

## Question Paper

Conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)



Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 70

### General Instructions

- (i) This question paper contains **33 questions**. All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Section A: Questions 1 to 16 carry 1 mark each.
- (iii) Section B: Questions 17 to 21 carry 2 marks each.
- (iv) Section C: Questions 22 to 28 carry 3 marks each.
- (v) Section D: Questions 29 to 30 carry 4 marks each.
- (vi) Section E: Questions 31 to 33 carry 5 marks each.
- (vii) Attempt one alternative where an internal choice is provided. Follow the instructions within each question.
- (viii) Draw neat, properly labelled diagrams wherever necessary.

## Section A

1. The pyramid of biomass in sea is generally inverted because in sea:

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| (A) Biomass of fishes exceeds that of phytoplankton. | (B) Number of phytoplanktons is more.  |
| (C) Number of phytoplanktons is less.                | (D) Large fishes feed on small fishes. |

2. Which one of the following is not used as a vector for rDNA technology?

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| (A) Plasmid       | (B) Bacterial cell |
| (C) Bacteriophage | (D) Retrovirus     |

3. Which one of the following pairs is not correctly matched?

- (A) Clostridium butylicum - Butyric acid  
 (B) Trichoderma polysporum - Cyclosporin A  
 (C) Monascus purpureus - Citric Acid  
 (D) Streptococcus - Streptokinase

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4. Allergic reactions are countered by the administration of:

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| (A) Glucagon      | (B) Insulin  |
| (C) Antihistamine | (D) Oxytocin |

5. Match the items in Column I with those in Column II and select the correctly matched option from those given below:

Column I (Cross)      Column II (Phenotypic Ratio)

1. Mendelian monohybrid - (i) 1:2:1 (F<sub>2</sub>)  
 2. Mendelian dihybrid - (ii) 1:1  
 3. Incomplete dominance - (iii) 3:1 (F<sub>2</sub>)  
 4. Test cross (monohybrid) - (iv) 9:3:3:1 (F<sub>2</sub>)

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| (A) 1-(ii), 2-(iv), 3-(i), 4-(iii) | (B) 1-(iii), 2-(i), 3-(iv), 4-(ii) |
| (C) 1-(iii), 2-(iv), 3-(i), 4-(ii) | (D) 1-(ii), 2-(i), 3-(iv), 4-(iii) |

6. The expected phenotypic ratio amongst the progeny of 60 individuals, obtained from a cross between heterozygous tall pea plant and dwarf pea plant is:

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| (A) 45 tall and 15 dwarf | (B) 40 tall and 20 dwarf |
| (C) 30 tall and 30 dwarf | (D) 35 tall and 25 dwarf |

7. In humans, the secondary oocyte completes meiotic division when:

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| (A) it gets implanted in the uterine endometrium. | (B) it is released from the matured Graafian follicle. |
| (C) it is penetrated by the sperm cell.           | (D) acrosomal enzymes break down the zona pellucida.   |

8. A population is in genetic equilibrium/Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium for a gene with 2 alleles (dominant allele is 'A' and recessive allele 'a'). If the frequency of allele 'A' is 0.6, then the frequency of genotype 'Aa' is:

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| (A) 0.21 | (B) 0.42 |
| (C) 0.48 | (D) 0.32 |

9. Which one of the following statements is not true?

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| (A) Flippers of whales and dolphins are homologous organs. | (B) Homologous organs have similar anatomical structure, but perform different functions. |
| (C) Homology indicates common ancestry.                    | (D) Homologous structures are a result of convergent evolution.                           |

**10.** In the absence of fertilization, corpus luteum:

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| (A) degenerates                | (B) produces more oestrogen                                  |
| (C) produces more progesterone | (D) produces both oestrogen and progesterone in equal amount |

**11.** In the double helical structure of DNA molecule, the strands are:

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| (A) identical and complementary     | (B) identical and non-complementary     |
| (C) anti-parallel and complementary | (D) anti-parallel and non-complementary |

