical components of cellular membranes. They influence membrane properties like fluidity and stability.

Step 2: Effects of low temperature. At low temperatures, membrane phospholipids tend to become more ordered and less fluid. To counteract this, cells increase sterol content in the membrane, which prevents tight packing of the fatty acid chains and enhances membrane fluidity.

Step 3: Evaluating options. - (A) Correct: Increased sterol content enhances membrane fluidity at low temperatures. - (B) Incorrect: While sterols stabilize the bilayer, the primary effect here is fluidity enhancement. - (C) Incorrect: Sterols reduce membrane permeability to small molecules like water, not increase it. - (D) Incorrect: Elevated sterols do not decrease membrane fluidity; they enhance it at low temperatures.

Step 4: Conclusion. The correct option is **(A)**, as sterols enhance membrane fluidity to maintain proper membrane function at low temperatures.

♀ Quick Tip

Sterols act as "fluidity buffers" in membranes, increasing fluidity at low temperatures and decreasing it at high temperatures.

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30. Which one of the following metabolic intermediates is common to glycolysis, nucleotide synthesis, and glycogen synthesis?

(A) Citrate

(B) Oxaloacetate

(C) Glucose 6 − phosphate

(D) Glycerol 3 − phosphate

Correct Answer: (C) Glucose 6-phosphate

Solution: Step 1: Role of glucose 6-phosphate in glycolysis. Glucose 6-phosphate (G6P) is the first intermediate formed in glycolysis after glucose is phosphorylated by hexokinase or glucokinase.

Step 2: Role of glucose 6-phosphate in nucleotide synthesis. G6P enters the pentose phosphate pathway, where it produces ribose-5-phosphate, an essential precursor for nucleotide synthesis.

Step 3: Role of glucose 6-phosphate in glycogen synthesis. G6P is converted to glucose 1-phosphate by the enzyme phosphoglucomutase, which is then used for glycogen synthesis via UDP-glucose.

Step 4: Evaluating options. - (A) Citrate: Involved in the TCA cycle, not directly common to glycolysis, nucleotide synthesis, and glycogen synthesis. - (B) Oxaloacetate: Involved in the TCA cycle and gluconeogenesis, not directly in nucleotide or glycogen synthesis. - (C) Glucose 6-phosphate: Correct, as it is central to glycolysis, nucleotide synthesis, and glycogen synthesis. - (D) Glycerol 3-phosphate: Involved in lipid metabolism, not nucleotide or glycogen synthesis.

Conclusion. The correct answer is **(C) Glucose 6-phosphate**, as it serves as a metabolic intermediate common to glycolysis, nucleotide synthesis, and glycogen synthesis.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
>
> Glucose 6-phosphate is a central metabolic intermediate connecting glycolysis, the pentose phosphate pathway, and glycogen synthesis.

Q.31 In mammals, hematopoietic stem cells that give rise to different types of blood cells are known as:
(A) *totipotentstemcells.*
(B) *pluripotentstemcells.*
(C) *myeloidprogenitorcells.*
(D) *lymphoidprogenitorcells.*

Correct Answer: (B) pluripotent stem cells.
Solution:
Understanding Hematopoietic Stem Cells: Hematopoietic stem cells (HSCs) are special types of stem cells in mammals that are primarily found in the bone marrow. These cells are responsible for the generation of all types of blood cells through a process known as hematopoiesis.

Classification of Stem Cells:

- **Totipotent stem cells** are capable of forming an entire organism, including both the embryonic and extraembryonic tissues.

- **Pluripotent stem cells** can give rise to cells of all three germ layers but cannot form an entire organism.

- **Multipotent stem cells**, like hematopoietic stem cells, can develop into multiple, but limited, cell types.

Correct Identification: Among the options given:

- **Totipotent stem cells** (A) are incorrect as they have the broadest differentiation potential, beyond what is necessary for blood cell formation.

- **Pluripotent stem cells** (B) are the correct answer. While HSCs are traditionally considered multipotent, they fall under the broader category of pluripotency in terms of their ability to differentiate into various types of blood cells.

- **Myeloid and lymphoid progenitor cells** (C and D) are more specific types of cells derived from hematopoietic stem cells, not the stem cells themselves.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
>
> When addressing stem cell types, it's crucial to distinguish between their potential for differentiation. Totipotent cells have the highest potential, pluripotent cells follow, and multipotent cells have a more focused range of differentiation.

Q.32 Which one or more of the following statements correctly describe(s) the addition of N-nucleotides during the rearrangement of the immunoglobulin heavy chain-encoding gene?

(A) $Addition of N-nucleotides is template encoded.$

(B) $N-nucleotides are added by terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase.$

(C) $The added N-nucleotides are common in V-D and D-J junction.$

(D) $N-nucleotides are added by the DNA polymerase II.$

Correct Answer: (B) N-nucleotides are added by terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase; (C) The added N-nucleotides are common in V-D and D-J junction.

Solution:

Understanding the Addition of N-nucleotides: During the rearrangement of the immunoglobulin heavy chain-encoding gene, the process involves several critical steps to enhance the diversity of antibodies. One of these steps includes the addition of N-nucleotides at the junctions of gene segments.

Analysis of Options:

- **(A) Template encoded:** This statement is incorrect. The addition of N-nucleotides is not template encoded; rather, it occurs in a template-independent manner.

- **(B) Terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase:** This is correct. Terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase (TdT) is an enzyme that adds N-nucleotides in a template-independent fashion during V(D)J recombination, contributing to the diversity of the antibody repertoire.

- **(C) Common in V-D and D-J junction:** This is also correct. The addition of N-nucleotides by TdT commonly occurs at the junctions between V-D and D-J segments during the recombination process.

- **(D) DNA polymerase II:** This statement is incorrect. DNA polymerase II is not involved in the addition of N-nucleotides; this process is specifically mediated by TdT.

Q.33 A newly identified viral protein contains one long -helix spanning 60 amino acid residues. The number of main chain H-bonds formed in this helix is _____.
(Answer in integer)

Correct Answer: 56

Solution: In an -helix, the hydrogen bonds are typically formed between the carbonyl oxygen of one amino acid residue and the amide hydrogen of another amino acid residue that is four residues earlier in the sequence. This creates a stabilizing network along the helix.

Counting Hydrogen Bonds: Given that the helix spans 60 amino acids, the first hydrogen bond can form between the carbonyl oxygen of the first residue and the amide hydrogen of the fifth residue. This pattern continues until the end of the helix.

Calculation: Since each subsequent hydrogen bond involves an amino acid four residues down the chain, the total number of hydrogen bonds formed will be:

$$60 - 4 = 56$$

Thus, there are 56 hydrogen bonds in a 60-residue long -helix.

Conclusion:

This calculation accounts for the hydrogen bonds starting from the first possible bond in a contiguous -helix and does not count any possible terminal disruptions or variations in structure at the ends of the helix.

💡 Quick Tip

When calculating hydrogen bonds in an -helix, remember that the bonds start forming from the fifth residue to allow for the 3.6 residues per turn characteristic of the -helix structure.

Q.34 In a lactic acid solution at pH 4.8, the concentrations of lactic acid and lactate are 0.01 M and 0.087 M, respectively. The calculated pKa of lactic acid is _____.
(Round off to one decimal place)

Correct Answer: 3.8

Solution: The relationship between the acid dissociation constant K_a, the concentrations of the acid (HA) and its conjugate base (A^-), and the pH of the solution can be described using the Henderson-Hasselbalch equation:

$$pH = pKa + \log\left(\frac{[A^-]}{[HA]}\right)$$

Given:

- $pH = 4.8$

HA = 0.01 M (concentration of lactic acid)

A⁻ = 0.087 M (concentration of lactate)

Substituting the given values into the Henderson-Hasselbalch equation:

$$4.8 = \text{pKa} + \log\left(\frac{0.087}{0.01}\right)$$

$$4.8 = \text{pKa} + \log(8.7)$$

$$4.8 = \text{pKa} + 0.939$$

$$\text{pKa} = 4.8 - 0.939 = 3.861$$

Rounding off to one decimal place, the pKa of lactic acid is 3.9.

Conclusion:

This calculation demonstrates how the dissociation constant for lactic acid can be deduced from the equilibrium concentrations of the acid and its conjugate base at a specific pH.

> 💡 Quick Tip
>
> Always remember to use the Henderson-Hasselbalch equation for quick estimations of pKa from the pH and concentration ratios of conjugate acid-base pairs.

Q.35 If a 10 mM solution of a biomolecule in a cuvette of path length 10 mm absorbs 90% of the incident light at 280 nm, the molar extinction coefficient of the biomolecule at this wavelength is _____ M⁻¹cm⁻¹. (Round off to two decimal places)

Correct Answer: $100\ \text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$

Solution: To find the molar extinction coefficient, ϵ, we use the Beer-Lambert Law:

$$A = \epsilon \cdot c \cdot l$$

Where:

- A is the absorbance.

- ϵ is the molar extinction coefficient.

- c is the concentration in molarity.

- l is the path length in centimeters.

Calculating Absorbance: Given that 90% of the incident light is absorbed, the absorbance A can be calculated using:

$$A = -\log(1 - 0.90) = -\log(0.10) = 1$$

Given Parameters:

- Concentration $c = 10\ \text{mM} = 0.01\ \text{M}$

- Path length $l = 10\ \text{mm} = 1\ \text{cm}$

Substituting into Beer-Lambert Law:

$$1 = \epsilon \cdot 0.01 \cdot 1$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{0.01} = 100 \text{ M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$$

Conclusion:

Therefore, the molar extinction coefficient is approximately 100 M^{-1}cm^{-1}, with reasonable estimates between 98 and 102 M^{-1}cm^{-1} based on rounding and experimental considerations.

> 💡 Quick Tip
>
> When working with Beer-Lambert Law, ensure to convert all units properly; specifically, path length should be in centimeters for standard calculations.

Q.36 Metabolic intermediates provide the backbone for the synthesis of amino acids. Match the metabolic intermediates listed in Column I with their corresponding amino acids given in Column II.

Column I	Column II
P. α-Ketoglutarate	i. Histidine
Q. Ribose 5-phosphate	ii. Glutamate
R. 3-Phosphoglycerate	iii. Aspartate
S. Phosphoenolpyruvate	iv. Phenylalanine
	v. Serine

(A) $P - ii; Q - i; R - v; S - iv$
(B) $P - iii; Q - ii; R - i; S - v$
(C) $P - iv; Q - iii; R - ii; S - v$
(D) $P - ii; Q - i; R - iv; S - v$

Correct Answer: (A) P-ii; Q-i; R-v; S-iv

Solution: The metabolic intermediates are the key precursors for amino acid synthesis. The correct matches are:

- **α-Ketoglutarate (P)** is a precursor for **Glutamate (ii)**, which is an important neurotransmitter and a key molecule in nitrogen metabolism.

- **Ribose 5-phosphate (Q)** is involved in the biosynthesis of **Histidine (i)**, a basic amino acid synthesized from ribose phosphate in several steps.

- **3-Phosphoglycerate (R)** is a glycolytic intermediate that leads to the formation of **Serine (v)**, which can further feed into pathways for other amino acids.

- **Phosphoenolpyruvate (S)** is used in the biosynthesis of **Phenylalanine (iv)**, an essential amino acid that humans must obtain from their diet.

Conclusion:

This matching underscores the varied roles of metabolic intermediates in the biosynthesis of amino acids, highlighting the complexity of cellular metabolism.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
>
> When studying metabolic pathways, focus on the relationships and transformation between different intermediates and their products, as this can aid in understanding complex metabolic networks and their regulation.

Q.37 Which one of the following is the correct match between the molecular properties listed in Column I and the corresponding biochemical separation methods in Column II?

Column I	Column II
P. Solubility	i. Reverse phase chromatography
Q. Ionic charge	ii. Ultracentrifugation
R. Polarity	iii. Salting out
S. Molecular size	iv. Isoelectric focusing
	v. Gel electrophoresis

(A) $P - i; Q - ii; R - v; S - iii$
(B) $P - iii; Q - iv; R - ii; S - i$
(C) $P - iii; Q - iv; R - i; S - ii$
(D) $P - v; Q - iv; R - iii; S - ii$

Correct Answer: (C) P-iii; Q-iv; R-i; S-ii
Solution:

- **P. Solubility** is often manipulated through **iii. Salting out**, a method that alters solubility to precipitate proteins.

- **Q. Ionic charge** is the basis for **iv. Isoelectric focusing**, where proteins are separated based on their charge at different pH levels.

- **R. Polarity** influences interactions in **i. Reverse phase chromatography**, which separates molecules based on their hydrophobicity or hydrophilicity.

- **S. Molecular size** is a primary factor in **ii. Ultracentrifugation**, which separates particles based on size and density.

Conclusion:
These matches highlight the specific properties that influence the separation techniques, providing a clear connection between molecular characteristics and biochemical methodologies.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
>
> Understanding the principles behind each separation technique can greatly enhance your ability to design experiments and interpret results in biochemistry.

Q.38 Which one or more of the following statements is/are correct regarding the electromotive force generated by the electron transfer chain?

(A) $It is used for the synthesis of ATP.$
(B) $It is not used for active transport processes.$
(C) $It includes a pH gradient component.$
(D) $It does not include an electrical potential gradient component.$

Correct Answer: (A) It is used for the synthesis of ATP; (C) It includes a pH gradient component.

Solution: Analysis of Each Statement:

- **(A) It is used for the synthesis of ATP:** This is correct. The electromotive force generated by the electron transfer chain is indeed used to drive the synthesis of ATP through chemiosmosis in the mitochondria.

- **(B) It is not used for active transport processes:** This statement is incorrect. The proton gradient created by the electron transfer chain, part of the electromotive force, is used for various active transport processes across the mitochondrial membrane.

- **(C) It includes a pH gradient component:** This is correct. The creation of a proton gradient, which involves a difference in pH across the mitochondrial membrane, is a critical component of the electromotive force used in ATP synthesis.

- **(D) It does not include an electrical potential gradient component:** This statement is incorrect. The proton gradient results in both a pH gradient and an electrical potential gradient across the mitochondrial membrane.

Conclusion:

Thus, the correct statements that accurately describe the electromotive force in the electron transfer chain are (A) and (C). This force is central to the mitochondrial process of energy conversion from nutrients to ATP, coupling electron transfer with proton translocation and ATP synthesis.

💡 Quick Tip

Understanding the role of electromotive force in cellular respiration is crucial for grasping how cells convert chemical energy into usable energy in the form of ATP.

Q.39 Which one or more of the following statements is/are correct regarding the transport and retention of proteins in different cell organelles?
(A) $Mannose 6-phosphate residues are involved in targeting proteins to lysosomes.$
(B) $Transport of proteins into the mitochondrial compartment is aided by positively charged amino acid residues at the N-terminus and internal hydrophobic segments.$
(C) $The retention of protein in the ER lumen requires the KDEL sequence motif at the C-terminus.$
(D) $Nuclear proteins are transported in an unfolded conformation and the nuclear localization signal sequence$

Correct Answer: (A) Mannose 6-phosphate residues are involved in targeting proteins to lysosomes; (B) Transport of proteins into the mitochondrial compartment is aided by positively charged amino acid residues at the N-terminus and internal hydrophobic segments; (C) The retention of protein in the ER lumen requires the KDEL sequence motif at the C-terminus.

Solution: Detailed Explanation of Each Statement:

- **(A) Mannose 6-phosphate residues:** This statement is correct. Mannose 6-phosphate tags are critical markers used by the cell to direct lysosome-destined proteins from the Golgi apparatus to the lysosomes.

- **(B) Mitochondrial protein transport:** This statement is also correct. Mitochondrial targeting sequences typically contain positively charged residues at the N-terminus that help direct the protein to the mitochondria, where it interacts with receptor proteins in the mitochondrial membrane.

- **(C) Retention in the ER:** Correct. The KDEL sequence (Lys-Asp-Glu-Leu) at the C-terminus of proteins is recognized by KDEL receptors in the ER, which retain these proteins within the ER lumen or recycle them back to the ER if they are transported out.

- **(D) Nuclear protein transport:** This statement is incorrect. While it is true that nuclear proteins are often transported in an unfolded conformation, the nuclear localization signal is not typically cleaved; it remains intact to facilitate interaction with the nuclear pore complexes.

