

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. Choose the correct option that indicates the enzyme, ribozyme in bacteria that acts as a catalyst.

- (A) 28S rRNA (B) 5.8S rRNA
(C) 26S rRNA (D) 23S rRNA

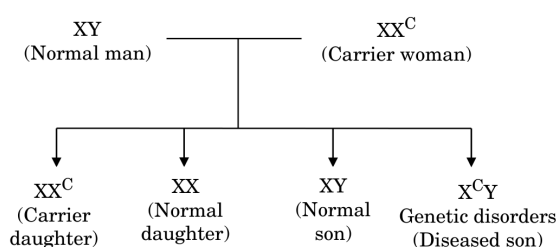
2. When a pure tall pea plant (*Pisum sativum*) with green pod is crossed with dwarf pea plant with yellow pod, how many dwarf pea plants, out of 16, will be produced in F_2 generation?

- (A) 9 (B) 3
(C) 4 (D) 1

3. Some of the important goals of HGP are given below. Choose the correct goal of HGP

- (A) Identify approximately 20,000–30,000 genes in human DNA. (B) Determine the sequence of two billion chemical base pairs of human DNA.
(C) Trace human history and disease associated sequences. (D) Address the ethical, legal and social issues that may arise from the project.

4. Inheritance of which of the following traits is shown in the cross given below?



Choose the correct option from the following:

- (A) Autosomal recessive trait (B) X-linked dominant trait
(C) X-linked recessive trait (D) Autosomal dominant trait

5. Given below are few statements with reference to the human male reproductive system.

- (i) Paired seminal vesicles, prostate gland and bulbourethral gland constitute the male accessory glands.
(ii) Secretions of the male accessory glands constitute the seminal plasma.
(iii) Secretions of the bulbourethral glands help in the lubrication of the penis.
(iv) Enlarged end of the penis is known as foreskin.
(v) Seminal plasma is rich in fructose, calcium and certain enzymes.

Choose the option with all true statements from the given options:

- (A) (i), (ii) and (iv) (B) (ii), (iii) and (v)
(C) (ii), (iv) and (v) (D) (i), (iii) and (iv)

6. If a natural population of 60 individuals is in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium for a gene with two alleles B and b, with the gene frequency of allele B of 0.7, the genotype frequency of Bb will be:

- (A) 0.21 (B) 0.42
(C) 0.48 (D) 0.56

7. In a DNA, the percentage of thymine is 20. What is the percentage of guanine in it?

- (A) 20% (B) 40%
(C) 30% (D) 60%

8. Select the statements that are true for embryo of the flowering plants from the given options.

- (i) The zygote forms a proembryo and subsequently heart-shaped, globular and mature embryo.
(ii) Most zygotes divide to form embryo only after a certain amount of endosperm is formed.
(iii) The embryo develops at the micropylar end of the embryo sac.
(iv) A typical dicotyledonous embryo consists of an embryonal axis and a scutellum.

Choose the correct option from the following:

- (A) (i) and (ii) (B) (ii) and (iii)
(C) (iii) and (iv) (D) (i) and (iv)

9. Human Immunodeficiency Virus is a member of the group of viruses known as:

- (A) Adenovirus
- (B) Retrovirus
- (C) Rhinovirus
- (D) Nucleopolyhedrovirus

10. The animals that evolved into the first amphibians during evolutionary history were:

- (A) Archaeopteryx
- (B) Salamander
- (C) Coelacanth
- (D) Lobefins

11. The cloning site present in the rop site of *E. coli* cloning vector pBR322 is:

- (A) PvuII
- (B) PstI
- (C) EcoRI
- (D) BamHI

12. Bacteria growing anaerobically on cellulosic material produce large amounts of which gases? Select the correct option.

- (A) CH₃, CO₃, H₂
- (B) H₂, NH₃, CH₄
- (C) H₂O, Cl₂, H₂S
- (D) CO₂, CH₄, H₂

13. **Assertion (A):** In humans, filariasis is characterised by inflammation in the lower limbs.

Reason (R): Filarial worm usually lives in the lymphatic vessels of the lower limbs.

- (A) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of the Assertion (A).
- (B) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true, but Reason (R) is not the correct explanation of the Assertion (A).
- (C) Assertion (A) is true, but Reason (R) is false.
- (D) Assertion (A) is false, but Reason (R) is true.

14. **Assertion (A):** Isolated single cells can be fused to produce somatic hybrids.

Reason (R): Cells selected for somatic hybridisation have desirable characters.

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15. **Assertion (A):** In dihybrid crosses involving sex-linked genes in *Drosophila* generation of non-parental gene combinations are observed.

Reason (R): Two genes present on different chromosomes show linkage and recombination in *Drosophila*.