**12.** In a 'transcription unit', the 'terminator' is located towards the:

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| (A) 3' end of the template strand | (B) 5' end of the template strand |
| (C) 5' end of the coding strand   | (D) 3' end of the coding strand   |

**13. Assertion (A):** Virus-infected cells produce interferons.

**Reason (R):** Interferons can cause inflammation of virus-infected cells.

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| (C) Assertion (A) is true, but Reason (R) is false.                                                            | (D) Assertion (A) is false, but Reason (R) is true.                                                                 |

**14. Assertion (A):** Loss of biodiversity can occur due to overexploitation of resources.

**Reason (R):** Introduction of *Clarias gariepinus* in Indian rivers has led to a decline in native Indian fishes.

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**15. Assertion (A):** RNA is unstable and can mutate at a faster rate.

**Reason (R):** The presence of 2' - OH group in every nucleotide of RNA makes it labile and easily degradable.

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**16. Assertion (A):** A recombinant DNA which is inserted within the coding sequence of beta-galactosidase does not produce blue coloured colonies when treated with a chromogenic substrate.

**Reason (R):** Insertional inactivation occurs when a recombinant DNA is introduced in the coding sequence of the enzyme.

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## Section B

**17.** Although Haemophilia and sickle cell anemia are two blood related Mendelian disorders, yet, they differ in their pattern of inheritance. State any two differences.

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**18.** Identify A, B, C and D in the following table:

Scientific name of the plant - Drug - Effect on the human body/human system

(a) *Papaver somniferum* - 'A' - Depressant/slows down body function

(b) *Cannabis sativa* - Cannabinoids - 'B'

(c) *Erythroxylum coca* - 'C' - 'D'

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**19.** How is the rate of decomposition affected by the nature of detritus and temperature?

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**20(a).** Name any two copper releasing intra-uterine devices. State two reasons that make them effective contraceptives.

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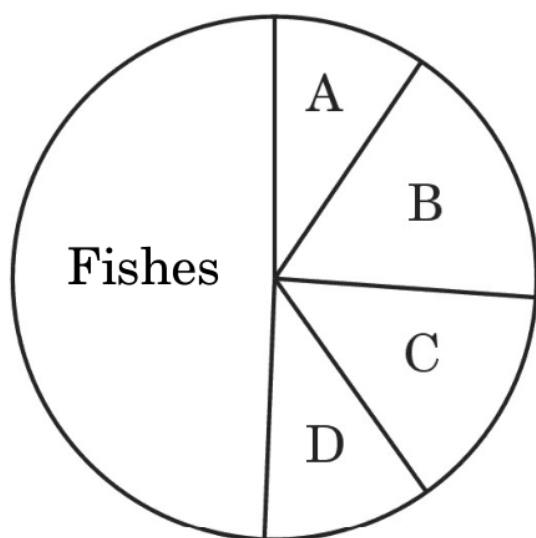
**20(b).** Name any two outbreeding devices that flowering plants have developed and explain how they help in encouraging cross-pollination.

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**21.** How is Ti plasmid of *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* modified to act as a cloning vector?

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22. Given below is a pie chart representing global diversity of vertebrates.



(a) Redraw the pie chart identifying the groups 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' in their respective positions.

(b) Mention two examples of recently extinct animals.

23. Predation is referred to as a detrimental interaction. Explain any three positive roles, supported by an example each, that a predator plays in an ecosystem.

24. The first clinical gene therapy was given in 1990 to a 4-year-old girl with ADA deficiency.

(a) Mention the cause of this disorder.

(b) List the possible treatments available for this disorder.

(c) How can this disorder be cured permanently?

25. Describe any three assisted reproductive techniques practised to treat infertility.

26(a)(i). Write the karyotype and the genetic disorder of an individual who has developed from a zygote formed from an 'XX' egg fertilised by a 'Y' sperm.

26(a)(ii). Mention any two symptoms of this genetic disorder.

26(a)(iii). Write the possible reason that leads to the formation of this 'XX' egg.

OR

26(b). In case of any dispute, a very small sample of tissue or even a drop of blood can help us to determine the paternity of a child. Provide a scientific explanation to substantiate the statement.