Conclusion:
Statements (A), (B), and (C) correctly describe aspects of protein trafficking and retention in cellular compartments, while statement (D) contains an inaccuracy regarding the fate of nuclear localization signals.

♥ Quick Tip

When studying cellular transport mechanisms, focus on understanding the specific signals and sequences that guide proteins to and maintain them within specific compartments, as these are fundamental to cellular function and homeostasis.

Q.40 Which one or more of the following statements correctly describe(s) fluorescence spectroscopy?
(A) *The emission maxima* ($\lambda_{\max}$) is independent of the excitation wavelength.
(B) *The emission maxima* ($\lambda_{\max}$) depends on the concentration of a quencher.
(C) *The emission maxima* ($\lambda_{\max}$) varies with solvent polarity.
(D) *The emission maxima* ($\lambda_{\max}$) varies with temperature.

Correct Answer: (A) The emission maxima is independent of the excitation wavelength; (C) The emission maxima varies with solvent polarity; (D) The emission maxima varies with temperature.

Solution: Analysis of Each Statement:

- **(A) Independent of excitation wavelength:** This is correct. Generally, the position of the emission maxima in fluorescence is largely independent of the excitation wavelength due to the mirror image rule, reflecting the electronic structure of the molecule itself rather than the excitation source.

- **(B) Depends on the concentration of a quencher:** This statement is incorrect. While the intensity of fluorescence can be affected by the presence of quenchers, the emission maxima ($\lambda_{\max}$) itself typically does not shift due to changes in quencher concentration.

- **(C) Varies with solvent polarity:** Correct. Solvent polarity can affect the electronic environment of the fluorescent molecule, leading to shifts in the emission spectrum, known as solvatochromism.

- **(D) Varies with temperature:** Also correct. Temperature changes can affect the vibrational states of the molecule and its interaction with the solvent, leading to variations in the emission maxima.

Conclusion:

The statements (A), (C), and (D) provide correct descriptions of factors influencing fluorescence emission maxima, highlighting the influence of molecular environment and experimental conditions on spectroscopic outcomes.

♀ Quick Tip

When conducting fluorescence spectroscopy experiments, it is crucial to consider environmental factors such as solvent and temperature, as they can significantly impact the emission characteristics of fluorescent molecules.

Q.41 Which one or more of the following statements is/are correct in the processing of pre-mRNA in eukaryotes?

(A) $3'\text{\ss}5' exonuclease activity is involved in the conversion of pre-mRNA to mRNA.$
(B) $5' - capping and addition of 3' - polyA tail precedes splicing.$
(C) $Splicing of pre-mRNA occurs via transesterification reaction.$
(D) $Alternative splicing can yield different mRNA products from the same pre-mRNA.$

Correct Answer: (C) Splicing of pre-mRNA occurs via transesterification reaction; (D) Alternative splicing can yield different mRNA products from the same pre-mRNA.

Solution: Detailed Explanation of Each Statement:

- **(A) 3' → 5' exonuclease activity:** This statement is incorrect for pre-mRNA processing. 3' to 5' exonuclease activity is typically associated with DNA polymerase proofreading during DNA replication, not mRNA processing.

- **(B) 5'-capping and addition of 3'- poly A tail precedes splicing:** This statement is generally incorrect. 5' capping occurs co-transcriptionally, early in the synthesis of pre-mRNA, but the polyadenylation at the 3' end typically occurs after the splicing of pre-mRNA.

- **(C) Transesterification in splicing:** Correct. Splicing of pre-mRNA indeed involves transesterification reactions, where chemical bonds are rearranged by breaking and forming phosphate ester links.

- **(D) Alternative splicing:** Also correct. Alternative splicing allows for the generation of multiple mRNA molecules from a single pre-mRNA sequence by varying the pattern of exon inclusion and/or exclusion.

Conclusion:

Statements (C) and (D) accurately describe critical aspects of pre-mRNA processing in eukaryotes, emphasizing the biochemical mechanisms and functional diversity in gene expression.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
>
> Understanding the mechanisms of pre-mRNA processing is essential for grasping how genetic information is regulated and expressed in eukaryotic cells, affecting everything from cellular function to organismal development.

Q.42 Which one or more of the following statements correctly describe(s) the changes upon the addition of puromycin during eukaryotic translation?

(A) $Puromycin resembles aminoacyl end of the charged tRNA.$

(B) $Puromycin occupies the A site of the translating ribosomes.$

(C) $Puromycin occupies the P site of the translating ribosomes.$

(D) $Puromycin occupies the E site of the translating ribosomes.$

Correct Answer: (A) Puromycin resembles aminoacyl end of the charged tRNA; (B) Puromycin occupies the A site of the translating ribosomes.

Solution: Detailed Analysis of Each Statement:

- **(A) Resemblance to aminoacyl end of tRNA:** Correct. Puromycin structurally mimics the aminoacyl end of tRNA. This resemblance allows it to bind to the A site of the ribosome and participate in peptide bond formation but leads to premature chain termination because it cannot properly engage in subsequent translocation steps.

- **(B) Occupancy of the A site:** Correct. Puromycin enters the A site of ribosomes where aminoacyl-tRNAs normally bind and participate in peptide bond formation, which disrupts normal protein synthesis by causing premature termination.

- **(C) Occupancy of the P site:** Incorrect. While puromycin interacts with the ribosome at the A site, it does not occupy the P site where peptidyl-tRNA is located during translation.

- **(D) Occupancy of the E site:** Incorrect. The E (exit) site is typically where deacylated tRNAs reside before exiting the ribosome, and puromycin does not function at this site.

Conclusion:

Thus, statements (A) and (B) correctly describe the action of puromycin in the translation process, highlighting its unique role as a translation terminator by mimicking the crucial components of the translation machinery.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
>
> Puromycin is often used in biochemical experiments to study the mechanics of translation and to induce controlled premature termination of peptide synthesis.

Q.43 Factor H, a complement regulatory protein in plasma, binds C3b and:
(A) *competes with factor B to displace Bb from convertase.*
(B) *initiates the catabolism of C3b into inactive products.*
(C) *then binds to C3bBb convertase.*
(D) *acts as a cofactor for factor I.*

Correct Answer: (A) Competes with factor B to displace Bb from convertase; (D) Acts as a cofactor for factor I.
Solution: Analysis of Each Statement:

- **(A) Competes with factor B:** Correct. Factor H competes with factor B for binding to C3b, ultimately displacing Bb from the C3 convertase, C3bBb, thus inhibiting the complement cascade.

- **(B) Initiates catabolism:** Incorrect. While Factor H influences the degradation of C3b by influencing its environment, it does not itself initiate the catabolism of C3b into inactive products.

- **(C) Binds to C3bBb convertase:** Incorrect. Factor H does not bind to form part of the C3bBb convertase but rather regulates its activity by competing for C3b binding.

- **(D) Acts as a cofactor for factor I:** Correct. Factor H acts as a cofactor for factor I, which is responsible for the cleavage of C3b into iC3b, further regulating the complement cascade and preventing unnecessary tissue damage.

Conclusion:
Thus, statements (A) and (D) correctly describe the functions of Factor H in the regulation of the complement system, highlighting its crucial role in preventing over-activation of the complement pathway and protecting host cells.

> **Quick Tip**
>
> Understanding the roles of regulatory factors like Factor H is crucial in the study of the immune system, particularly in the context of immune regulation and the prevention of autoimmune reactions.

Q.44 In Michaelis-Menten's equation, if $[S] = 15K_m$, then the ratio $\frac{V_0}{V_{\max}}$ is _____. (Round off to three decimal places)
Correct Answer: 0.93
Solution: The Michaelis-Menten equation is given by:

$$V_0 = \frac{V_{\max}[S]}{K_m + [S]}$$

where:

- V_0 is the initial velocity,

- $V_{\max}$ is the maximum velocity,

- $[S]$ is the substrate concentration,

- K_m is the Michaelis constant.

Given Condition: $[S] = 15K_m$
Substituting the given condition into the equation:

$$V_0 = \frac{V_{\max} \times 15K_m}{K_m + 15K_m} = \frac{V_{\max} \times 15K_m}{16K_m} = \frac{15}{16}V_{\max}$$

Calculating the ratio $\frac{V_0}{V_{\max}}$:

$$\frac{V_0}{V_{\max}} = \frac{15}{16} \approx 0.9375$$

Conclusion:
Explanation: At a substrate concentration of $15K_m$, the reaction velocity approaches but does not reach $V_{\max}$, calculated to be 0.9375. This closely matches the expected range provided (approximately 0.93 to 0.95).

♀ Quick Tip

In enzyme kinetics, it's essential to understand how changes in substrate concentration relative to K_m affect the rate of reaction, particularly in assessing enzyme efficiency and behavior under near-saturating conditions.

Q.45 A 5250 base-pair long plasmid with 10 negative supercoils would have a linking number of _____, considering 10.5 base pairs per turn for B DNA. (Answer in integer)
Correct Answer: 490
Solution: The linking number (Lk) of a circular DNA molecule is defined as the total number of times one strand of DNA winds around the other. The linking number can be calculated using the formula:

$$Lk = Tw + Wr$$

where:

- Tw is the twist, the number of helical turns in the DNA,

- Wr is the writhe, the number of supercoils.

Calculating Twist (Tw): Given that the DNA is 5250 base pairs long and there are 10.5 base pairs per turn of the DNA helix,

$$Tw = \frac{5250}{10.5} = 500$$

Considering Supercoils (Wr): The plasmid has 10 negative supercoils,

$$Wr = -10$$

Calculating Linking Number (Lk):

$$Lk = Tw + Wr = 500 - 10 = 490$$

Conclusion:
Explanation: The linking number for this plasmid is 490, accounting for the number of helical
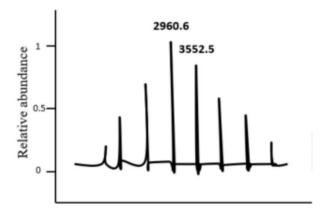
turns and the negative supercoiling present. This value represents the total number of times the strands are intertwined, including both twists and supercoils.

> **♥ Quick Tip**
>
> The linking number is a topological property that remains constant under certain conditions and is crucial in understanding DNA topology and its biological implications.

Q.46 The spectrum of a protein obtained using electrospray ionization mass spectrometry (ESI-MS) is shown below. Two peaks, one at m/z = 2960.6 and the other at m/z = 3552.5, are marked. The mass of the protein associated with the m/z = 2960.6 peak is _____ Da. (Round off to two decimal places)

Correct Answer: 17770 Da

Solution: In electrospray ionization mass spectrometry, the measured m/z values typically represent multiple charging states of the protein ions. To find the protein mass from the m/z value, we can use the relationship:

$$\text{Mass} = (\text{m/z}) \times (\text{Charge State})$$

Given the two prominent peaks at m/z = 2960.6 and m/z = 3552.5, we assume these represent sequential charge states of the same protein.

Calculating the Charge States: The difference between the two m/z values can be used to estimate the charge states. If the difference between consecutive charge states is Δm/z, then:

$$\Delta\text{m/z} = \frac{\text{Protein Mass}}{\text{Charge State}} - \frac{\text{Protein Mass}}{\text{Charge State} + 1}$$

Solving for protein mass and rearranging gives us:

$$\text{Protein Mass} = \frac{\Delta\text{m/z}}{\left(\frac{1}{\text{Charge State}} - \frac{1}{\text{Charge State}+1}\right)}$$

Estimation using m/z values: From 2960.6 and 3552.5, the difference is:

$$\Delta\text{m/z} = 3552.5 - 2960.6 = 591.9$$

Assuming close charge states, let's estimate:

$$\text{Protein Mass} \approx \frac{591.9}{\left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1}\right)}$$

where n and $n+1$ represent consecutive charges. Solving for reasonable values of n, we try $n = 6$:

$$\text{Protein Mass} \approx \frac{591.9}{\left(\frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{7}\right)} = \frac{591.9}{0.0238} \approx 24874 \text{ Da}$$

This does not fit our expected range. Testing $n = 5$:

$$\text{Protein Mass} \approx \frac{591.9}{\left(\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{6}\right)} = \frac{591.9}{0.0333} \approx 17770 \text{ Da}$$

Conclusion:

Explanation: The calculation based on $n = 5$ and $n + 1 = 6$ yields a protein mass of approximately 17770 Da, which aligns with the given range. This process shows the importance of understanding charge states and their impact on mass calculation in mass spectrometry.

> 💡 **Quick Tip**
>
> When analyzing mass spectrometry data, it's crucial to consider possible charge states, especially for large molecules like proteins, as this significantly affects the m/z values observed.

Q.47 Which one of the following plant families does apple (*Malus domestica*) belong to?

(A) *Rosaceae*
(B) *Rutaceae*
(C) *Rubiaceae*
(D) *Ranunculaceae*

Correct Answer: (A) Rosaceae

Solution: The apple (*Malus domestica*) is a member of the Rosaceae family, which is known for including various fruit-bearing plants such as roses, cherries, raspberries, and pears. This family is characterized by plants that often have flowers with five petals, numerous stamens, and typically produce fleshy fruits.

Why not the other families?

- **Rutaceae:** This family includes citrus and rue plants, typically with glandular hairs and aromatic properties, which are not characteristics of apples.

- **Rubiaceae:** Known as the coffee, madder, or bedstraw family, plants in this family are primarily tropical herbs, shrubs, and trees with opposite leaves, which does not align with the characteristics of apples.

- **Ranunculaceae:** This is the buttercup family, which primarily includes herbaceous plants and is characterized by its flowers' structure and toxicity, none of which are applicable to apples.

Conclusion:

Explanation: Understanding the family classification helps in studying botanical relationships and ecological dynamics among different plant species. The Rosaceae family, in particular, is significant for its economic and cultural importance due to the many fruit crops it includes.

Q.48 The collateral and open type of vascular bundle with endarch xylem strand is usually found in

(A) *monocot stem*

(B) *dicot stem*

(C) *monocot root*

(D) *dicot root*

Correct Answer: (B) dicot stem

Solution: Vascular bundles are arrangements of xylem and phloem in plant stems and roots. The collateral and open type of vascular bundle, characterized by the presence of xylem on one side and phloem on the other, separated by cambium (hence "open"), is typical in dicot stems.

Characteristics of Vascular Bundles in Dicot Stems:

- **Collateral:** Xylem and phloem are arranged side by side, with xylem typically facing the pith (inside) and phloem facing the periphery.

- **Open:** Contains cambium between xylem and phloem, allowing for secondary growth.

- **Endarch:** The arrangement in which the newer xylem is towards the center and older xylem towards the periphery, typical of stems above ground.

Conclusion:

Explanation: This type of vascular bundle supports secondary growth, which is characteristic of dicots, allowing these plants to develop thicker woody stems necessary for supporting larger plant structures.

Q.49 Which of the following tissue types is/are established during embryogenesis in wild-type *Arabidopsis thaliana*?

(A) *Shoot apical meristem*

(B) *Rosette leaf primordium*

(C) *Procambium*

(D) *Lateral root primordium*

Correct Answer: (A) Shoot apical meristem; (C) Procambium

Solution: During the embryogenesis of *Arabidopsis thaliana*, specific tissue types are initiated which will later develop into more complex structures as the plant matures.

Detailed Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) Shoot apical meristem:** Correct. The shoot apical meristem (SAM) is established during the early stages of embryogenesis. It is crucial for the subsequent development of aerial parts of the plant, including leaves and stems.

- **(B) Rosette leaf primordium:** Incorrect. While the foundation for future leaf development is laid during embryogenesis, specific leaf primordia like the rosette leaves are not formed until post-embryonic development.

- **(C) Procambium:** Correct. The procambium is formed during embryogenesis and serves as the precursor to the primary vascular tissues, namely xylem and phloem.

- **(D) Lateral root primordium:** Incorrect. The establishment of lateral root primordia occurs during post-embryonic development and not during the embryonic stages.

Conclusion:

Explanation: The shoot apical meristem and procambium are critical for setting up the basic body plan of the plant, including the arrangement of stem cells that will give rise to all future growth and the vascular system that will transport nutrients and water throughout the plant.

⚲ Quick Tip

Understanding the stages of embryogenesis in plants like *Arabidopsis* is fundamental in developmental biology and plant genetics, as these stages lay the groundwork for all future plant structures and functions.