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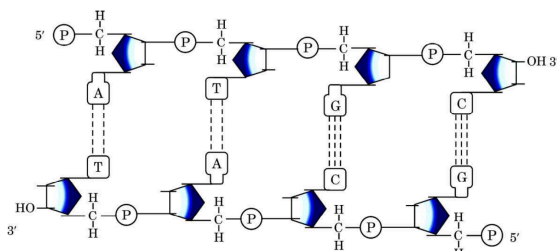
16. **Assertion (A):** In some species of Asteraceae and grasses, seeds are formed without fertilization.

Reason (R): Formation of fruit without fertilization is called parthenocarpy.

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Section B

17. Study the given molecular structure of double-stranded polynucleotide chain of DNA and answer the questions that follow.



- (a) How many phosphodiester bonds are present in the given double-stranded polynucleotide chain?
- (b) How many base pairs are there in each helical turn of double helix structure of DNA? Also write the distance between a base pair in a helix.
- (c) In addition to H-bonds, what confers additional stability to the helical structure of DNA?

18(a). Why are restrictions imposed on MTP in India? Up to how many weeks or trimesters, is MTP considered relatively safe for a female, if necessary to perform, by a medical practitioner?

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18(b). Expand PID. Name any two common viral infections transmitted through sexual contact in human females.

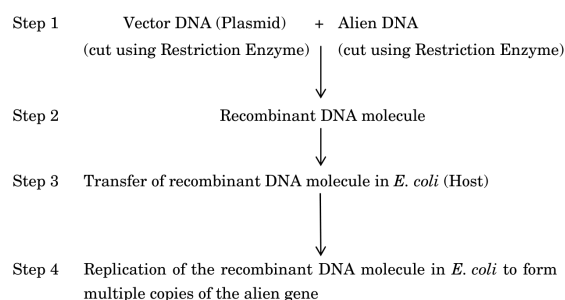
19(a). How is the interaction between *Ophrys* and its specific bee pollinator one of the best examples of co-evolution? Explain.

OR

19(b). Arrange the given important steps of decomposition in their correct order of occurrence in the breakdown of complex organic matter and explain the fourth step in the process.

Catabolism, Leaching, Fragmentation, Mineralisation, Humification

20. The basic scheme of the essential steps involved in the process of recombinant DNA technology is summarised below in the form of a flow diagram. Study the given flow diagram and answer the questions that follow.



- (a) What is the technical term used for Step 4 in the above process?
- (b) Which of the given two combinations of restriction enzyme should be used in Step 1? Justify your answer.
 - (i) EcoR I to cut the plasmid and Hind III to cut the alien DNA.
 - (ii) EcoR I to cut both the plasmid and alien DNA.

21(a). (i) Explain why the milk produced by the mother during the initial days of lactation is considered to be very essential for the newborn infant.

(ii) What is the term used for the milk produced during the initial days of lactation?

OR

21(b). Many children in the metro cities are suffering from a very common exaggerated response of the immune system to certain weak antigens in air.

- (i) What is the term used for the above mentioned disease?
- (ii) Name the main type of antibody produced by the immune system in response to this disease.
- (iii) Which two main inflammation-causing chemicals are produced by the mast cells in such an immune response?

Section C

22. (a) What do you mean by activated sludge in an STP?

(b) Explain the biological treatment of the major part of the sludge transferred from the large aeration tank into the anaerobic sludge digesters before its final release into the natural water bodies.

23. Flowering plants with hermaphrodite flowers have developed many reproductive strategies to ensure cross-pollination. Study the given outbreeding devices adopted by certain flowering plants and answer the questions that follow.

Stigma \ Pollen grains	Pollen grains of Plant A	Pollen grains of Plant B	Pollen grains of Plant C
Stigma of Plant A	×	✓	✓
Stigma of Plant B	✓	×	✓
Stigma of Plant C	✓	✓	×

Note: All plants belong to the same species. x = No pollen tube growth/inhibition of pollen germination on stigma; tick = Pollen germination on stigma.

(a) Name and define the outbreeding device described in the above table.

(b) Explain what would have been the disadvantage to the plant in the absence of the given strategy.

24. (a) Alien species are highly invasive and are a threat to indigenous species. Substantiate this statement with the help of any two examples.

(b) State any two criteria for determining biodiversity hotspots.

25. Answer the following questions with respect to the sex determination mechanism in birds:

(a) Name the type of heterogamety observed in most birds.

(b) If the birds have 18 pairs of autosomal chromosomes and a pair of sex chromosomes, fill in the blanks (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) in the table given below. (Use symbols Z and W for sex chromosomes.)

Male bird: Total autosomes in a diploid cell (i); Type of sex chromosomes in a diploid cell (ii).
Female bird: Total autosomes in a diploid cell (iii); Type of sex chromosomes in a diploid cell (iv).

26. Explain how the addition of lactose in the medium regulates the switching on of the *lac* operon in bacteria.

27. (a) Name and explain the role of inner and middle walls of the human female uterus.

(b) Write the location and function of fimbriae in human female.

