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**COMBINED ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, 2017**

**M.Sc. AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY**

**[ Field of Study Code : BAG ]**

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 240

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- (i) Write your Name and Registration Number in the space provided for the purpose on the top of this Question Paper and in the Answer Sheet.
  - (ii) **Please darken the appropriate Circle of Question Paper Series Code on the Answer Sheet.**
  - (iii) The Question Paper is divided into two Parts : Part—A and Part—B. Both Parts have multiple-choice questions. All answers are to be entered in the Answer Sheet provided with the Question Paper for the purpose.
  - (iv) Part—A consists of 60 questions and all are compulsory. Answer all the questions in the Answer Sheet provided for the purpose by darkening the correct choice, i.e., (a) or (b) or (c) or (d) with BALLPOINT PEN only against each question in the corresponding circle. Each correct answer carries 1 mark. **There will be negative marking and ½ mark will be deducted for each wrong answer.**
  - (v) Part—B consists of 100 questions. **Answer any 60 questions** in the Answer Sheet by darkening the correct choice, i.e., (a) or (b) or (c) or (d) with BALLPOINT PEN only against the corresponding circle. Each correct answer carries 3 marks. **There will be negative marking and 1 mark will be deducted for each wrong answer.**
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  - (viii) Pages at the end have been provided for Rough Work.
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**PART—A**

Answer **all** questions

1. The male gametes of a corn plant have 10 chromosomes in their nucleus. The chromosome number in the female gamete, zygote and cells of the progeny of the plant will be respectively
  - (a) 10, 20, 10
  - (b) 20, 10, 10
  - (c) 10, 20, 20
  - (d) 20, 10, 20
  
2. Which of the following is used as an atmospheric pollution indicator?
  - (a) *Lepidoptera*
  - (b) *Lycopersicon*
  - (c) Lichen
  - (d) *Ocimum*
  
3. All genes located on the same chromosome will
  - (a) form different groups depending upon their relative distance
  - (b) form one linkage group
  - (c) not form any group
  - (d) form reactive groups that affect the phenotype
  
4. Mendel's law of independent assortment holds good for genes situated on
  - (a) non-homologous chromosome
  - (b) homologous chromosome
  - (c) chloroplast genome
  - (d) same chromosome
  
5. In  $F_2$  generation of a Mendelian dihybrid cross, the number of phenotypes and genotypes are
  - (a) phenotypes-4; genotypes-16
  - (b) phenotypes-9; genotypes-4
  - (c) phenotypes-4; genotypes-8
  - (d) phenotypes-4; genotypes-9

6. Appearance of antibiotic-resistant bacterium is an example of
- (a) adaptive radiation
  - (b) transduction
  - (c) pre-existing variation in the population
  - (d) divergent evolution
7. Charles Darwin proposed the theory of natural selection based on the knowledge of
- (a) spontaneous mutation
  - (b) phenotypic variation
  - (c) induced mutation
  - (d) chromosomal aberration
8. The cotyledon of a monocot is known as
- (a) scutellum
  - (b) endosperm
  - (c) aleurone layer
  - (d) epithelial cell
9. The microgametophyte is also known as
- (a) pollen
  - (b) anther
  - (c) ovule
  - (d) ovary
10. Haploid plants can be obtained from a
- (a) leaf
  - (b) root
  - (c) pollen
  - (d) stem

11. \_\_\_\_ is a specialized human cell devoid of nucleus.
- (a) Skin cell
  - (b) Red blood cell
  - (c) Liver cell
  - (d) Muscle cell
12. The term 'vaccine' was coined by
- (a) Edward Jenner
  - (b) Joseph Lister
  - (c) Louis Pasteur
  - (d) Robert Koch
13. Fatty acid breakdown in eukaryote occurs in
- (a) cytosol
  - (b) Golgi body
  - (c) mitochondria
  - (d) peroxisome
14. Conversion of a normal cell into a cancer cell is called as
- (a) karyokinesis
  - (b) cytokinesis
  - (c) carcinogenesis
  - (d) euthanasia
15. Which of the following refers to the addition of microorganisms to the diet in order to provide health benefits beyond basic nutritive value?
- (a) Probiotic
  - (b) Prebiotic
  - (c) Antibiotic
  - (d) Adjuvant