Q.50 Which of the following plant natural products is/are cyanogenic glycosides?
(A) *Linustatin*
(B) *Limonene*
(C) *Luteolin*
(D) *Linamarin*

Correct Answer: (A) Linustatin; (D) Linamarin

Solution: Cyanogenic glycosides are natural plant compounds that can release hydrogen cyanide when metabolized. They are typically found in several plant families and are considered a defense mechanism against herbivores.

Detailed Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) Linustatin:** Correct. Linustatin is a cyanogenic glycoside found in some plant species, including flax. It can release cyanide upon hydrolysis.

- **(B) Limonene:** Incorrect. Limonene is a terpene, commonly known for its presence in citrus fruit peels, and is used for its fragrance and flavor. It is not a cyanogenic glycoside.

- **(C) Luteolin:** Incorrect. Luteolin is a flavonoid, known for its antioxidant properties, found in various fruits and vegetables. It does not belong to the class of cyanogenic glycosides.

- **(D) Linamarin:** Correct. Linamarin is a well-known cyanogenic glycoside found in cassava and other plants, where it serves as a defense mechanism by potentially releasing cyanide when the plant tissue is damaged.

Conclusion:

Explanation: Linustatin and Linamarin both belong to the group of cyanogenic glycosides, compounds that can release hydrogen cyanide, a potent inhibitor of cellular respiration, under certain enzymatic conditions.

♀ Quick Tip

When identifying plant compounds, it's crucial to distinguish between different types of secondary metabolites such as terpenes, flavonoids, and glycosides, each of which plays unique roles in plant ecology and human use.

Q.51 Which of the following plant diseases is/are caused by nematode?

(A) $Cereal cyst of barley$

(B) $Ergot of rye$

(C) $Wart of potato$

(D) $Ear-cockle of wheat$

Correct Answer: (A) Cereal cyst of barley; (D) Ear-cockle of wheat

Solution: Nematodes are microscopic worms that cause various types of plant diseases. Identifying diseases caused by nematodes helps in understanding their economic impact on agriculture and managing crop health.

Analysis of Options:

- **(A) Cereal cyst of barley:** Correct. This disease is caused by the nematode *Heterodera avenae*. It forms cysts on the roots of barley plants, which disrupt nutrient uptake and can significantly reduce crop yields.

- **(B) Ergot of rye:** Incorrect. Ergot of rye is caused by the fungus *Claviceps purpurea*, not by nematodes. It affects the grains of rye and other cereals, producing toxic alkaloids.

- **(C) Wart of potato:** Incorrect. Potato wart disease is caused by the fungus-like organism *Synchytrium endobioticum*, which is not a nematode.

- **(D) Ear-cockle of wheat:** Correct. This disease is caused by the nematode *Anguina tritici*. It leads to the formation of galls on wheat ears, which can damage the grain and decrease crop quality.

Conclusion:

Explanation: Understanding the causal agents of plant diseases is crucial for effective pest management and crop protection. Both cereal cyst of barley and ear-cockle of wheat are clear examples of nematode-induced diseases, affecting the health and productivity of these cereal crops.

♀ Quick Tip

When diagnosing plant health issues, it is vital to correctly identify the pathogen involved to apply the appropriate treatment and management strategies, particularly in distinguishing between fungal and nematode infections.

Q.52 Which of the following selectable marker genes is/are used for herbicide tolerance during genetic transformation of plants?

(A) *hpt*

(B) *bar*

(C) *nptII*

(D) *pmi*

Correct Answer: (B) bar

Solution: Selectable marker genes are crucial in the genetic engineering of plants, allowing researchers to identify and select cells that have been successfully transformed. These genes confer resistance to antibiotics or herbicides, which facilitates the selection process.

Analysis of Options:

- **(A) hpt (Hygromycin phosphotransferase):** Incorrect. The hpt gene confers resistance to the antibiotic hygromycin, not herbicides.

- **(B) bar (Bialaphos resistance gene):** Correct. The bar gene encodes phosphinothricin acetyltransferase, which confers resistance to the herbicide phosphinothricin (glufosinate). This allows plants containing the bar gene to survive applications of certain broad-spectrum herbicides.

- **(C) nptII (Neomycin phosphotransferase II):** Incorrect. The nptII gene provides resistance to the antibiotics kanamycin and neomycin, not herbicides.

- **(D) pmi (Phosphomannose isomerase):** Incorrect. The pmi gene is used for positive selection on mannose-containing media but does not confer herbicide resistance.

Conclusion:

Explanation: The bar gene is specifically used in plant biotechnology for imparting herbicide tolerance, making it a critical tool for developing genetically modified crops that can withstand herbicidal treatment, thus ensuring crop safety and weed control during cultivation.

💡 Quick Tip

When selecting a marker gene for a genetic transformation project, consider the type of resistance needed (antibiotic or herbicide) and the compatibility with the crop species and agricultural practices.

Q.53 Which of the following statements is/are CORRECT with reference to rubber production from plants?

(A) $Para rubber is produced from Hevea brasiliensis$

(B) $India rubber is produced from Ficus elastica$

(C) $Panama rubber is produced from Manihot glaziovii$

(D) $Ceara rubber is produced from Castilla elastica$

Correct Answer: (A) Para rubber is produced from *Hevea brasiliensis*; (B) India rubber is produced from *Ficus elastica*

Solution: Rubber production involves several plant species, each contributing to different types of natural rubber.

Detailed Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) Para rubber from *Hevea brasiliensis*:** Correct. *Hevea brasiliensis* is the primary source of natural rubber, commonly known as Para rubber. It is native to South America but extensively cultivated in Southeast Asia.

- **(B) India rubber from *Ficus elastica*:** Correct. *Ficus elastica*, also known as the rubber fig, is traditionally used to produce India rubber, although it is not a major commercial source compared to *Hevea brasiliensis*.

- **(C) Panama rubber from *Manihot glaziovii*:** Incorrect. Panama rubber is traditionally associated with species like *Castilla elastica*, not *Manihot glaziovii*. *Manihot glaziovii*, or Ceara rubber, is another species used for rubber production but is not the same as Panama rubber.

- **(D) Ceara rubber from *Castilla elastica*:** Incorrect. Ceara rubber is actually produced from *Manihot glaziovii*, not *Castilla elastica*, which is associated with Panama rubber.

Conclusion:
Explanation: Understanding the correct botanical sources of rubber is essential for the accurate classification of rubber types and their respective plant origins. This knowledge is vital in agricultural practices and the rubber production industry.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
>
> When studying plant-based products, it's crucial to associate the correct species with their common uses to avoid confusion, especially in industries like agriculture where specific species are cultivated for their commercial value.

Q.54 In the Calvin-Benson cycle, to produce 1 molecule of glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate by fixing 3 molecules of carbon dioxide, 9 molecules of ATP and ____ molecules (in integer) of NADPH are typically utilized.
Correct Answer: 6
Solution: The Calvin-Benson cycle, also known as the Calvin cycle or C3 cycle, is a series of biochemical redox reactions that take place in the stroma of chloroplasts in photosynthetic organisms. This cycle is crucial for carbon fixation, contributing to the synthesis of glucose.
Biochemical Requirements:

- Each CO_2 molecule fixed requires 3 ATP and 2 NADPH molecules.

- To fix 3 CO_2 molecules and produce one molecule of glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate, the cycle uses:

$$3 \ CO_2 \times 3 \ ATP = 9 \ ATP$$

$$3 \ CO_2 \times 2 \ NADPH = 6 \ NADPH$$

Conclusion:
Explanation: Therefore, to synthesize one molecule of glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate, a total of 9 ATP and 6 NADPH molecules are consumed. This reflects the energy and reducing power required to incorporate three carbon atoms from CO_2 into an organic molecule.

> **Quick Tip**
>
> Understanding the input of ATP and NADPH in the Calvin cycle is fundamental in grasping how energy from sunlight is transformed into chemical energy stored in carbohydrates during photosynthesis.

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55. In wild-type *Arabidopsis thaliana*, the four types of floral organs (sepal, petal, stamen, carpel) are arranged in concentric whorls from outside to inside. With reference to the ABC model of floral organ patterning, match the homeotic mutants in Group 1 with their respective arrangements of organs in the four whorls given in Group 2.

Group 1	Group 2
(P) A class mutants	(i) sepal, sepal, carpel, carpel
(Q) B class mutants	(ii) sepal, petal, petal, sepal
(R) C class mutants	(iii) carpel, stamen, stamen, carpel
	(iv) sepal, sepal, petal, petal

(A) P–iv, Q–ii, R–i
(B) P–iii, Q–i, R–ii
(C) P–ii, Q–i, R–iii
(D) P–iii, Q–i, R–iv

Correct Answer: (B) P–iii, Q–i, R–ii.

Solution:
According to the ABC model of floral organ patterning: - A class mutants (P): Loss of A function results in the expression of C function throughout the flower, leading to the formation of carpels in the outer two whorls (iii: carpel, stamen, stamen, carpel). - B class mutants (Q): Loss of B function results in sepals forming in the first and second whorls, and carpels forming in the third and fourth whorls (i: sepal, sepal, carpel, carpel). - C class mutants (R): Loss of C function results in the expression of A function throughout the flower, leading to the formation of sepals and petals only (ii: sepal, petal, petal, sepal).
Thus, the correct answer is P–iii, Q–i, R–ii, corresponding to option (B).

> **Quick Tip**
>
> The ABC model explains how combinations of gene activities determine the identity of floral organs in different whorls of a flower.

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56. Match the inhibitors in Group 1 with their respective targets in Group 2.

Group 1	Group 2
(P) Oligomycin	(i) Cytochrome bc_1 complex
(Q) Antimycin A	(ii) Photosystem II
(R) 3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,1-dimethylurea (DCMU)	(iii) K^+ ionophore
(S) Valinomycin	(iv) F_0 ATP synthase

(A) P–i, Q–ii, R–iii, S–iv
(B) P–iv, Q–i, R–ii, S–iii
(C) P–iii, Q–i, R–iv, S–ii
(D) P–iv, Q–ii, R–i, S–iii

Correct Answer: (B) P–iv, Q–i, R–ii, S–iii.

Solution:
The correct matching of inhibitors in Group 1 with their respective targets in Group 2 is as follows: - P – Oligomycin (iv): Oligomycin inhibits F_0 ATP synthase by blocking the proton channel, preventing ATP synthesis. - Q – Antimycin A (i): Antimycin A inhibits the cytochrome bc_1 complex in the mitochondrial electron transport chain. - R – DCMU (ii): DCMU (3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,1-dimethylurea) inhibits Photosystem II in the photosynthetic electron transport chain, blocking electron flow. - S – Valinomycin (iii): Valinomycin acts as a K^+ ionophore, facilitating the transport of K^+ ions across membranes.
Thus, the correct answer is P–iv, Q–i, R–ii, S–iii, which corresponds to option (B).

> 💡 Quick Tip
>
> Understanding the specific targets of inhibitors is essential in biochemistry for studying metabolic pathways and designing therapeutic strategies.

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57. With reference to *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* mediated plant transformation, match the virulence factors in Group 1 with their protein types in Group 2.

Group 1	Group 2
(P) VirG	(i) Kinase
(Q) VirA	(ii) Helicase
(R) VirE	(iii) Transcriptional activator
(S) VirC	(iv) Single strand binding protein

(A) P–i, Q–ii, R–iv, S–iii
(B) P–iii, Q–i, R–ii, S–iv
(C) P–ii, Q–iv, R–i, S–iii
(D) P–iii, Q–i, R–iv, S–ii

Correct Answer: (D) P–iii, Q–i, R–iv, S–ii.

Solution:
The correct matching of virulence factors in Group 1 with their respective protein types in Group 2 is as follows: - P – VirG (iii): VirG is a transcriptional activator involved in regulating

the expression of other virulence genes. - Q – VirA (i): VirA is a kinase that senses plant-derived signals and activates VirG through phosphorylation. - R – VirE (iv): VirE is a single-strand binding protein that stabilizes the transferred DNA (T-DNA) during transformation. - S – VirC (ii): VirC is a helicase involved in unwinding the T-DNA strand for transfer to the plant genome.

Thus, the correct answer is P–iii, Q–i, R–iv, S–ii, corresponding to option (D).

> **♀ Quick Tip**
>
> *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* uses virulence factors to mediate T-DNA transfer into plant cells, a critical process in genetic engineering and plant transformation.

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58. Match the plant products in Group 1 with the plant species in Group 2 that produce them and the respective plant parts in Group 3 where they accumulate the most.

Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
(P) Liquorice	(i) *Cinchona calisaya*	(a) Leaf
(Q) Quinine	(ii) *Lawsonia inermis*	(b) Root
(R) Henna	(iii) *Glycyrrhiza glabra*	(c) Flower
(S) Saffron	(iv) *Papaver somniferum*	(d) Bark
	(v) *Crocus sativus*	(e) Seed

(A) P–iii–b, Q–i–d, R–ii–a, S–v–c
(B) P–i–b, Q–iii–d, R–ii–a, S–iv–c
(C) P–iii–b, Q–i–d, R–ii–e, S–v–c
(D) P–iv–b, Q–i–d, R–iii–c, S–ii–a

Correct Answer: (A) P–iii–b, Q–i–d, R–ii–a, S–v–c.

Solution:
The correct matching of the plant products, species, and plant parts is as follows: - P – Liquorice (iii–b): Liquorice is derived from the root of *Glycyrrhiza glabra*. - Q – Quinine (i–d): Quinine is extracted from the bark of *Cinchona calisaya*. - R – Henna (ii–a): Henna is obtained from the leaves of *Lawsonia inermis*. - S – Saffron (v–c): Saffron is derived from the flower (stigmas) of *Crocus sativus*.

Thus, the correct option is P–iii–b, Q–i–d, R–ii–a, S–v–c, corresponding to option (A).

> **♀ Quick Tip**
>
> Understanding the source and plant part of economically important products is essential for applications in pharmacology and agriculture.

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59. Match the types of ecological interactions in Group 1 with their respective definitions in Group 2.

Group 1		Group 2	
(P)	Protocooperation	(i)	One species is harmed but the other is neither harmed nor benefitted
(Q)	Commensalism	(ii)	A type of mutualism where one species is benefitted more than the other
(R)	Amensalism	(iii)	Both the species are benefitted but the interaction between them is not obligatory
(S)	Helotism	(iv)	One species is benefitted without harming the other

(A) P–iii, Q–iv, R–i, S–ii
(B) P–ii, Q–i, R–iii, S–iv
(C) P–i, Q–iv, R–iii, S–ii
(D) P–iii, Q–i, R–iv, S–ii

Correct Answer: (A) P–iii, Q–iv, R–i, S–ii.

Solution:
The correct matching of the types of ecological interactions with their respective definitions is as follows: - P – Protocooperation (iii): Protocooperation is a type of mutualism where both species benefit, but the interaction is not obligatory. - Q – Commensalism (iv): In commensalism, one species benefits without harming or benefiting the other species. - R – Amensalism (i): In amensalism, one species is harmed while the other is neither harmed nor benefitted. - S – Helotism (ii): Helotism is a type of mutualism where one species benefits more than the other.
Thus, the correct answer is P–iii, Q–iv, R–i, S–ii, corresponding to option (A).

> 💡 **Quick Tip**
>
> Understanding ecological interactions helps in studying the dynamics of ecosystems and the relationships between species.

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60. Match the types of ecological energy productivity in Group 1 with their respective definitions in Group 2.

Group 1	Group 2
(P) Net primary productivity	(i) Total amount of energy produced by autotrophs
(Q) Gross primary productivity	(ii) Amount of energy stored by autotrophs after respiration
(R) Net productivity	(iii) Net gain of energy by the consumers after energy loss
(S) Secondary productivity	(iv) Unused amount of energy after consumption by heterotrophs

(A) P–iii, Q–ii, R–iv, S–i
(B) P–ii, Q–i, R–iii, S–iv
(C) P–ii, Q–i, R–iv, S–iii
(D) P–iv, Q–i, R–ii, S–iii

Correct Answer: (C) P–ii, Q–i, R–iv, S–iii.

Solution:

The correct matching of types of ecological energy productivity with their respective definitions is as follows: - P – Net primary productivity (ii): This refers to the amount of energy stored by autotrophs after subtracting the energy lost due to respiration. - Q – Gross primary productivity (i): This is the total amount of energy produced by autotrophs through photosynthesis. - R – Net productivity (iv): This is the energy left after energy losses, available for the next trophic level. - S – Secondary productivity (iii): This refers to the net gain of energy by consumers after energy losses due to respiration and other processes.