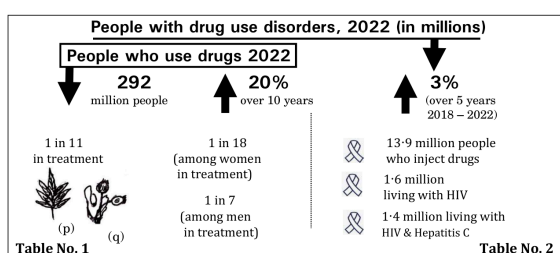
28. Explain the beneficial role of the following, produced as a result of the processes of biotechnology, to mankind:

(a) Cow named Rosie

(b) α -1-antitrypsin

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

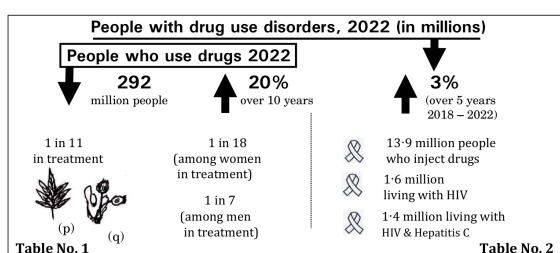
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What do you infer from the figures in Table No. 1 about the people with drug use disorders, 2022 (in million)? State any two of your observations.

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

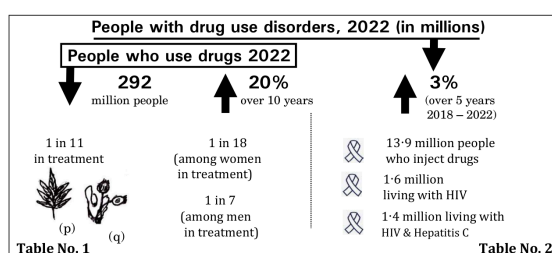
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How are Hepatitis C and HIV related to drug use disorders by people, as shown in Table No. 2? State the correlation between the two.

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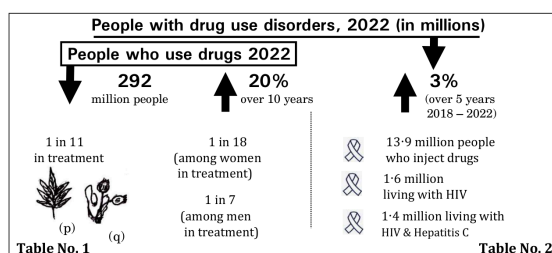


Give the scientific name of (p) shown in Table No. 1.

OR

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

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

According to evolutionary theory, every evolutionary change involves the substitution of a new gene for the old one and the new allele arises from the old one. Continuous accumulation of changes in the DNA coding for proteins leads to evolutionary differences. The chemical composition of DNA is basically the same in all living beings, except for differences in the sequence of nitrogenous bases. Given below are percentage relative similarities between human DNA and DNA of other vertebrates:

1. Chimpanzee — 100; 2. Gibbon — 94; 3. Rhesus Monkey — 88; 4. Lemur — 47; 5. Treeshrew — 28; 6. Mouse — 21; 7. Hedgehog — 19; 8. Chicken — 10

What is the term used for the substitution of a new gene for the old one and the new allele arising from the old one during evolutionary process?

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

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Which one of the following holds true for the data provided in the above table?

- (A) Greater the evolutionary distance, greater are the differences in the nitrogenous bases.
- (B) Lesser the evolutionary distance, greater are the differences in the nitrogenous bases.
- (C) Greater the evolutionary distance, lesser are the differences in the nitrogenous bases.
- (D) Lesser the evolutionary distance, lesser are the differences in the nitrogenous bases.

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To which category of evolution (divergent or convergent) does the following relationship belong to? Justify your answer. Human and Rhesus Monkey

OR

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Differentiate between Convergent and Divergent evolution.

Section E

31(a). (i) Describe the Species-Area relationship as observed by Alexander von Humboldt, for a wide variety of taxa in nature.

(ii) Draw the graph showing Species-Area relationship for $S = CA^Z$. What is the significance of 'Z' in Species-Area relationship?

OR

31(b). (i) Describe the logistic population growth curve with the help of a suitable graphical representation.

(ii) Write the equation of Verhulst-Pearl logistic growth curve and explain what 'K' and 'r' suggest in the given equation.

32(a). (i) Describe the approach of gene therapy used for the treatment of a 4-year-old girl suffering from Adenosine Deaminase Deficiency.

(ii) What is meant by micropropagation? Name any two important food plants grown commercially (on a large scale) by this method.

OR

32(b). Describe the technique of a typical agarose gel electrophoresis used for the separation and isolation of DNA fragments.

33(a). (i) Explain the structure of a mature embryo sac of a typical flowering plant.

(ii) How is triple fusion achieved in these plants?

OR

33(b). Describe the changes in the ovary and the uterus as induced by the changes in the level of pituitary and ovarian hormones during menstrual cycle in a human female.

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