16. Which of the following is the correct order of basic forces in decreasing strength?
- (a) Strong, Electromagnetic, Weak, Gravitational
  - (b) Strong, Electromagnetic, Gravitational, Weak
  - (c) Electromagnetic, Strong, Weak, Gravitational
  - (d) Electromagnetic, Strong, Gravitational, Weak
17. Which one of the following is **not** correct about Newton's second law of motion?
- (a) It holds good only in inertial frame of reference
  - (b) It gives a measure of force as the rate of change of momentum
  - (c) It cannot describe the motion of particles with relativistic velocities
  - (d) It can describe the motion of a falling rain drop, which may gather mass as it falls
18. A ball attains a height of  $h$ , if thrown upward with some initial speed. If the ball is thrown upward by the double of that initial speed, what new maximum height will the ball reach?
- (a)  $2h$
  - (b)  $4h$
  - (c)  $8h$
  - (d)  $16h$
19. What will be the change in the entropy of a gas if it expands adiabatically and reversibly?
- (a) Increase infinitely
  - (b) Increase, but remain finite
  - (c) Decrease
  - (d) No change
20. Internal energy of an ideal gas depends upon
- (a) temperature only
  - (b) both temperature and pressure
  - (c) volume only
  - (d) both volume and temperature

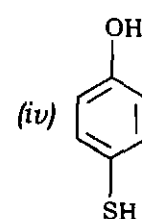
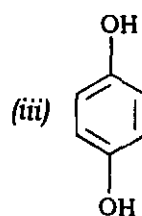
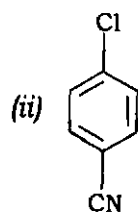
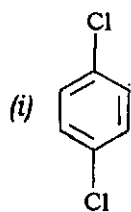
21. Which one of the following is **not** correct about the work done by a conservative force?
- (a) Work done is independent of the path
  - (b) For a cyclic path, work done is zero
  - (c) Force is velocity-independent
  - (d) Work done is irreversible
22. In an explosion, an object of mass  $M$  that was initially at rest splits into two pieces of unequal mass ( $m_1 > m_2$ ). Which of the following is correct?
- (a)  $m_1$  will have greater momentum than  $m_2$
  - (b)  $m_1$  will have greater kinetic energy than  $m_2$
  - (c)  $m_1$  will have lower kinetic energy than  $m_2$
  - (d) both pieces will have the same kinetic energy
23. The specific heat of a gas
- (a) has only two values
  - (b) has a unique value at a given temperature
  - (c) can have any value between 0 and  $\infty$
  - (d) depends upon the mass of the gas
24. The volume of a polyatomic gas is compressed adiabatically to  $\frac{1}{8}$  of its original volume. If the original pressure of the gas was  $P_0$ , the new pressure will be
- (a)  $2P_0$
  - (b)  $4P_0$
  - (c)  $8P_0$
  - (d)  $16P_0$
25. The root-mean-square speed of the molecules of a gas enclosed in a vessel is  $v$ . If the pressure is doubled while the temperature remains the same, the root-mean-square speed will be
- (a)  $\frac{v}{2}$
  - (b)  $v$
  - (c)  $2v$
  - (d)  $4v$

26. A vessel contains a mixture of one mole of oxygen and two moles of nitrogen at 300 K. The ratio of the average rotational kinetic energy per  $O_2$  molecule to that per  $N_2$  molecule will be
- 1:1
  - 8:7
  - 1:2
  - Depends upon the moments of inertia of two molecules
27.  $C_v$  is the specific heat of a system at constant volume  $V$ . Which of the following (thermodynamic) equations is wrong to obtain  $C_v$ ?
- $C_v = \sigma_E^2 / (kT^2)$
  - $C_v = \partial H / \partial T$
  - $C_v = -T(\partial^2 F / \partial T^2)$
  - $C_v = T(\partial S / \partial T)$
- Note :  $F$  = Helmholtz free energy,  $H$  = enthalpy,  $S$  = entropy,  $T$  = absolute temperature,  $\sigma_E^2$  = variance of the internal energy
28. In quantum mechanics, which of the following statements is **not** always a characteristic of a 1D particle wave-function  $\psi(x)$ ?
- $|\psi(x)|^2$  is a probability density
  - $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\psi(x)|^2 dx = 1$
  - $\psi(x)$  is a solution of the 1D stationary Schrödinger equation  $H\psi(x) = E\psi(x)$ , where  $H$  is the Hamiltonian operator
  - The energy  $E$ , obtained from the Schrödinger equation, belongs to a set of discrete values
29. Which of the following states that each point on a wavefront may be considered as a new wave source?
- Snell's law
  - Young's law
  - Hertz's law
  - Huygens' principle