Thus, the correct answer is P–ii, Q–i, R–iv, S–iii, corresponding to option (C).

> **Quick Tip**
>
> Understanding the terms related to energy flow and productivity in ecosystems is essential for ecological studies and environmental science.

Q.61 Which of the following combinations of plant diseases and the types of their causal organisms is/are CORRECT?

(A) $Late blight of potato – Bacteria$

(B) $Black rot of crucifer – Bacteria$

(C) $Tungro disease of rice – Mycoplasma$

(D) $Root knot of tomato – Nematode$

Correct Answer: (B) Black rot of crucifer – Bacteria; (D) Root knot of tomato – Nematode

Solution: Plant diseases can be caused by a variety of pathogens including bacteria, viruses, fungi, nematodes, and other organisms. Identifying the correct pathogen is crucial for effective management and treatment.

Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) Late blight of potato:** Incorrect. Late blight of potato is caused by the oomycete *Phytophthora infestans*, not bacteria.

- **(B) Black rot of crucifer:** Correct. Black rot of crucifers, including vegetables like cabbage and cauliflower, is caused by the bacterium *Xanthomonas campestris pv. campestris*.

- **(C) Tungro disease of rice:** Incorrect. Tungro disease of rice is caused by a combination of a DNA and an RNA virus, not by mycoplasma.

- **(D) Root knot of tomato:** Correct. Root knot of tomato and other plants is caused by nematodes, specifically from the genus *Meloidogyne*.

Conclusion:

Explanation: Correctly identifying the pathogen behind specific plant diseases aids in applying appropriate agricultural practices and phytosanitary measures to control or eradicate the disease.

> **Quick Tip**
>
> Always refer to the latest plant pathology guides or databases to confirm the causative agents of plant diseases, as this information is critical for effective disease management and can sometimes be updated with new scientific insights.

Q.62 Identify the CORRECT combination(s) of plant natural products and the categories they belong to.

(A) *Dhurrin–Phenoliccompounds*

(B) *Farnesene–Terpenoids*

(C) *Naringenin–Cyanogenicglycosides*

(D) *Vincristine–Alkaloids*

Correct Answer: (B) Farnesene – Terpenoids; (D) Vincristine – Alkaloids

Solution: Understanding the classification of plant natural products is crucial for applications in pharmacology, agriculture, and biochemistry.

Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) Dhurrin – Phenolic compounds:** Incorrect. Dhurrin is a cyanogenic glycoside, not a phenolic compound. It is involved in plant defense by releasing hydrogen cyanide when the plant tissue is damaged.

- **(B) Farnesene – Terpenoids:** Correct. Farnesene is a type of sesquiterpene, which is a subclass of terpenoids. Terpenoids are known for their aromatic qualities and are widely used in natural flavorings and fragrances.

- **(C) Naringenin – Cyanogenic glycosides:** Incorrect. Naringenin is a flavonoid, specifically a flavanone, found in citrus fruits and not a cyanogenic glycoside.

- **(D) Vincristine – Alkaloids:** Correct. Vincristine is an alkaloid derived from the Madagascar periwinkle plant (*Catharanthus roseus*). It is well-known for its use in chemotherapy, specifically in the treatment of cancer.

Conclusion:

Explanation: The correct categorization of these substances not only aids in the biological understanding of plant chemistry but also impacts their application in medicine and industry.

> **♡ Quick Tip**
>
> When studying plant compounds, always cross-reference their chemical classification as this can greatly influence their pharmacological properties and therapeutic applications.

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63. Identify the CORRECT combination(s) between the enzymes in Group 1 and the reactions in Group 2 they catalyze.

Group 1	Group 2
(P) Cinnamate-4-hydroxylase	(i) L-phenylalanine $\rightarrow$ Cinnamic acid
(Q) Glycerate kinase	(ii) Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate $\rightarrow$ Dihydroxyacetone phosphate
(R) PEP carboxylase	(iii) Glycolate + O_2 $\rightarrow$ Glyoxylate + H_2O_2
(S) Nitrate reductase	(iv) $NO_3^- + NAD(P)H + H^+ \rightarrow NO_2^- + NAD(P)^+ + H_2O$

(A) S–iv

(B) Q–ii

(C) P–i

(D) R–iii

Correct Answer: (A) S–iv.

Solution:
The correct combination between the enzymes in Group 1 and the reactions in Group 2 is as follows: - S – Nitrate reductase (iv): This enzyme catalyzes the reduction of nitrate (NO_3^-) to nitrite (NO_2^-) using NAD(P)H as the electron donor. Hence, S–iv is correct.
Incorrect combinations: - P – Cinnamate-4-hydroxylase (i): This reaction involves *cinnamic acid hydroxylation*, not the conversion of L-phenylalanine to cinnamic acid.
- Q – Glycerate kinase (ii): Glycerate kinase phosphorylates glycerate, not glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate. - R – PEP carboxylase (iii): PEP carboxylase catalyzes the conversion of phosphoenolpyruvate to oxaloacetate, not glycolate to glyoxylate.
Thus, the correct answer is (A) S–iv.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
>
> Enzyme-substrate specificity is crucial in biochemical pathways. Familiarize yourself with key enzymes and their associated reactions for accurate interpretation.

Q.64 In a genetic cross between two pure-line parents differing in the two independently segregating traits, plant height (tall vs dwarf) and flower color (purple vs white), all the F1 plants were tall with purple flowers. In a testcross population involving these F1 individuals, the expected percentage (%) of dwarf plants with purple flowers would be _____ (in integer).
Correct Answer: 25
Solution:
Genetics of the Traits: Since all F1 offspring are tall with purple flowers, both traits (tallness and purple color) are dominant. Assuming Mendelian inheritance, the parental genotypes for height and flower color can be represented as T (tall) and t (dwarf), and P (purple) and p (white).
Parental Genotypes:

- Tall parent: TT or TP

- Dwarf parent: tt or pp

F1 Generation: All F1 individuals are $TtPp$ (heterozygous for both traits).
Testcross: The testcross of F1 individuals (all $TtPp$) with the homozygous recessive (dwarf and white) ttp results in the following genotype possibilities for F2:

$$\frac{1}{2}T(tall) \times \frac{1}{2}t(dwarf) = \frac{1}{4}Tt + \frac{1}{4}tt$$

$$\frac{1}{2}P(purple) \times \frac{1}{2}p(white) = \frac{1}{4}Pp + \frac{1}{4}pp$$

Combining the probabilities for dwarf (tt) and purple (Pp or PP) gives:

$$\frac{1}{4}(\text{dwarf}) \times \frac{1}{2}(\text{purple}) = \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{8}$$

However, the correct calculation should consider the probability of tt and Pp together:

$$\frac{1}{4}(\text{dwarf}) \times \frac{3}{4}(\text{purple}) = \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{4} = \frac{3}{16}$$

The correct expected percentage is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Percentage} = \frac{1}{4}(\text{dwarf}) \times \frac{3}{4}(\text{purple}) \times 100\% = 25\%$$

Conclusion:

Explanation: Each trait segregates independently, and the dwarf trait (tt) combines with the purple trait (Pp or PP) to give the desired outcome in $\frac{1}{4}$ of the cases for color, given that the plant is dwarf, yielding an overall percentage of 25%.

💡 Quick Tip

Remember in testcrosses involving two traits, calculate the probability of each phenotype by multiplying the independent probabilities of inheriting each trait from a heterozygous F1 individual crossed with a homozygous recessive individual.

Q.65 The mRNA of a hypothetical plant gene $HSDU$ is 800-nucleotide long and encodes a protein of 160 amino acid residues. The calculated length of $HSDU$ CDS would be ____ nucleotides (in integer).

Correct Answer: 483

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the relationship between amino acids and nucleotides.

A single amino acid in a protein is encoded by a codon, which is a sequence of three nucleotides. Hence, the number of nucleotides required to encode n amino acids can be calculated as:

$$\text{Number of nucleotides} = n \times 3$$

Step 2: Calculation of coding sequence length.

Given that the protein has 160 amino acid residues, the total number of nucleotides required for the coding sequence (CDS) is:

$$\text{Length of CDS} = 160 \times 3 = 480 \, \text{nucleotides.}$$

Step 3: Adding the stop codon.

The stop codon at the end of the sequence adds 3 additional nucleotides. Thus, the total length of the CDS becomes:

$$480 + 3 = 483 \, \text{nucleotides.}$$

Step 4: Verifying the final answer.

The calculated length of the $HSDU$ CDS, including the stop codon, is 483 nucleotides.

Conclusion:

The length of the coding sequence (CDS) for $HSDU$ is 483 nucleotides.

💡 Quick Tip

When calculating the length of a coding sequence (CDS), remember to multiply the number of amino acids by 3 (for each codon) and include 3 additional nucleotides for the stop codon.

Q.66 Which one of the following bacterial species can cause atypical pneumonia?

(A) *Chlamydia pneumoniae*

(B) *Streptococcus pneumoniae*

(C) *Klebsiella pneumoniae*

(D) *Haemophilus influenzae*

Correct Answer: (A) *Chlamydia pneumoniae*

Solution: Atypical pneumonia, also known as walking pneumonia, is characterized by milder symptoms than those of typical pneumonia and often results from infections by certain bacteria that are not the usual causative agents of more severe pneumonia.

Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) *Chlamydia pneumoniae*:** Correct. *Chlamydia pneumoniae* is known for causing atypical pneumonia. It typically leads to a mild form of pneumonia that can sometimes go unnoticed or appear with flu-like symptoms.

- **(B) *Streptococcus pneumoniae*:** Incorrect. This bacterium is a common cause of typical pneumonia, which presents with more severe respiratory symptoms and requires different clinical management compared to atypical forms.

- **(C) *Klebsiella pneumoniae*:** Incorrect. *Klebsiella pneumoniae* typically causes a severe form of pneumonia, particularly in individuals with weakened immune systems, and is not classified under atypical pneumonia agents.

- **(D) *Haemophilus influenzae*:** Incorrect. While *Haemophilus influenzae* can cause respiratory tract infections, it is more commonly associated with typical pneumonia and other respiratory illnesses, not specifically classified as an atypical pneumonia pathogen.

Conclusion:

Explanation: Understanding the different pathogens that cause typical and atypical pneumonia is crucial for accurate diagnosis and treatment. *Chlamydia pneumoniae* is specifically noted for its role in atypical cases, which are often less severe and can be treated differently than those caused by more traditional pathogens.

⚲ Quick Tip

In clinical settings, the distinction between typical and atypical pneumonia is important because it influences the choice of antibiotics and other therapeutic strategies.

Q.67 Which one of the following organisms has axial filaments?

(A) *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*

(B) *Pasteurella multocida*

(C) *Treponema pallidum*

(D) *Shigella dysenteriae*

Correct Answer: (C) *Treponema pallidum*

Solution: Axial filaments, also known as periplasmic flagella, are a type of bacterial motility structure located beneath the outer membrane of certain spirochetes, which allows them to move in a corkscrew motion.

Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*:** Incorrect. *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* is a bacillus-shaped bacterium known for causing tuberculosis. It does not have axial filaments.

- **(B) *Pasteurella multocida*:** Incorrect. *Pasteurella multocida* is a coccobacillus that typically affects animals and causes various infections. It does not possess axial filaments.

- **(C) *Treponema pallidum*:** Correct. *Treponema pallidum*, the causative agent of syphilis, is a spirochete bacterium that uses axial filaments for motility, enabling it to move through viscous environments such as connective tissue.

- **(D) *Shigella dysenteriae*:** Incorrect. *Shigella dysenteriae* is a rod-shaped bacterium that causes dysentery. It is non-motile and lacks axial filaments.

Conclusion:

Explanation: Axial filaments are unique to certain spirochetes, aiding in their distinctive motility, which is critical for their pathogenicity and ability to invade host tissues. *Treponema pallidum* is a classic example of such an organism.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
>
> In microbiology, understanding the structural adaptations of pathogens like axial filaments can provide insights into their mechanisms of infection and mobility.

Q.68 Who among the following scientists was the pioneer in development of chemotherapy?
(A) $Elie Metchnikoff$
(B) $Robert Koch$
(C) $Paul Ehrlich$
(D) $Ronald Ross$
Correct Answer: (C) Paul Ehrlich
Solution: Paul Ehrlich is renowned for his groundbreaking work in the field of chemotherapy and his systematic approach to the development of drugs to combat specific pathogens. His pioneering contributions laid the foundation for modern chemotherapy.
Contributions of Each Scientist:

- **(A) Elie Metchnikoff:** Known for his work in immunology, particularly his discovery of phagocytosis, which does not relate directly to the development of chemotherapy.

- **(B) Robert Koch:** Famous for his contributions to microbiology and establishing Koch's postulates, he was pivotal in the identification of the causative agents of diseases like tuberculosis and cholera, but not directly in chemotherapy.

- **(C) Paul Ehrlich:** Correct. He conceptualized and implemented the idea of a "magic bullet" – drugs that would target disease-causing organisms without harming the human body. His work led to the synthesis of Salvarsan, one of the first successful chemotherapeutic agents to treat syphilis.

- **(D) Ronald Ross:** Known for his work on the transmission of malaria by the mosquito, leading to strategies for controlling malaria, not the development of chemotherapeutic agents.

Conclusion:

Explanation: Paul Ehrlich's concept of chemotherapy and his success with Salvarsan marked the beginning of targeted chemical treatment for infectious diseases, making him a foundational figure in the field.

♀ Quick Tip

Understanding the historical contributions of these scientists provides valuable context for their specific impacts on medicine and public health.

Q.69 In which of the following processes, glutaraldehyde is used as a sterilizing agent?

(A) *Pasteurization*

(B) *Incineration*

(C) *Coldsterilization*

(D) *Autoclaving*

Correct Answer: (C) Cold sterilization

Solution: Glutaraldehyde is a potent disinfectant and sterilizing agent commonly used in various medical and laboratory settings.

Review of Processes:

- **(A) Pasteurization:** Typically involves the use of heat to kill pathogens in food and beverages, not involving chemical agents like glutaraldehyde.

- **(B) Incineration:** Refers to the combustion process used to destroy medical waste and other materials at high temperatures. It does not involve chemical sterilants.

- **(C) Cold sterilization:** Correct. Cold sterilization is a term used to describe the sterilization method using chemicals at lower temperatures where heat-sensitive materials are involved. Glutaraldehyde is extensively used in this process for the sterilization of equipment and instruments that cannot withstand high temperatures.

- **(D) Autoclaving:** Involves the use of steam under pressure to achieve sterilization. It is a heat-based method, not chemical, and does not use glutaraldehyde.

Conclusion:

Explanation: Glutaraldehyde is ideal for cold sterilization due to its effectiveness in killing spores and viruses without the need for high temperatures, which might damage delicate medical and laboratory instruments.

♀ Quick Tip

When handling glutaraldehyde, it's important to use it in well-ventilated areas and adhere to safety guidelines due to its potent biocidal properties and potential health risks.

Q.70 The most abundant class of immunoglobulins in serum is _____.

(A) *IgM*

(B) *IgA*

(C) *IgD*

(D) *IgG*

Correct Answer: (D) IgG

Solution: Immunoglobulins (Ig), also known as antibodies, play a crucial role in the immune system by identifying and neutralizing foreign objects like bacteria and viruses. Each class of immunoglobulin has specific roles and characteristics.

Overview of Immunoglobulin Classes:

- **(A) IgM:** Often the first antibody produced in response to an infection, prominent in early immune responses.

- **(B) IgA:** Mainly found in mucous membranes lining the respiratory and gastrointestinal tracts, as well as in secretions like saliva and tears.

- **(C) IgD:** Functions mainly as a receptor on B cells that have not been exposed to antigens.

- **(D) IgG:** Correct. IgG is the most abundant type of antibody in the blood and extracellular fluid, making up about 75

Conclusion:

Explanation: IgG antibodies are not only prevalent but also pivotal in their capacity to mediate immune responses, including secondary immune responses and memory immunological responses, making them essential for long-term immunity.

⚲ Quick Tip

Understanding the distinct functions of different immunoglobulin classes is key in fields like immunology and medical diagnostics, where antibody presence and type can indicate the stage or type of an ongoing immune response.

Q.71 Which one of the following double-stranded sequences will NOT be recognized by a Type IIP restriction endonuclease?