27. (a) List the salient features of Darwin's theory of natural selection.

(b) Microbes have proved to be suitable examples to study evolution by natural selection. Justify giving reasons.

28. (a) Differentiate between humoral immune response and cell-mediated immune response.

(b) Draw a schematic diagram of an antibody molecule and label any four parts.

## Section D

**29(a).** Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

In 1981, the health workers of United States of America had become aware of the increased frequency of Kaposi's sarcoma, cancer of the skin and blood vessels and another disease pneumocystis pneumonia, a respiratory infection caused by a protozoan. Both these diseases were very rare in the general population, but occurred frequently in more severely 'immunosuppressed' individuals. This led to the recognition of the immune system disorder that was named Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

In 1983, virologists working in the USA and France had identified a causative agent for 'AIDS', now known as Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). 'HIV' follows a set path to attack the human body to cause the disease.

Name the group of cells the HIV attacks after gaining entry into the human body and write the various events that occur within this cell.

**29(b).** Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

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Write the expanded form of the diagnostic test used for detecting AIDS. Write the possible treatment available for the disease at present.

**29(c).** Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

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Mention any two steps suggested by WHO for preventing the spread of this disease.

OR

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'A patient suffering from AIDS does not die of this disease but from some other infection.' Justify the statement.

**30(a).** Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Spermatogenesis is an important primary sex characteristic in humans and all other vertebrates. The process is coordinated and controlled under the influence of hormones. It starts with the onset of puberty in humans and thereafter continues. The primordial cells within the embryonic testis which differentiate into spermatogonia are the precursors of the sperms. These are located at the outer walls of the seminiferous tubules where the process of spermatogenesis proceeds.

State the site of action of FSH in the testes and describe its action thereafter.

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Describe the role of LH in the process of spermatogenesis.

**30(b).** Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

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Name the cells and their products which undergo:

(i) Mitosis and Differentiation

(ii) Meiosis I and Meiosis II

during the process of spermatogenesis.

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Name the accessory ducts that the sperms travel through from seminiferous tubules to reach the epididymis.

## Section E

**31(a).** Answer the following questions that are based on 'Hershey and Chase' experiment using *E. coli* and bacteriophage:

(i) Why did they use radioactive sulphur 35-S and radioactive phosphorus 32-P in their respective culture media for growing *E. coli* population which subsequently were infected by bacteriophage?

(ii) State the purpose of their using the following:

- (1) Blender
- (2) Centrifuge

(iii) Write the observations they made during the course of their experiment.

(iv) Based on the results, write the conclusion they arrived at the end of their experiment.

OR

**31(b).** (i) Describe the process of transcription in prokaryotes with respect to initiation, elongation and termination.

(ii) Write how many types of RNA polymerases are used in transcription in:

- (1) Prokaryotes,
- (2) Eukaryotes.

**32(a)(i).** Why should a cell be made competent to take up an alien DNA? How can a bacterial cell be made competent using calcium ions? Explain.

**32(a)(ii).** (1) State the importance of gel electrophoresis in biotechnology.

(2) Explain the principle on which this technique works.

(3) Mention why ethidium bromide is used in this technique.

OR

**32(b)(i).** 'Bt cotton', the genetically modified crop, has greatly helped the cotton farmers to increase their crop yield.

How was Bt cotton plant made resistant to bollworm? Explain.

OR

**32(b)(ii).** 'Bt cotton', the genetically modified crop, has greatly helped the cotton farmers to increase their crop yield.

Describe the mechanism that leads to the death of bollworms feeding on Bt cotton plants.

**33(a)(i).** Explain the process of double fertilization in an angiosperm starting from the germination of pollen grains on the stigma, mentioning the ploidy of the end products formed at the end. State the role of synergids during the course of the process.

**33(a)(ii).** Why does the development of endosperm precede that of the embryo?

OR

**33(b)(i).** Mention the site where fertilisation of the ovum occurs in a human female. Explain the process of fertilization and mention how polyspermy is prevented.

OR

**33(b)(ii).** Name the embryonic stage that gets implanted in the uterus. Explain the process of implantation in a human female.

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