30. If the temperature of the sun were to increase from  $T$  to  $2T$  and its radius from  $R$  to  $2R$ , then the ratio of the radiant energy received on the earth to what it received previously will be
- (a) 4
  - (b) 64
  - (c) 16
  - (d) 32
31. Which of the following is a redox reaction?
- (a)  $\text{NaCl} + \text{KNO}_3 \rightarrow \text{NaNO}_3 + \text{KCl}$
  - (b)  $\text{CaC}_2\text{O}_4 + 2\text{HCl} \rightarrow \text{CaCl}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{C}_2\text{O}_4$
  - (c)  $2\text{K}[\text{Ag}(\text{CN})_2] + \text{Zn} \rightarrow 2\text{Ag} + \text{K}_2[\text{Zn}(\text{CN})_4]$
  - (d)  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2 + 2\text{NH}_4\text{Cl} \rightarrow \text{CaCl}_2 + 2\text{NH}_3 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
32. Which of the following concentration factors is affected by change in temperature?
- (a) Molarity
  - (b) Molality
  - (c) Mole fraction
  - (d) Weight fraction
33. The total number of neutrons in  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  with mass number 70 is
- (a) 34
  - (b) 40
  - (c) 36
  - (d) 38
34. The electron identified by quantum numbers  $n$  and  $l$ , (i)  $n = 4, l = 1$ ; (ii)  $n = 4, l = 0$ ; (iii)  $n = 3, l = 2$  and (iv)  $n = 3, l = 1$  can be placed in the order of increasing energy, from the lowest to the highest as
- (a) (iv) < (ii) < (iii) < (i)
  - (b) (ii) < (iv) < (i) < (iii)
  - (c) (i) < (iii) < (ii) < (iv)
  - (d) (iii) < (i) < (iv) < (ii)

35. Which one of the following constitutes a group of the isoelectronic series?
- (a)  $C_2^{-2}$ ,  $O_2^-$ , CO, NO
- (b)  $NO^+$ ,  $C_2^{-2}$ ,  $CN^-$ ,  $N_2$
- (c)  $CN^-$ ,  $N_2$ ,  $O_2^{-2}$ ,  $C_2^{-2}$
- (d)  $NO^+$ ,  $N_2$ ,  $O_2^-$ , CO
36. Which of the following represents the correct order of increasing first ionization enthalpy for Ca, Ba, S, Se and Ar?
- (a)  $Ca < S < Ba < Se < Ar$
- (b)  $Ca < Ba < S < Se < Ar$
- (c)  $S < Se < Ca < Ba < Ar$
- (d)  $Ba < Ca < Se < S < Ar$
37. The process requiring the absorption energy is
- (a)  $F \rightarrow F^-$
- (b)  $Cl \rightarrow Cl^-$
- (c)  $O \rightarrow O^{-2}$
- (d)  $H \rightarrow H^-$
38. The calculated bond order of  $O^{-2}$  is
- (a) 2.5
- (b) 1.5
- (c) 2.0
- (d) 1.0
39. For which of the following molecules significant  $\mu \neq 0$ ?



- (a) Only (i)
- (b) (i) and (ii)
- (c) (iii) and (iv)
- (d) Only (iii)

40. In which of the following changes does entropy decrease?
- (a) Crystallization of sucrose from solution
  - (b) Dissolution of sucrose in water
  - (c) Melting of ice
  - (d) Vaporization of camphor
41. If the enthalpy change for the transition of liquid  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  to steam is  $30 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$  at  $27^\circ\text{C}$ , the entropy change for the process would be
- (a)  $1.0 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$
  - (b)  $10 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$
  - (c)  $0.1 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$
  - (d)  $100 \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$
42. The concentration of  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  and  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  in buffer solution is in the ratio 1:1,  $K_b$  of  $\text{NH}_4\text{OH}$  is  $10^{-10}$ . The pH of the buffer is
- (a) 4
  - (b) 5
  - (c) 9
  - (d) 10
43. Identify the product for the following transformation :
- $$\text{PhMgBr} + \text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH} \rightarrow \text{Product}$$
- (a) Ph-H
  - (b) Ph-OH
  - (c) Ph-OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>
  - (d) Ph-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>
44. Natural glucose is termed as D-glucose because
- (a) it is dextrorotatory
  - (b) it is based on D-glyceraldehyde Fischer projection
  - (c) it is based on Newman projection
  - (d) None of the above