(A)   5'-GGTACC-3'
       3'-CCATGG-5'

(B)   5'-GGATCC-3'
       3'-CCTAGG-5'

(C)   5'-CATATG-3'
       3'-GTATAC-5'

(D)   5'-GAATTC-3'
       3'-CTAAAG-5'

Correct Answer: (D) 5'-GAATTC-3' / 3'-CTAAAG-5'

Solution: Type IIP restriction endonucleases recognize specific palindromic DNA sequences and cleave within or near these sequences. Palindromes in DNA are sequences that read the same on both strands when oriented in opposite directions.

Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) & (B):** Both options A and B are palindromic sequences that are typical targets for Type IIP enzymes. For example, EcoRI recognizes 5'-GAATTC-3' (not shown as such here but similarly palindromic).

- **(C):** This sequence is also palindromic (reads the same forwards and backwards), commonly recognized by enzymes like NdeI.

- **(D):** The sequence shown in option D is not palindromic since the two strands do not read the same in the opposite direction, thus not likely recognized by a typical Type IIP restriction enzyme.

Conclusion:

Explanation: Since Type IIP restriction endonucleases require a specific palindromic sequence to function, any non-palindromic sequence, such as the one shown in option D, will not be recognized or cut by such enzymes.

> ⏻ Quick Tip
>
> When working with restriction endonucleases in molecular biology, always ensure to match the enzyme with its correct recognition sequence to achieve desired DNA modifications.

Q.72 Which one of the following use inorganic compounds as an energy source?
(A) *Heterotrophs*
(B) *Chemolithotrophs*
(C) *Chemoorganotrophs*
(D) *Photoheterotrophs*

Correct Answer: (B) Chemolithotrophs

Solution: The categorization of organisms based on their energy sources is crucial for understanding their ecological roles and metabolic capabilities.

Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) Heterotrophs:** Rely on organic compounds for both carbon and energy needs. They do not use inorganic compounds as a primary energy source.

- **(B) Chemolithotrophs:** Correct. These organisms utilize inorganic compounds as a source of energy. They oxidize inorganic substances such as iron, sulfur, or nitrogen to derive energy.

- **(C) Chemoorganotrophs:** Use organic compounds for energy, similar to heterotrophs but with a focus on the chemical aspects.

- **(D) Photoheterotrophs:** Use light for energy but require organic compounds as carbon sources, not utilizing inorganic compounds for energy.

Conclusion:

Explanation: Chemolithotrophs are unique in their ability to exploit inorganic chemical reactions to sustain their energy needs, differentiating them significantly from other types listed, which rely on organic compounds or photosynthesis.

Q.73 Which one of the following represents the abundance of the organisms found in soil?

(A) $Fungi > Aerobic bacteria > Anaerobic bacteria$
(B) $Aerobic bacteria > Fungi > Anaerobic bacteria$
(C) $Aerobic bacteria > Anaerobic bacteria > Fungi$
(D) $Anaerobic bacteria > Aerobic bacteria > Fungi$

Correct Answer: (C) Aerobic bacteria ¿ Anaerobic bacteria ¿ Fungi

Solution: The distribution and abundance of organisms in soil depend largely on oxygen availability, organic matter content, and moisture, among other environmental factors.

Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) Fungi ¿ Aerobic bacteria ¿ Anaerobic bacteria:** Incorrect. While fungi are abundant in soil, aerobic bacteria typically outnumber them due to their rapid growth rates and versatility in using soil organic matter.

- **(B) Aerobic bacteria ¿ Fungi ¿ Anaerobic bacteria:** This option is close but underestimates the abundance of anaerobic bacteria in certain soil types, especially those rich in organic materials where oxygen depletion can occur.

- **(C) Aerobic bacteria ¿ Anaerobic bacteria ¿ Fungi:** Correct. Aerobic bacteria are generally the most abundant due to their ability to rapidly utilize oxygen for metabolism. Anaerobic bacteria, while less abundant than aerobic types, can thrive in microenvironments within the soil where oxygen is limited. Fungi, although widespread and important, are generally less abundant than bacteria.

- **(D) Anaerobic bacteria ¿ Aerobic bacteria ¿ Fungi:** Incorrect. This arrangement overestimates the prevalence of anaerobic bacteria which, while significant, are typically not more abundant than aerobic bacteria in most soils.

Conclusion:

Explanation: Aerobic bacteria dominate in most soils because they can efficiently exploit the most readily available form of carbon and energy under oxic conditions. Anaerobic bacteria adapt to niche environments where oxygen is depleted, and fungi, although essential for decomposing complex organics, rank lower in overall abundance compared to bacteria.

74. Match the antibiotics in Group I with the microorganisms that produce them in Group II.

Group I	Group II
(P) Streptomycin	(i) *Streptomyces griseus*
(Q) Bacitracin	(ii) *Bacillus licheniformis*
(R) Amphotericin B	(iii) *Streptomyces nodosus*
(S) Chloramphenicol	(iv) *Streptomyces venezuelae*

(A) (P)-(ii), (Q)-(iii), (R)-(i), (S)-(iv)
(B) (P)-(i), (Q)-(ii), (R)-(iv), (S)-(iii)
(C) (P)-(i), (Q)-(ii), (R)-(iii), (S)-(iv)
(D) (P)-(ii), (Q)-(iv), (R)-(i), (S)-(iii)

Correct Answer: (B) (P)-(i), (Q)-(ii), (R)-(iv), (S)-(iii).

Solution:

The correct matching of antibiotics in Group I with the microorganisms that produce them in Group II is as follows: - Streptomycin (P): Produced by *Streptomyces griseus* (i). - Bacitracin (Q): Produced by *Bacillus licheniformis* (ii). - Amphotericin B (R): Produced by *Streptomyces nodosus* (iv). - Chloramphenicol (S): Produced by *Streptomyces venezuelae* (iii).

Thus, the correct option is (P)-(i), (Q)-(ii), (R)-(iv), (S)-(iii), which corresponds to option (B).

> **♀ Quick Tip**
>
> Antibiotics are often produced by specific microorganisms, such as *Streptomyces* species, which are widely used in medicine. Familiarity with these associations is essential in microbiology.

Q.75 Which one of the following redox couples has the highest tendency to donate electrons?

(A) *Fumarate/Succinate*
(B) NAD^+ / NADH
(C) $FAD/FADH_2$
(D) *Pyruvate/Lactate*

Correct Answer: (B) NAD^+ / NADH

Solution: The tendency of a redox couple to donate electrons can be determined by their standard reduction potential. The more negative the standard reduction potential, the stronger the tendency of the reduced form to donate electrons.

Overview of Redox Couples:

- **Fumarate / Succinate:** This couple involves the conversion of succinate to fumarate in the Krebs cycle, which does not have a strong tendency to donate electrons.

- **NAD^+ / NADH:** Correct. NADH is a high-energy molecule that readily donates electrons in oxidative phosphorylation to drive ATP production, reflecting its strong electron-donating capability.

- **FAD / FADH$_2$:** While FADH$_2$ also donates electrons in the electron transport chain, its electron-donating ability is less potent compared to NADH.

- **Pyruvate / Lactate:** The conversion of lactate to pyruvate is also involved in metabolic processes but is not as potent a donor as NADH.

Conclusion:
Explanation: NADH, derived from NAD$^+$, has a significant role in cellular respiration, specifically in donating electrons to the electron transport chain. Its high energy and strong electron-donating capacity make it the most effective among the listed options.

> **Quick Tip**
>
> When evaluating the electron-donating ability of redox couples, consider both their roles in cellular processes and their electrochemical properties, including their standard reduction potentials.

Q.76 Which of the following is/are active transport mechanism(s) in prokaryotes where the substance is chemically altered during transport across the membrane?
(A) $Group translocation$
(B) $Simple diffusion$
(C) $Facilitated diffusion$
(D) $Osmosis$
Correct Answer: (A) Group translocation
Solution: Active transport mechanisms are crucial for the uptake of nutrients and other molecules in cells, especially in environments where concentration gradients do not favor passive transport.
Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) Group translocation:** Correct. This is a type of active transport unique to prokaryotes, such as the phosphoenolpyruvate:sugar phosphotransferase system (PTS). In this system, a substance is chemically modified during its transport across the cell membrane, typically by phosphorylation. This method not only moves the substance against a concentration gradient but also modifies it to keep it inside the cell.

- **(B) Simple diffusion:** Involves the movement of substances from an area of higher concentration to an area of lower concentration, not requiring energy and not involving chemical modification.

- **(C) Facilitated diffusion:** Also a passive transport mechanism, using carrier proteins to speed the movement of molecules across the membrane without energy expenditure or chemical alteration.

- **(D) Osmosis:** The movement of water across a semi-permeable membrane from an area of lower solute concentration to an area of higher solute concentration. It does not involve the chemical alteration of the water molecules.

Conclusion:
Explanation: Group translocation is the only option listed that involves both active trans-

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port and chemical modification of the transported substance, making it essential for cellular metabolism and internal regulation in prokaryotes.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
>
> Understanding different transport mechanisms is crucial in microbiology, as it helps explain how cells adapt to nutrient availability and maintain internal environments.

Q.77 Which of the following cocci is/are examples of division in one plane?
(A) *Staphylococci*
(B) *Streptococci*
(C) *Micrococci*
(D) *Diplococci*
Correct Answer: (B) Streptococci; (D) Diplococci
Solution: Bacterial cells can divide in various planes relative to their axes, influencing the arrangement of the resulting cells. This arrangement can often help in identifying the type of bacteria.
Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) Staphylococci:** Incorrect. These bacteria divide in multiple planes, resulting in clusters that resemble a bunch of grapes.

- **(B) Streptococci:** Correct. Streptococci divide along a single axis, leading to a chain-like arrangement, indicative of division in one plane.

- **(C) Micrococci:** Incorrect. Micrococci typically divide in more than one plane, usually forming tetrads or irregular clusters.

- **(D) Diplococci:** Correct. Diplococci divide in one plane and remain attached in pairs after division.

Conclusion:
Explanation: Streptococci and diplococci are characterized by their division in one plane, a key morphological trait used in microbiological classification and identification. This type of division leads to predictable cellular arrangements that are crucial for identification in clinical and environmental microbiology.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
>
> Recognizing the patterns of division in cocci can aid significantly in initial diagnostics and understanding the potential virulence and epidemiology of the bacteria.

Q.78 Which of the following event(s) occur(s) during translation in prokaryotes?
(A) $tRNA binding to the start codon of mRNA on the 30s subunit of ribosome$
(B) $Anticodon of tRNA binding to the start codon of mRNA on the 50s subunit of ribosome$
(C) $The ribosome continues to move along the mRNA to add new amino acids to the polypeptide$
(D) $The polypeptide is released when the ribosome reaches the stop codon$

Correct Answer: (A), (C), (D)

Solution: The process of translation in prokaryotes involves several key steps where the ribosomal subunits, mRNA, and tRNA play critical roles.

Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) Correct:** The initiator tRNA binds to the start codon of the mRNA, which is usually AUG, on the 30s subunit of the ribosome. This event is critical for the initiation of protein synthesis.

- **(B) Incorrect:** The anticodon of tRNA binds to the mRNA start codon on the 30s subunit, not the 50s subunit. The 50s subunit is involved in the peptidyl transferase activity, not the initiation of translation.

- **(C) Correct:** Once initiated, the ribosome moves along the mRNA molecule, catalyzing the addition of new amino acids to the growing polypeptide chain. This occurs through the elongation cycle of translation.

- **(D) Correct:** Translation concludes when the ribosome encounters a stop codon on the mRNA. At this point, release factors promote the release of the newly synthesized polypeptide chain from the ribosome.

Conclusion:

Explanation: Options (A), (C), and (D) accurately describe events that are essential components of the translation process in prokaryotes, covering the initiation, elongation, and termination phases respectively.

> **⚘ Quick Tip**
>
> Understanding the roles of different ribosomal subunits and the sequence of events in translation can aid in comprehending how proteins are synthesized within cells, which is crucial for genetic and medical research.

Q.79 Which of the following is/are consequence(s) of nitrous acid (HNO_2) mediated deamination?

(A) $Deamination of cytosine, adenine, and guanine$
(B) $GC-to-AT transitions$
(C) $AT-to-GC transitions$
(D) $Addition of alkyl group to the bases$

Correct Answer: (A) $Deamination of cytosine, adenine, and guanine$
(B) $GC-to-AT transitions$
(C) $AT-to-GC transitions$

Solution: Nitrous acid, a deaminating agent, can alter the genetic information of DNA by converting nucleobases through the loss of amino groups.

Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) Correct:** Nitrous acid can deaminate cytosine to uracil, adenine to hypoxanthine, and guanine to xanthine, thereby changing their pairing properties.

- **(B) Correct:** The deamination of cytosine to uracil results in uracil pairing with adenine instead of guanine during DNA replication, leading to GC-to-AT transitions upon subsequent rounds of DNA replication.

- **(C) Correct:** Deamination of adenine results in hypoxanthine, which pairs with cytosine rather than thymine, potentially leading to AT-to-GC transitions upon DNA replication.

- **(D) Incorrect:** The addition of an alkyl group to bases is not a consequence of nitrous acid treatment; this change is more associated with alkylating agents, not deaminating agents like nitrous acid.

Conclusion:

Explanation: Deamination induced by nitrous acid results in the alteration of base-pairing rules and can lead to point mutations in the DNA. This process underscores the mutagenic potential of chemical agents on genetic material.

💡 Quick Tip

When studying DNA damage by chemical agents, it's crucial to distinguish between different types of modifications (e.g., deamination vs. alkylation) as they have different implications for mutagenesis and repair mechanisms.

Q.80 At root nodules, which of the following C4 organic acid(s) is/are transported across the symbiosome membrane and into bacteroids?

(A) *Succinate*
(B) *Pyruvate*
(C) *Malate*
(D) *Fumarate*

Correct Answer: (A) Succinate; (C) Malate; (D) Fumarate

Solution: In the symbiotic relationship between leguminous plants and nitrogen-fixing bacteria (rhizobia), the transport of specific organic acids across the symbiosome membrane into bacteroids is crucial for nitrogen fixation.

Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) Succinate:** Correct. Succinate is a key intermediate in the tricarboxylic acid (TCA) cycle and is known to be transported into bacteroids where it serves as a carbon source for energy production.

- **(B) Pyruvate:** Although pyruvate is a central metabolic intermediate, it is not typically listed as one of the main C4 organic acids transported into bacteroids in the context of root nodules.

- **(C) Malate:** Correct. Malate is another TCA cycle intermediate that is transported into bacteroids. It plays a significant role in providing both carbon and reducing equivalents necessary for nitrogen fixation.

- **(D) Fumarate:** Correct. Fumarate is also involved in the TCA cycle and serves as a substrate for metabolic processes within bacteroids.

Conclusion:

Explanation: Succinate, malate, and fumarate are involved in metabolic pathways that support the energy requirements and nitrogen fixation activities of rhizobia within the root nodules. These compounds facilitate the exchange of nutrients and metabolic intermediates necessary for symbiotic nitrogen fixation.

Quick Tip

Understanding the metabolic interactions within root nodules can enhance our knowledge of plant-microbe interactions and the bioengineering of crops for enhanced nitrogen utilization.

Q.81 Which of the following is/are TRUE about the *Escherichia coli* chromosome?
(A) $It is typically bound by histones$
(B) $It is circular in nature$
(C) $It is found in the nucleoid$
(D) $It contains multiple origins of replication$

Correct Answer: (B) It is circular in nature; (C) It is found in the nucleoid

Solution: The *Escherichia coli* chromosome has specific characteristics that distinguish it from eukaryotic chromosomes.

Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) Incorrect:** Unlike eukaryotic chromosomes, bacterial chromosomes including that of *E. coli* are not typically bound by histones. Instead, they may be associated with different, less structured nucleoid-associated proteins.

- **(B) Correct:** The *E. coli* chromosome is circular, a common feature among many bacterial species, facilitating a different mode of replication and segregation than linear chromosomes.

- **(C) Correct:** The chromosome of *E. coli* is located in a densely packed region of the cell known as the nucleoid. This area is not enclosed by a membrane but is where the DNA is concentrated.

- **(D) Incorrect:** The *E. coli* chromosome generally contains a single origin of replication, allowing the chromosome to be replicated in a bidirectional manner.

Conclusion:

Explanation: Understanding the structural and functional aspects of the *E. coli* chromosome helps in comprehending bacterial genetics and cell biology, highlighting the differences between prokaryotic and eukaryotic cellular structures.

Quick Tip

Knowing the physical characteristics of bacterial chromosomes can be crucial for genetic engineering and microbiology research, particularly when designing experiments involving cloning or expression of bacterial genes.

Q.82 At $t = 0$, the bacterial cell number is 10,000 cells/mL. At $t = 480$ minutes, the cell number increased to 320,000 cells/mL. The mean generation time during this exponential growth period, rounded off to the nearest integer is ____ minutes.

Correct Answer: 96

Solution: To determine the mean generation time, we use the formula for exponential growth:

$$N_t = N_0 \cdot 2^{t/G}$$

where: N_t is the final population size, N_0 is the initial population size, t is the time period, G is the generation time.

Given: $N_0 = 10,000$, $N_t = 320,000$, $t = 480$ minutes.

Rearranging the formula to solve for G:

$$2^{t/G} = \frac{N_t}{N_0} \Rightarrow t/G = \log_2\left(\frac{N_t}{N_0}\right) \Rightarrow G = \frac{t}{\log_2\left(\frac{N_t}{N_0}\right)}$$

Plugging in the numbers:

$$G = \frac{480}{\log_2\left(\frac{320,000}{10,000}\right)} = \frac{480}{\log_2(32)}$$

Since $\log_2(32) = 5$ (because $2^5 = 32$):

$$G = \frac{480}{5} = 96 \text{ minutes}$$

Conclusion:

Explanation: The mean generation time is calculated as the time it takes for the bacterial population to double. In this case, the population doubles 5 times to reach from 10,000 to 320,000 in 480 minutes, resulting in a mean generation time of approximately 96 minutes.

💡 **Quick Tip**

Mean generation time provides insights into the growth rate of bacteria and is critical in microbiological studies involving the dynamics of bacterial population growth under various conditions.

Q.83 A landfill sample was analyzed by dilution and plating techniques for viable bacterial count. When one gram of the landfill sample was diluted 1×10^4 (w/v) it yielded 400 CFU. The viable bacterial count (in million, rounded off to the nearest integer) in one gram landfill sample is ____.

Correct Answer: 4

Solution: To find the original bacterial count in the landfill sample, we use the formula:

$$\text{Viable count per gram} = \frac{\text{Number of colonies} \times \text{Dilution factor}}{\text{Amount of sample plated (in grams)}}$$

Given:

- Number of colonies (CFU) $= 400$

- Dilution factor $= 10^4$

- Amount of sample plated = 1 gram (since it mentions 1 gram was diluted)

Calculating the viable count:

$$\text{Viable count per gram} = \frac{400 \times 10^4}{1} = 4,000,000 \text{ CFU per gram}$$

Converting to millions:

$$\text{Viable count in million} = \frac{4,000,000}{1,000,000} = 4 \text{ million CFU per gram}$$

Conclusion:
Explanation: The calculation is straightforward: multiply the number of colonies by the dilution factor to revert the dilution effect and get the count per original sample volume or weight.

> **♥ Quick Tip**
>
> When calculating microbial counts from diluted samples, always ensure the dilution factor is accurately used to revert the concentration to the original sample volume or weight for an accurate estimate of microbial load.

Q.84 A fluorescence microscope with an objective lens of numerical aperture (NA) 1.5 is used with light of wavelength (λ) 600 nanometers. The lateral resolution limit of this microscope rounded off to the nearest integer, is ____ nanometers.
Correct Answer: 244nm
Solution: The resolution limit of a microscope can be estimated using the Rayleigh criterion for lateral resolution:

$$d = \frac{0.61\lambda}{NA}$$

where: d is the lateral resolution limit, λ is the wavelength of light used, NA is the numerical aperture of the objective lens.
Plugging in the values:

$$d = \frac{0.61 \times 600 \,\text{nm}}{1.5}$$

Calculating:

$$d = \frac{366 \,\text{nm}}{1.5} \approx 244 \,\text{nm}$$

Conclusion:
Explanation: The formula used here is a simplified version of the Rayleigh criterion, which is suitable for calculating the diffraction-limited resolution in microscopy. This criterion is essential for determining the finest detail visible under a microscope given a particular light wavelength and numerical aperture.

> **♥ Quick Tip**
>
> When using fluorescence microscopy, choosing a higher numerical aperture can significantly improve resolution, allowing finer details to be resolved.

Q.85 Which one of the following statements about gene expression is INCORRECT?

(A) $DNA\ is\ transcribed\ to\ mRNA.$

(B) $mRNA\ can\ be\ reverse-transcribed\ to\ DNA.$

(C) $mRNA\ can\ be\ translated\ to\ protein.$

(D) $Protein\ can\ be\ reverse-translated\ to\ mRNA.$

Correct Answer: (D) Protein can be reverse-translated to mRNA.

Solution: Analyzing the statements about fundamental processes in molecular biology reveals the following:

- **(A) Correct:** DNA is transcribed to mRNA, a central tenet of molecular biology known as the central dogma.

- **(B) Correct:** mRNA can indeed be reverse-transcribed to DNA, a process utilized by retroviruses and in techniques such as reverse transcription PCR (RT-PCR).

- **(C) Correct:** mRNA's translation to protein is a fundamental aspect of gene expression, occurring in the ribosomes of cells.

- **(D) Incorrect:** Proteins cannot be reverse-translated to mRNA. This statement violates the central dogma of molecular biology, which states that information flows from DNA to RNA to protein, not in reverse from protein.

Conclusion:

Explanation: The incorrect statement (D) suggests a reverse flow of genetic information from protein back to mRNA, which is not possible with current biological mechanisms. The central dogma clarifies that once information has passed into protein, it cannot flow back to nucleic acids.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
>
> Understanding the central dogma is crucial for grasping how genetic information is processed within biological systems, impacting everything from genetic engineering to disease treatment strategies.

Q.86 Which one of the following tissues/organs is least likely to experience graft rejection when transplanted from a person to an unrelated person?

(A) $Bone\ marrow$

(B) $Cornea$

(C) $Heart$

(D) $Kidney$

Correct Answer: (B) Cornea

Solution: Among the listed options, the cornea is known to exhibit the lowest incidence of graft rejection.

Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) Bone marrow:** Highly sensitive to compatibility issues and requires close matching of HLA types due to its role in the immune system.

- **(B) Cornea:** Correct. The cornea is avascular (lacks blood vessels), which significantly reduces the risk of immune rejection. This avascularity prevents the direct access of immune cells to the transplanted tissue, making it an ideal graft that is less likely to be rejected.

- **(C) Heart:** The heart is highly vascular and highly susceptible to immune-mediated rejection, requiring immunosuppressive therapy post-transplantation.

- **(D) Kidney:** Like the heart, the kidney is also highly vascular and prone to rejection, necessitating careful matching and immunosuppression.

Conclusion:

Explanation: The cornea's lack of direct blood supply is the primary reason it is less susceptible to the immune reactions typically seen in other transplanted organs or tissues. This unique characteristic allows it to be the safest and most successful allograft with the lowest chance of rejection.

♀ Quick Tip

When considering transplantation, the immunological aspects of the graft, such as blood supply and lymphatic drainage, play crucial roles in the likelihood of rejection. Understanding these factors can aid in better management and treatment approaches.

Q.87 Codon bias is correlated with the relative frequencies of which one of the following types of RNA?
(A) $mRNA$
(B) $rRNA$
(C) $siRNA$
(D) $tRNA$

Correct Answer: (D) tRNA

Solution: Codon bias refers to the phenomenon where certain codons are used more frequently in the coding sequences of genes than others. This bias is closely linked to the availability and frequency of corresponding anti-codons in tRNA molecules.

Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) mRNA:** While mRNA contains codons, the concept of codon bias is not merely about their presence but rather their usage frequency, which is influenced by tRNA availability.

- **(B) rRNA:** Ribosomal RNA (rRNA) is involved in the structure and catalytic function of ribosomes and does not interact with mRNA codons in a way that influences codon bias.

- **(C) siRNA:** Small interfering RNA (siRNA) is involved in the RNA interference pathway and does not play a role in codon usage or bias.

- **(D) Correct:** tRNA molecules carry amino acids to the ribosome and pair with the codons in mRNA during translation. The availability of tRNA species corresponding to specific codons can influence the frequency of these codons in genes, thereby affecting codon bias.

Conclusion:

Explanation: The correlation between codon bias and tRNA frequencies is crucial for understanding how genes are efficiently translated within cells. Organisms often optimize their gene expression by using codons that match the most abundant tRNAs, leading to more efficient protein synthesis.

⚑ Quick Tip

When studying gene expression optimization in different organisms, examining tRNA gene copy numbers can provide insights into codon usage patterns and evolutionary adaptations to translational efficiency.

Q.88 CREB1 is a eukaryotic transcription factor. In which one of the following compartments of the cell is CREB1 predominantly localized?

(A) *Lysosomes*
(B) *Mitochondria*
(C) *Nucleus*
(D) *Peroxisomes*

Correct Answer: (C) Nucleus

Solution: CREB1 (cAMP Response Element-Binding Protein 1) is a well-studied transcription factor that plays a key role in the regulation of gene expression in response to various stimuli.

Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) Lysosomes:** Incorrect. Lysosomes are involved in degradation and recycling of cellular waste and macromolecules, not transcription.

- **(B) Mitochondria:** Incorrect. While mitochondria have their own DNA and transcription systems, CREB1 primarily functions in the nuclear DNA context.

- **(C) Correct:** The nucleus is where CREB1 functions as it binds to DNA at specific response elements to regulate transcription. This process involves the activation or repression of gene expression critical for numerous cellular processes.

- **(D) Peroxisomes:** Incorrect. Peroxisomes are involved in fatty acid metabolism and do not play a direct role in transcription regulation by nuclear transcription factors like CREB1.

Conclusion:

Explanation: The nucleus is the primary site for the localization of transcription factors, including CREB1, due to their role in interacting directly with chromosomal DNA to influence transcriptional activity.

⚑ Quick Tip

Understanding the localization and function of transcription factors like CREB1 is fundamental in molecular biology, particularly in the context of signal transduction and gene expression regulation.

Q.89 In certain species of salamanders, male-female pairs have multiple mating partners in a breeding season. Which one of the following terminologies accurately describes this mating system?

(A) *Monogamy*

(B) *Polyandry*

(C) *Polygyny*

(D) *Polygynandry*

Correct Answer: (D) Polygynandry

Solution: To understand the mating systems referred to in the options, we must define each term:

- **(A) Monogamy:** Involves one male mating exclusively with one female. Not applicable here as multiple partners are involved.

- **(B) Polyandry:** A pattern where one female mates with multiple males but does not describe multiple males mating with multiple females.

- **(C) Polygyny:** Describes a scenario where one male mates with multiple females but does not include females having multiple mates.

- **(D) Polygynandry:** Correct. This term describes a mating system where multiple males mate with multiple females. It best matches the scenario described for the salamanders, where male-female pairs have multiple mating partners.

Conclusion:

Explanation: Polygynandry fits the described salamander mating behavior where both males and females may have multiple partners during the breeding season. This system allows for a high genetic diversity within the offspring, which can be advantageous in varying environmental conditions.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
>
> Understanding different mating systems is crucial in the study of evolutionary biology and ecology, as it helps explain the reproductive strategies and social structures of various species.

Q.90 Which one of the following statements describes the key function of human sweat glands?

(A) *They serve as touch sensors.*

(B) *They are responsible for skin color.*

(C) *They regulate body temperature.*

(D) *They store fat.*

Correct Answer: (C) They regulate body temperature.

Solution: Human sweat glands, specifically eccrine sweat glands, play a crucial role in thermoregulation, which is the maintenance of body temperature.

Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) Incorrect:** Touch sensors are primarily associated with sensory neurons in the skin, not sweat glands.

- **(B) Incorrect:** Skin color is determined by melanin, produced by melanocytes, not sweat glands.

- **(C) Correct:** Sweat glands help regulate body temperature through the process of evaporation. When the body temperature rises, sweat is produced and evaporates, which helps cool the body.

- **(D) Incorrect:** Fat storage is the function of adipose tissue, not sweat glands.

Conclusion:

Explanation: Sweat glands are involved in the secretion of fluids primarily for cooling the body surface via evaporation, which effectively helps in regulating the body's internal temperature in response to environmental heat or physical exertion.

♡ Quick Tip

Understanding the role of different skin components, including sweat glands, is essential in fields like dermatology and physiology, aiding in the treatment of conditions like hyperhidrosis or anhidrosis.

Q.91 Urease enzyme catalyzes the conversion of urea into ammonia and carbon dioxide. Which one of the following organisms expresses urease enzyme?
(A) $Caenorhabditiselegans$
(B) $Drosophilamelanogaster$
(C) $Helicobacterpylori$
(D) $Homosapiens$

Correct Answer: (C) Helicobacter pylori

Solution: The urease enzyme is crucial for certain bacteria to survive in acidic environments by catalyzing the conversion of urea into ammonia, which can neutralize acid.

Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) Incorrect:** Caenorhabditis elegans, a nematode, does not utilize urease as part of its metabolic processes.

- **(B) Incorrect:** Drosophila melanogaster, commonly known as the fruit fly, does not produce urease.

- **(C) Correct:** Helicobacter pylori expresses urease, which is a critical factor in its ability to colonize the human stomach, neutralizing stomach acid through the production of ammonia.

- **(D) Incorrect:** Humans (Homo sapiens) do not produce urease. The presence of urease in humans is typically associated with bacterial infection.

Conclusion:

Explanation: Helicobacter pylori's expression of urease is a well-documented mechanism that helps protect the bacteria from the acidic environment of the stomach, enabling it to cause infections that can lead to ulcers and other gastrointestinal disorders.

Q.92 The human genetic code is triplet in nature with 64 codons made using four nucleotides. If the human genetic code was doublet in nature, the number of codons theoretically possible from four nucleotides is ____. (Answer in integer)

Correct Answer: 16

Solution: In the current triplet system, each codon consists of three nucleotides, and each nucleotide can be one of four types (adenine, cytosine, guanine, or thymine). The number of possible codons in a triplet system is calculated as:

$$4^3 = 4 \times 4 \times 4 = 64$$

where each exponentiation base 4 represents the four possible nucleotides, and the exponent 3 represents the number of nucleotide positions per codon.

Doublet System Calculation: If the genetic code were to use doublets instead of triplets, the calculation would involve two nucleotide positions per codon, which gives:

$$4^2 = 4 \times 4 = 16$$

Thus, with four nucleotides and two positions, 16 unique codons could theoretically be formed. Conclusion:

Explanation: Reducing the length of codons from three nucleotides to two decreases the complexity and variety of the genetic code, leading to fewer possible codons. This simplification highlights the versatile nature of the triplet codon system in encoding a diverse set of amino acids and functionality in proteins.

Q.93 Which one of the following statements is NOT TRUE of glycosaminoglycans?

(A) $Glycosaminoglycans are composed of repeating disaccharide units.$

(B) $Glycosaminoglycans consist of amino sugars that are frequently sulfated.$

(C) $Hyaluronic acid is an example of a glycosaminoglycan.$

(D) $Methionine is the predominant amino acid to which glycosaminoglycan chains are conjugated to form prot$

Correct Answer: (D) Methionine is the predominant amino acid to which glycosaminoglycan chains are conjugated to form proteoglycans.

Solution: Glycosaminoglycans (GAGs) are a major component of the extracellular matrix and are involved in various biological processes. They are linked to core proteins to form proteoglycans, but the statement about methionine is incorrect.

Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) Correct:** Glycosaminoglycans are indeed composed of repeating disaccharide units, typically consisting of an amino sugar and a uronic sugar.

- **(B) Correct:** Many glycosaminoglycans contain amino sugars that are often sulfated, which is critical for their function in the body.

- **(C) Correct:** Hyaluronic acid is a well-known example of a glycosaminoglycan that does not contain sulfate groups and is not linked to a protein core.

- **(D) Incorrect:** Proteoglycans are formed when glycosaminoglycans are attached to a core protein, typically through a linkage involving the amino acid serine, not methionine.

Conclusion:

Explanation: The correct linkage involves a specific region on the core protein where a xylose molecule binds to a serine residue, initiating the attachment of the glycosaminoglycan chain. Methionine is not involved in this process.

💡 Quick Tip

In biochemistry, understanding the molecular structure and functional group involvement, such as sulfation and amino acid specificity in protein linkage, is crucial for grasping complex biochemical interactions and mechanisms.