45. An enantiomerically pure acid is treated with racemic mixture of an alcohol having one chiral carbon. The ester formed will be
- (a) enantiomeric compound
  - (b) optically active mixture
  - (c) optically inactive mixture
  - (d) Difficult to predict due to insufficient information
46. One agro industry produces a certain number of manure bags in a day. It was observed on a particular day that the cost of production of each manure bag (in ₹) was 3 more than twice the number of manure bags produced on that day. If the total cost of production on that day was ₹ 90, then find the number of articles produced and the cost of each article.
- (a) 3 and ₹ 30
  - (b) 4 and ₹ 20
  - (c) 6 and ₹ 15
  - (d) 5 and ₹ 18
47. The probability that a non-leap year has 53 Sundays, is
- (a)  $2/7$
  - (b)  $5/7$
  - (c)  $6/7$
  - (d)  $1/7$
48. In an experiment, tubes numbered 1 to 20 are mixed up and then the tube is drawn at random. What is the probability that the tube drawn bears a number which is a multiple of 3?
- (a)  $1/5$
  - (b)  $2/5$
  - (c)  $3/10$
  - (d)  $3/5$
49. Mode is
- (a) middle most value
  - (b) most frequent value
  - (c) least frequent value
  - (d) average value

50. Which of the following is **not** a measure of central tendency?
- (a) Standard deviation
  - (b) Mode
  - (c) Mean
  - (d) Median
51. If the difference of mode and median of a data is 24, then the difference of median and mean is
- (a) 12
  - (b) 24
  - (c) 8
  - (d) 36
52. Jadeja scores runs in 10 consecutive innings as 38, 70, 48, 34, 42, 55, 63, 46, 54 and 44. The mean deviation about mean is
- (a) 8.6
  - (b) 6.4
  - (c) 10.6
  - (d) 7.6
53. A pair of dice is rolled. If the outcome is a doublet, a coin is tossed. Determine the total number of elementary events associated to this experiment.
- (a) 21
  - (b) 42
  - (c) 40
  - (d) 32
54. Find the probability that in a random arrangement of the letters of the word 'UNIVERSITY', the two I's do not come together.
- (a)  $\frac{3}{4}$
  - (b)  $\frac{1}{5}$
  - (c)  $\frac{4}{5}$
  - (d)  $\frac{2}{5}$

55. 100 students appeared for two examinations. 60 passed the first, 50 passed the second and 30 passed both. Find the probability that a student selected at random has passed at least one examination.
- (a)  $4/5$
  - (b)  $1/4$
  - (c)  $2/3$
  - (d)  $3/4$
56. If the fifth term of a GP (Geometric Progression) is 2, then write the product of its 9 terms.
- (a) 613
  - (b) 512
  - (c) 812
  - (d) 532
57. A line passes through the point (2, 2) and is perpendicular to the line  $3x + y = 3$ . Its  $y$ -intercept is
- (a)  $1/3$
  - (b)  $4/3$
  - (c)  $2/3$
  - (d) 1
58. The figure formed by the lines  $ax \pm by \pm c = 0$  is
- (a) a rectangle
  - (b) a square
  - (c) a rhombus
  - (d) a triangle
59. The equation  $16x^2 + y^2 + 8xy + 74x + 78y + 212 = 0$  represents
- (a) an ellipse
  - (b) a circle
  - (c) a hyperbola
  - (d) a parabola
60. Find the sum of odd integers from 1 to 2001.
- (a) 1002001
  - (b) 1000078
  - (c) 1280011
  - (d) 1000203

**PART—B**

Answer *any sixty* questions

- 61.** Starch is a polymer made up of the monomer
- (a)  $\alpha$ -D-glucose
  - (b)  $\alpha$ -D-fructose
  - (c)  $\beta$ -D-glucose
  - (d)  $\beta$ -D-fructose
- 62.** Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium generally assumes all of the following, **except**
- (a) a large population
  - (b) genetic drift
  - (c) absence of selection
  - (d) random mating
- 63.** The epimer of glucose is
- (a) galactose
  - (b) fructose
  - (c) arabinose
  - (d) ribose
- 64.** Which of the following may be absent in a tree log having 33 annual rings?
- (a) Primary phloem
  - (b) Primary xylem
  - (c) Sclerenchyma cell wall
  - (d) Interfascicular cambium
- 65.** In glycolytic pathway, under aerobic conditions glucose is converted to
- (a) pyruvate
  - (b) lactate
  - (c) acetate
  - (d) formate