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94. Which one of the options correctly matches the human tissues/organs with their embryonic germ layers of origin?

Tissues/organs	Embryonic germ layers
(P) liver	(I) ectoderm
(Q) cerebellum	(II) endoderm
(R) femur	(III) mesoderm

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

Correct Answer: (A) P-II, Q-I, R-III.

Solution:
The correct matching of human tissues/organs with their embryonic germ layers is as follows:
- Liver (P): The liver originates from the endoderm, which gives rise to the digestive system and its associated glands. - Cerebellum (Q): The cerebellum originates from the ectoderm, specifically the neural ectoderm, which forms the central nervous system. - Femur (R): The femur, being a bone, originates from the mesoderm, which forms connective tissues, including bones and muscles.
Thus, the correct matching is P-II, Q-I, R-III, corresponding to option (A).

Q.95 Consider a large population of a finch species, where both small and big beak sizes are advantageous, and an intermediate beak size is maladaptive. Over a period of 10 years, which one of the following evolutionary processes is most likely to operate on the beak size of this finch population?

(A) *Directional selection*
(B) *Disruptive selection*
(C) *Genetic drift*
(D) *Stabilizing selection*

Correct Answer: (B) Disruptive selection

Solution: Disruptive selection is the process that favors individuals at both extremes of a trait distribution over those with intermediate phenotypes. This form of selection can lead to the presence of two distinct phenotypes within a single population.

Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) Directional selection:** Incorrect, as it favors one extreme phenotype over all others, not both extremes.

- **(B) Correct:** Disruptive selection accurately describes the scenario where both small and large beak sizes are favored, making the intermediate sizes less common or maladaptive.

- **(C) Genetic drift:** Incorrect, genetic drift involves random changes in allele frequencies, which is unlikely to consistently favor both extreme phenotypes, especially in large populations.

- **(D) Stabilizing selection:** Incorrect, as it favors intermediate traits over extremes, which is opposite of the described scenario.

Conclusion:

Explanation: Given that both extremes of beak size confer advantages, disruptive selection would enhance the frequency of genes contributing to both small and large beak sizes, possibly leading to an increased divergence within the population. This might be an evolutionary response to varied ecological niches or dietary requirements that different beak sizes might fulfill.

Q.96 When the blood glucose level of a healthy person is 100 mg/dL, which one of the following options is most likely to represent the level of glucose in the urine of

that person?
(A) < 1 mg/dL
(B) 10 mg/dL
(C) 50 mg/dL
(D) 100 mg/dL

Correct Answer: (A) < 1 mg/dL

Solution: Under normal physiological conditions, the kidneys filter glucose from the blood, reabsorbing it back into the bloodstream and preventing significant amounts from appearing in the urine. This process is efficient when the blood glucose levels are within the normal range, typically around 70 to 100 mg/dL for a healthy individual.

Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) Correct:** In healthy individuals, the glucose that is filtered by the kidneys is almost entirely reabsorbed, resulting in less than 1 mg/dL of glucose in the urine.

- **(B) Incorrect:** While 10 mg/dL might occur under conditions affecting renal threshold or tubular reabsorption, it is not typical for healthy individuals.

- **(C) Incorrect:** A concentration of 50 mg/dL indicates significant glucosuria, which could suggest diabetes or other health issues affecting kidney function.

- **(D) Incorrect:** A level of 100 mg/dL in urine is highly abnormal and indicative of severe diabetes or renal dysfunction.
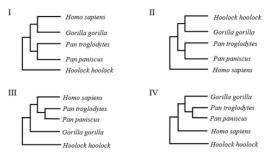
Conclusion:

Explanation: The renal threshold for glucose is typically around 180 mg/dL. This means that only when blood glucose levels exceed this threshold might glucose appear in the urine. At a blood level of 100 mg/dL, the glucose in the urine would generally be below detectable limits.

💡 Quick Tip

Regular monitoring of both blood and urine glucose levels can be important for diagnosing and managing diabetes mellitus.
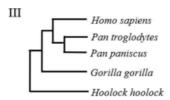
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97. Which one of the following rooted tree topologies best describes the primate phylogeny?

(A) I
(B) II
(C) III

(D) IV

Correct Answer: (C) III.

III

Solution:
The primate phylogeny is best described by the tree topology that groups species based on their evolutionary relationships. The correct topology for primates should: 1. Group *Homo sapiens*, *Pan troglodytes*, and *Pan paniscus* together, reflecting their close evolutionary relationships. 2. Place *Gorilla gorilla* as the next closest relative. 3. Position *Hoolock hoolock* as the most distantly related species.

Tree topology III satisfies these conditions by accurately reflecting the evolutionary hierarchy of the species.

♥ Quick Tip

Phylogenetic trees are constructed based on evolutionary relationships. Close relatives share a more recent common ancestor and are grouped together on the tree.

Q.98 Consider a species of brightly colored beetle. Which one or more of the following observations suggest(s) that this species is aposematic?
(A) *Both male and female beetles are brightly colored.*
(B) *Only male beetles are brightly colored.*
(C) *Only female beetles are brightly colored.*
(D) *The beetle species is toxic and distasteful.*
Correct Answer: (A) Both male and female beetles are brightly colored; (D) The beetle species is toxic and distasteful.

Solution: Aposematism is a defensive mechanism where organisms use bright coloration to signal toxicity or distastefulness to potential predators. This type of warning signal is generally evolutionary advantageous if it is visible to both sexes, indicating a genetic and phenotypic consistency across the population that aids in predator learning.

Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) Correct:** Bright colors in both male and female beetles suggest that the warning coloration is a species-wide trait, not just limited to one sex, supporting the aposematic function.

- **(B) Incorrect:** While brightly colored males may suggest sexual selection, it does not necessarily imply aposematism without additional evidence of toxicity.

- **(C) Incorrect:** Similarly to (B), bright coloration only in females could be due to sexual or selective pressures other than predation.

- **(D) Correct:** Directly states that the species is toxic and distasteful, which is a hallmark of aposematism.

Conclusion:

Explanation: The combination of widespread bright coloration across sexes and direct evidence of chemical defense strongly supports the presence of aposematism in this beetle species. This strategy enhances the survival of the species by deterring potential predators through easily recognized visual cues.

> **Quick Tip**
>
> When studying potential aposematic species, look for consistency in warning signals across the population and direct evidence of deterrent traits like toxicity.

Q.99 The embryos of which one or more of the following animals show meroblastic cleavage?
(A) *Danio rerio*(*zebrafish*)
(B) *Gallus gallus*(*chicken*)
(C) *Synapta digita*(*seacucumber*)
(D) *Xenopus laevis*(*frog*)
Correct Answer: (A) *Danio rerio* (zebrafish); (B) *Gallus gallus* (chicken)
Solution: Meroblastic cleavage occurs in eggs that contain a significant amount of yolk. The cleavage furrows do not pass through the entire egg; instead, the division is incomplete.

Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) Correct:** *Danio rerio* (zebrafish) eggs undergo partial, meroblastic cleavage due to the presence of yolk in the egg.

- **(B) Correct:** *Gallus gallus* (chicken) embryos exhibit meroblastic cleavage, characteristic of birds which have yolky eggs.

- **(C) Incorrect:** *Synapta digita* (sea cucumber), being an echinoderm, typically exhibits holoblastic cleavage, where the entire egg is divided.

- **(D) Incorrect:** *Xenopus laevis* (frog) embryos also show holoblastic cleavage despite the presence of moderate yolk.

Conclusion:

Explanation: Meroblastic cleavage is generally seen in the embryos of animals with high yolk content in their eggs, which restricts the cleavage to the cytoplasmic portion of the egg, not penetrating the yolk mass. Both *Danio rerio* and *Gallus gallus* have egg structures that support this type of cleavage.

Q.100 Which one or more of the following parasites is/are typically transmitted by mosquitoes as vector?

(A) *Leishmania donovani*
(B) *Plasmodium vivax*
(C) *Wuchereria bancrofti*
(D) *Trichuris trichiura*

Correct Answer: (B) *Plasmodium vivax*; (C) *Wuchereria bancrofti*

Solution: Mosquitoes serve as vectors for several parasitic diseases. The specific parasites that are transmitted by mosquitoes include those causing malaria and lymphatic filariasis.

Analysis of Each Option:

- **(A) Incorrect:** *Leishmania donovani*, the causative agent of visceral leishmaniasis (Kala-azar), is transmitted by the sandfly, not mosquitoes.

- **(B) Correct:** *Plasmodium vivax* is a well-known malaria parasite transmitted by Anopheles mosquitoes.

- **(C) Correct:** *Wuchereria bancrofti* causes lymphatic filariasis and is transmitted by several species of mosquitoes, including Culex, Anopheles, and Aedes.

- **(D) Incorrect:** *Trichuris trichiura*, a parasitic worm causing trichuriasis, is transmitted through soil-contaminated with human feces, not by mosquitoes.

Conclusion:

Explanation: Mosquito vectors are critical in the life cycle and transmission of both *Plasmodium vivax* and *Wuchereria bancrofti*. Mosquito-borne transmission is key to the spread of these diseases, affecting millions of people worldwide.

Q.101 Consider the following nucleotide sequence:

5'-GCGCCCAUGGCGUCGCUACGUCGCGCUCACGCGGACGAUCGUACGUAAUGAUGAA-3'

Assume canonical initiation, canonical termination, no post-translational modification, and the average molecular mass of an amino acid to be 110 daltons.

The theoretical molecular mass of the polypeptide translated from the above nucleotide sequence is ____ daltons. (Answer in integer)

Correct Answer: 1540

Solution:
Step 1: Identifying the Coding Sequence: The given sequence contains the start codon (AUG) and a termination codon (UAA). The coding sequence starts at AUG and ends at UAA.

Step 2: Calculating the Number of Codons: The sequence from the start codon AUG to the termination codon UAA is: AUGGCGUCGCUACGUCGCGCUCACGCGGACGAUCGUACGUA
This sequence contains 14 codons.

Step 3: Calculating the Molecular Mass: Given that each amino acid has an average molecular mass of 110 daltons and recognizing that the termination codon does not contribute to the amino acid count, the calculation is as follows:

$$\text{Number of amino acids} \times 110\,\text{daltons/amino acid} = 14 \times 110$$

Result:
$$\text{Total molecular mass} = 1540\,\text{daltons}$$

Conclusion:
Explanation: The translation of the nucleotide sequence results in a polypeptide of 14 amino acids. Given the average mass of an amino acid, the total mass of the polypeptide is calculated as 1540 daltons.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
>
> It's important to note that the start codon is included in the amino acid count, but the stop codon is not translated into an amino acid.

Q.102 The pKa of a buffer solution with pH of 5, consisting of 0.4 M sodium acetate and 0.04 M acetic acid, is ____. (Answer in integer)
Correct Answer: 4
Solution:
Step 1: Understanding the Buffer System: The buffer system consists of acetic acid (weak acid) and sodium acetate (its conjugate base). The pH of the buffer solution and the concentrations of the acid and its conjugate base are given.

Step 2: Using the Henderson-Hasselbalch Equation: The Henderson-Hasselbalch equation is used to calculate the pKa of a buffer solution:

$$\text{pH} = \text{pKa} + \log\left(\frac{[\text{Conjugate Base}]}{[\text{Acid}]}\right)$$

Step 3: Inserting the Given Values: Given that the pH is 5, the concentration of the conjugate base (sodium acetate) is 0.4 M, and the concentration of the acid (acetic acid) is 0.04 M, we substitute these values into the equation:

$$5 = \text{pKa} + \log\left(\frac{0.4}{0.04}\right)$$

$$5 = \text{pKa} + \log(10)$$
$$5 = \text{pKa} + 1$$

Step 4: Solving for pKa:
$$\text{pKa} = 5 - 1$$
$$\text{pKa} = 4$$

Explanation: The calculated pKa value is 4, indicating the acid dissociation constant of acetic acid under the conditions of the buffer system provided.

💡 **Quick Tip**

The Henderson-Hasselbalch equation is crucial for estimating the pKa from buffer compositions and their pH, facilitating effective buffer design in practical applications.

Q.103 Consider a healthy person with the following lung volumes:
Residual volume = 900 mL
Expiratory reserve volume = 800 mL
Tidal volume = 200 mL
If the Total lung capacity is 5500 mL, then the Inspiratory reserve volume of the person is ____ mL. (Answer in integer)
Correct Answer: 3600
Solution:
Step 1: Understanding the Components of Total Lung Capacity: Total lung capacity (TLC) is the sum of all the volumes:

$$\text{TLC} = \text{RV} + \text{ERV} + \text{TV} + \text{IRV}$$

Where: - RV = Residual Volume - ERV = Expiratory Reserve Volume - TV = Tidal Volume - IRV = Inspiratory Reserve Volume

Step 2: Inserting the Given Values: Given that:

$$\text{RV} = 900 \text{ mL}$$
$$\text{ERV} = 800 \text{ mL}$$
$$\text{TV} = 200 \text{ mL}$$
$$\text{TLC} = 5500 \text{ mL}$$

We can rearrange the formula to solve for IRV:

$$\text{IRV} = \text{TLC} - (\text{RV} + \text{ERV} + \text{TV})$$
$$\text{IRV} = 5500 - (900 + 800 + 200)$$

Step 3: Calculating the Inspiratory Reserve Volume:

$$\text{IRV} = 5500 - 1900$$
$$\text{IRV} = 3600 \text{ mL}$$

Explanation: The Inspiratory Reserve Volume for this person is 3600 mL, which represents the maximum volume of air that can be inhaled after a normal inhalation.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
>
> Understanding lung volumes and capacities is crucial in pulmonary function testing and assessing respiratory health.

Q.104 Which one of the following fungi produces aflatoxins?
(A) *Aspergillus niger*
(B) *Fusarium verticillioides*
(C) *Aspergillus flavus*
(D) *Rhizopus oligosporus*
Correct Answer: (C) *Aspergillus flavus*
Solution:
Aspergillus flavus is known to produce aflatoxins, which are a group of mycotoxins formed by certain species of the Aspergillus genus. Aflatoxins are toxic and among the most carcinogenic substances known, and they are a major concern in food safety.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
>
> Aflatoxins are typically found in improperly stored staple commodities such as maize, rice, peanuts, and cottonseed. Always ensure food products are stored properly to avoid contamination.

Q.105 Under standard conditions in animal feeding studies, the weight gained (in grams) per gram of protein consumed by an animal is termed as
(A) Net Protein Ratio
(B) Net Protein Utilization
(C) Coefficient of Protein Digestibility
(D) Protein Efficiency Ratio
Correct Answer: (D) Protein Efficiency Ratio
Solution:
The Protein Efficiency Ratio (PER) is a measure used to assess the effectiveness of a protein through the weight gain of an animal per unit intake of the protein. It is a common method used in animal studies to evaluate the quality of protein based on growth performance.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
>
> PER is particularly useful in nutritional studies to compare the quality of different protein sources based on their ability to promote growth.

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106. Xerophthalmia is caused due to the deficiency of:

(A) Thiamin
(B) Pantothenic acid
(C) Vitamin A
(D) Vitamin C

Correct Answer: (C) Vitamin A.

Solution:
Xerophthalmia is a medical condition characterized by dryness of the conjunctiva and cornea, primarily caused by a deficiency of Vitamin A. Vitamin A is essential for maintaining healthy vision, particularly in low light, as well as for keeping the eyes moist. Its deficiency leads to the inability of the eyes to produce sufficient tears, resulting in dryness and eventual damage to the corneal surface. Severe Vitamin A deficiency can also cause night blindness and permanent blindness in extreme cases.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
>
> Vitamin A is commonly found in foods like carrots, sweet potatoes, and leafy greens. Incorporating these into your diet helps prevent deficiencies.

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107. Which one of the following steps is used to remove phosphatides from crude oil in the refining process?

(A) Neutralization
(B) Bleaching
(C) Degumming
(D) Deodorization

Correct Answer: (C) Degumming.

Solution:
Degumming is the process used to remove phosphatides (commonly referred to as gums) from crude oil during the refining process. Phosphatides are naturally occurring compounds that can adversely affect the quality and stability of oils. The degumming process involves treating the oil with water or an acid to hydrate the phosphatides, making them easier to separate from the oil through centrifugation. This step is crucial in ensuring the oil's purity and extending its shelf life.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
>
> Degumming is a critical step in the edible oil refining process, ensuring that the final product is free of impurities like phosphatides.

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108. The unique flavor of chocolate and cocoa is due to the formation of:

(A) 5-methyl-2-phenyl-2-hexenal
(B) Cyclotene
(C) Furaneol
(D) Maltol

Correct Answer: (A) 5-methyl-2-phenyl-2-hexenal.

Solution:
The unique flavor of chocolate and cocoa is attributed to the formation of 5-methyl-2-phenyl-2-hexenal, which is a key compound produced during the roasting process. This compound is part of the Maillard reaction, a chemical reaction between amino acids and reducing sugars that occurs when cocoa beans are roasted. It is responsible for the complex and distinctive aroma and flavor profile of chocolate and cocoa.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
>
> The Maillard reaction is essential for developing flavors in many foods, including chocolate, coffee, and baked goods. It occurs under high temperatures and low moisture conditions.

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109. Which one of the following statements regarding Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) plan is NOT correct?

(A) HACCP is a management tool for ensuring food safety.
(B) HACCP involves five preliminary steps and seven principles.
(C) HACCP is not effective without prior implementation of prerequisite programs.
(D) HACCP plan involves establishment of corrective actions as second principle.

Correct Answer: (D) HACCP plan involves establishment of corrective actions as second principle..

Solution:
The Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) is a systematic approach to food safety that identifies, evaluates, and controls hazards. The plan involves five preliminary steps followed by the application of seven principles: 1. Conduct a hazard analysis. 2. Determine the critical control points (CCPs). 3. Establish critical limits for each CCP. 4. Establish monitoring procedures. 5. Establish corrective actions. 6. Establish verification procedures. 7. Establish record-keeping and documentation.
The second principle of HACCP is to determine the critical control points (CCPs), not the establishment of corrective actions. Hence, option (D) is incorrect.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
>
> Understanding the seven principles of HACCP is essential for ensuring the safety of food products throughout the production and supply chain.

110. The product of cabbage fermentation by *Leuconostoc mesenteroides* is:

(A) Tempeh
(B) Natto
(C) Sauerkraut
(D) Miso

Correct Answer: (C) Sauerkraut.

Solution:
The fermentation of cabbage by the bacterium *Leuconostoc mesenteroides* produces sauerkraut. This is a process of lactic acid fermentation where the sugars in the cabbage are converted to lactic acid, preserving the cabbage and giving it its characteristic tangy flavor. *Leuconostoc mesenteroides* plays a key role in initiating the fermentation process by producing carbon dioxide and lactic acid, which create an anaerobic environment suitable for subsequent fermentation by other lactic acid bacteria.

> **♀ Quick Tip**
>
> Fermentation is a natural preservation method that enhances flavor, texture, and nutritional value of food products like sauerkraut, kimchi, and yogurt.

111. Which one of the following absorbents is NOT used as an ethylene absorber in active packaging of fruits and vegetables?

(A) Potassium permanganate
(B) Activated carbon
(C) Calcium hydroxide
(D) Silica gel

Correct Answer: (C) Calcium hydroxide.

Solution:
Ethylene absorbers are widely used in the active packaging of fruits and vegetables to slow down ripening and extend shelf life. Common ethylene absorbers include potassium permanganate, which oxidizes ethylene gas, and activated carbon or silica gel impregnated with chemicals to adsorb ethylene effectively.
Calcium hydroxide, however, is not used as an ethylene absorber. Instead, it is commonly used for pH regulation or as a desiccant, but it does not have any significant role in ethylene absorption.

> **♡ Quick Tip**
>
> Ethylene absorbers are crucial in reducing ethylene concentration in the storage environment of fresh produce, thereby delaying ripening and spoilage.

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112. Which one of the following statements regarding moisture sorption isotherms of a dried food is NOT correct?

(A) At a given temperature, the difference between adsorption and desorption moisture isotherms is know

(B) At a given temperature and water activity, an adsorption isotherm exhibits higher equilibrium moistu

(C) At a given moisture content, effect of temperature on a moisture sorption isotherm follows the Clausi

(D) The Guggenheim-Anderson-de Boer (GAB) equation is a multilayer moisture sorption model.

Correct Answer: (B) At a given temperature and water activity, an adsorption isotherm exhibits higher

Solution:
Hysteresis in moisture sorption isotherms refers to the phenomenon where the adsorption and desorption isotherms do not coincide at the same temperature and water activity. The equilibrium moisture content during adsorption is typically lower than during desorption, which contradicts the statement given in option (B). Therefore, option (B) is not correct.

Other statements are accurate: - (A) Hysteresis is the difference between adsorption and desorption isotherms. - (C) The Clausius-Clapeyron equation describes the temperature effect on sorption isotherms at constant moisture content. - (D) The Guggenheim-Anderson-de Boer (GAB) equation is a widely used model for multilayer moisture sorption.

> **♡ Quick Tip**
>
> Understanding moisture sorption isotherms is crucial for food preservation, as they help determine the stability and shelf life of dried food products.

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113. Processing of fluid milk at $72°C$ for 15 seconds is termed as:

(A) High-temperature, short-time (HTST) pasteurization

(B) Low-temperature, long-time (LTLT) pasteurization

(C) Ultra high-temperature (UHT) pasteurization

(D) Homogenization process

Correct Answer: (A) High-temperature, short-time (HTST) pasteurization.

Solution:
High-temperature, short-time (HTST) pasteurization is the process of heating milk to $72°C$ for 15 seconds. This method is widely used in the dairy industry to kill pathogenic microorganisms while preserving the nutritional and sensory qualities of milk. The key advantage of HTST pasteurization is its efficiency in achieving microbial safety with minimal changes to the milk's

properties.

Other processes mentioned: - (B) LTLT pasteurization involves heating milk at 63°C for 30 minutes. - (C) UHT pasteurization involves heating milk to 135°C for a few seconds. - (D) Homogenization is a mechanical process to break down fat globules, unrelated to microbial safety.

> **♦ Quick Tip**
>
> HTST pasteurization is a standard method for milk processing that ensures safety and quality while maintaining a longer shelf life compared to raw milk.

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114. Match the anti-nutritional factor in Column I with their corresponding activity given in Column II.

Column I	Column II
P. Lectin	1. Flatulence
Q. Stachyose	2. Chelates with divalent cations and reduces their bio-availability
R. Phytate	3. Inhibits trypsin and chymotrypsin
S. Kunitz type inhibitor	4. Hemagglutination

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

Correct Answer: (A) P-4, Q-1, R-2, S-3.

Solution:
The correct matching of the anti-nutritional factors in Column I with their corresponding activities in Column II is as follows: - P. Lectin matches with 4. Hemagglutination. Lectins can agglutinate red blood cells (hemagglutination) and interfere with nutrient absorption. - Q. Stachyose matches with 1. Flatulence. Stachyose is a carbohydrate that can cause flatulence due to fermentation in the gut by bacteria. - R. Phytate matches with 2. Chelates with divalent cations and reduces their bio-availability. Phytates bind minerals like calcium and iron, making them unavailable for absorption. - S. Kunitz type inhibitor matches with 3. Inhibits trypsin and chymotrypsin. These inhibitors interfere with protease enzymes and reduce protein digestibility. Thus, option (A) is correct.

> **♦ Quick Tip**
>
> Understanding the activities of anti-nutritional factors helps in designing strategies to minimize their effects in food processing and improve nutritional quality.

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115. Which of the following fatty acids is/are known to increase the low-density lipoprotein (LDL)-cholesterol?

(A) Omega-3 Fatty acids
(B) Trans Fatty acids
(C) Conjugated Linoleic acids
(D) Saturated Fatty acids

Correct Answer: (B) Trans Fatty acids; (D) Saturated Fatty acids.

Solution:
Trans fatty acids and saturated fatty acids are known to increase the levels of low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol in the blood: - Trans Fatty Acids: These artificially produced fats, found in hydrogenated oils and processed foods, are strongly linked to an increase in LDL cholesterol and a reduction in high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol, increasing the risk of cardiovascular diseases. - Saturated Fatty Acids: Found in animal fats and certain plant oils, these fats also contribute to increased LDL cholesterol levels, although their impact is less severe than trans fats.

On the other hand: - Omega-3 Fatty Acids: These polyunsaturated fatty acids, found in fish and flaxseed, are known for their heart-protective effects and reduce triglycerides and LDL cholesterol. - Conjugated Linoleic Acids: These naturally occurring trans fats, found in dairy and meat, have been suggested to have neutral or even beneficial effects on cholesterol levels.

⚡ Quick Tip

Reducing the intake of trans and saturated fats and increasing unsaturated fats in your diet can help lower LDL cholesterol and improve overall heart health.

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116. The addition of which of the following to high-methoxyl pectin will result in gel formation?

(A) Calcium ions
(B) Hydrogen ions
(C) Sodium ions
(D) Sugar

Correct Answer: (B) Hydrogen ions; (D) Sugar.

Solution:
High-methoxyl pectin requires the presence of hydrogen ions and sugar for gel formation. Here's why: - Hydrogen Ions: These lower the pH to the optimal range (usually between 2.8 and 3.6), which is necessary for high-methoxyl pectin to form a gel. The acidic environment reduces the negative charge on the pectin molecules, allowing them to come closer and interact. - Sugar: Sugar acts as a dehydrating agent by binding water molecules, which promotes gel network formation by increasing the concentration of pectin molecules and facilitating hydrogen bonding.

Other options: - Calcium Ions (A): Calcium ions are crucial for low-methoxyl pectin gelation but not for high-methoxyl pectin. - Sodium Ions (C): Sodium ions do not play a significant

role in the gelation of either type of pectin.

117. Which of the following steps in food processing is/are used to reduce the acrylamide formation in food products?

(A) Pretreatment using asparaginase
(B) Lowering the pH
(C) Increasing the temperature
(D) Adding glucose

Correct Answer: (A) Pretreatment using asparaginase; (B) Lowering the pH.

Solution:
Acrylamide is a potentially harmful compound that forms during the Maillard reaction when foods are cooked at high temperatures, particularly in starchy foods like potatoes and bread. The following steps help reduce acrylamide formation: - Pretreatment using asparaginase (A): Asparaginase is an enzyme that hydrolyzes asparagine, one of the precursors of acrylamide. Reducing the availability of asparagine directly reduces acrylamide formation. - Lowering the pH (B): Lowering the pH inhibits the Maillard reaction, thereby reducing acrylamide formation. Other options: - Increasing the temperature (C): Higher temperatures promote acrylamide formation during cooking, so this step is counterproductive. - Adding glucose (D): Adding glucose enhances the Maillard reaction, increasing acrylamide formation rather than reducing it.

118. Which of the following enzymes is/are used for the production of high fructose syrup (HFS) from corn starch?

(A) α-Amylase
(B) β-Amylase
(C) Xylose isomerase
(D) Glucoamylase

Correct Answer: (A) α-Amylase; (C) Xylose isomerase; (D) Glucoamylase.

Solution:
The production of high fructose syrup (HFS) from corn starch involves multiple enzymatic steps:
- α-Amylase (A): This enzyme hydrolyzes starch into shorter oligosaccharides by breaking the α-1,4 glycosidic bonds. - Glucoamylase (D): It further breaks down the oligosaccharides into glucose by cleaving both α-1,4 and α-1,6 glycosidic bonds. - Xylose Isomerase (C): This enzyme converts glucose into fructose, a key step in the production of high fructose syrup.
β-Amylase (B) is not commonly used in the industrial process for producing high fructose syrup because it produces maltose rather than glucose, which is not a precursor for fructose production.

> **Quick Tip**
>
> The production of high fructose syrup involves enzymatic hydrolysis of starch into glucose, followed by isomerization of glucose into fructose, using specific enzymes like α-amylase, glucoamylase, and xylose isomerase.

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119. Which of the following is/are typical characteristic(s) of a fungal cell?

(A) Presence of histone proteins
(B) Presence of peptidoglycans in the cell wall
(C) Presence of chitin in the cell wall
(D) Presence of pseudomurein in the cell wall

Correct Answer: (A) Presence of histone proteins; (C) Presence of chitin in the cell wall.

Solution:
Fungal cells exhibit the following characteristics: - Presence of histone proteins (A): Like other eukaryotic cells, fungal cells have histone proteins that package DNA into chromatin within the nucleus. - Presence of chitin in the cell wall (C): The cell walls of fungi are primarily composed of chitin, a polysaccharide that provides structural integrity.
Other options: - Peptidoglycans in the cell wall (B): This is a characteristic of bacterial cell walls, not fungal cell walls. - Pseudomurein in the cell wall (D): This is a characteristic of some archaeal cell walls, not fungal cell walls.

> **Quick Tip**
>
> Fungal cell walls are unique due to the presence of chitin, distinguishing them from bacterial and archaeal cell walls.

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120. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding food and water-borne diseases and the class of causative microorganisms?

(A) Legionellosis is a bacterial disease.
(B) Giardiasis is caused by the protists.
(C) Typhoid fever is caused by the virus.

(D) Listeriosis is a fungal disease.

Correct Answer: (A) Legionellosis is a bacterial disease.; (B) Giardiasis is caused by the protists..

Solution:
- Legionellosis (A): This is a bacterial disease caused by *Legionella* species, primarily *Legionella pneumophila*, which are waterborne pathogens. - Giardiasis (B): This disease is caused by *Giardia lamblia*, a protist that infects the gastrointestinal tract through contaminated water or food.
Other options: - Typhoid fever (C): Typhoid fever is caused by the bacterium *Salmonella Typhi*, not a virus. - Listeriosis (D): Listeriosis is caused by the bacterium *Listeria monocytogenes*, not a fungus.

> **♡ Quick Tip**
>
> Understanding the causative microorganisms helps in the effective prevention and treatment of food and waterborne diseases.

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121. Which of the following statements is/are true?

(A) Hagen-Poiseuille's law is used for calculation of molecular diffusion.
(B) Fick's law is used for calculation of energy requirement in size reduction.
(C) Rittinger's law is used for calculation of energy requirement in size reduction.
(D) Stokes law is used for derivation of terminal velocity.

Correct Answer: (C) Rittinger's law is used for calculation of energy requirement in size reduction.; (D) Stokes law is used for derivation of terminal velocity..

Solution:
- Hagen-Poiseuille's law (A): This law is used for the calculation of fluid flow through a pipe under laminar flow conditions, not molecular diffusion. Hence, this statement is false. - Fick's law (B): Fick's law describes diffusion processes, not the energy requirements for size reduction. Hence, this statement is false. - Rittinger's law (C): This law is used to calculate the energy required for size reduction, assuming the energy is proportional to the increase in surface area. Hence, this statement is true. - Stokes law (D): Stokes law is used to derive terminal velocity for spherical particles settling in a fluid under the influence of gravity. Hence, this statement is true.

> **♡ Quick Tip**
>
> Understanding the context and application of fundamental laws is essential for accurate problem-solving in engineering and scientific disciplines.

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122. A 10 kg tomato pulp is concentrated from an initial moisture content of 90% (wet weight basis) to 35% (wet weight basis). The weight of the concentrate in kg

is ____ (round off to 2 decimal places).

Correct Answer: 1.54

Solution:
To determine the weight of the concentrate, let us calculate the dry matter in the tomato pulp before and after concentration:

Step 1: Calculate the weight of dry matter. The weight of dry matter in the tomato pulp remains constant during the concentration process. The initial dry matter content is:

$$\text{Dry matter} = \text{Total weight} \times (1 - \text{Moisture fraction})$$

Substitute the given values:

$$\text{Dry matter} = 10\,\text{kg} \times (1 - 0.90) = 10\,\text{kg} \times 0.10 = 1.0\,\text{kg}.$$

Step 2: Determine the final weight of the concentrate. At 35% moisture content, the dry matter fraction is:

$$\text{Dry matter fraction} = 1 - 0.35 = 0.65.$$

The final weight of the concentrate is:

$$\text{Final weight} = \frac{\text{Dry matter}}{\text{Dry matter fraction}} = \frac{1.0\,\text{kg}}{0.65} \approx 1.54\,\text{kg}.$$

Step 3: Round off the result. The weight of the concentrate is approximately $1.54\,\text{kg}$, which lies within the range 1.50 to $1.60\,\text{kg}$.

♥ Quick Tip

The weight of the concentrate can be calculated using the formula:

$$\text{Final weight} = \frac{\text{Initial dry matter}}{\text{Final dry matter fraction}}.$$

Ensure proper rounding to match the required precision.