66. Pick out the purine nucleotide from the following :
- (a) TTP
  - (b) GTP
  - (c) CTP
  - (d) UTP
67. Seedless bananas are
- (a) diploid
  - (b) triploid
  - (c) tetraploid
  - (d) hexaploid
68. Which of the following is true sequence of events in a plant transformation experiment?
- (a) Preculture, cocultivation, callus formation, shoot development, plantlets
  - (b) Cocultivation, callus formation, shoot development, preculture, plantlets
  - (c) Preculture, shoot development, cocultivation, callus formation, plantlets
  - (d) Explants, callusing, shoot formation, *Agrobacterium* infection, callus formation, plantlets
69. Limiting amino acid in cereals is
- (a) leucine
  - (b) lysine
  - (c) methionine
  - (d) glycine
70. Klenow fragment is
- (a) a type of ligase
  - (b) a large fragment of DNA polymerase I
  - (c) a DNA polymerase III
  - (d) an RNA polymerase



- 71.** The linkage between two nucleotides in DNA is
- (a) 3', 5' phosphodiester bond
  - (b) 2', 5' phosphodiester bond
  - (c) peptide bond
  - (d) 3', 6' phosphodiester bond
- 72.** For generation of shoot, callus can be transferred onto the MS medium that has
- (a) high concentration of auxin
  - (b) high ratio of cytokinin to auxin
  - (c) high ratio of auxin to cytokinin
  - (d) required amount of antibiotic
- 73.** Identify the accessory photosynthetic plant pigment :
- (a) Chlorophyll
  - (b) Carotenoid
  - (c) Lycopene
  - (d) Betalain
- 74.** Identify the start codon :
- (a) AUG
  - (b) UAA
  - (c) UAG
  - (d) UGA
- 75.** If we cut the flowers under the water, they will remain fresh for a longer time because
- (a) water is always available for the stems
  - (b) water columns are not blocked by air bubbles
  - (c) water is always available to heavily transpiring flowers
  - (d) by cutting, vascular column is lost from flower stems

76. Which of the following hormones is associated with abiotic stress conditions and is known as stress hormone?
- (a) Abscisic acid
  - (b) Ethylene
  - (c) GA<sub>3</sub>
  - (d) Indole-3-acetic acid
77. The endosymbiotic theory concerns the origin of
- (a) endoplasmic reticulum
  - (b) nucleus
  - (c) Golgi bodies and vacuoles
  - (d) mitochondria and chloroplast
78. \_\_\_\_\_ is referred as 'traffic police' of the cell.
- (a) Golgi body
  - (b) Vacuole
  - (c) Lysosome
  - (d) Vesicle
79. Which of the following can be used for the production of haploid plants?
- (a) Meristematic tissue
  - (b) Anthers
  - (c) Young embryo
  - (d) Flower buds
80. Which of the following is oil-storing plastids in plant cell?
- (a) Amyloplast
  - (b) Elaioplast
  - (c) Chromoplast
  - (d) Chloroplast

- 81.** Which one of the following conditions inhibits the TCA cycle?
- (a) Anaerobic
  - (b) Salinity
  - (c) Moisture stress
  - (d) Darkness
- 82.** Peroxisomes involve in
- (a) dark respiration
  - (b) photorespiration
  - (c) photosynthesis
  - (d) lipid synthesis
- 83.** Phloem transport mainly takes in
- (a) sieve cells
  - (b) companion cells
  - (c) phloem parenchyma
  - (d) Ray cells
- 84.** Foot and mouth disease is a \_\_\_\_ disease of cattle.
- (a) viral
  - (b) fungal
  - (c) bacterial
  - (d) parasitic
- 85.** \_\_\_\_ is/are used for bulk flow of materials between plant cells.
- (a) Osmosis
  - (b) Diffusion
  - (c) Plasmodesmata
  - (d) Nucleopores

- 86.** Identify the event that exclusively occurs in meiotic cell division :
- (a) Chromatid formation
  - (b) Spindle formation
  - (c) Synapsis
  - (d) Chromosome movement to pole
- 87.** Khaira disease of rice is caused due to the deficiency of \_\_\_\_ element.
- (a) iron
  - (b) manganese
  - (c) zinc
  - (d) copper
- 88.** An example for CAM plant is
- (a) apple
  - (b) pineapple
  - (c) custard apple
  - (d) cashew
- 89.** The growth regulator involved in seed germination is
- (a) auxin
  - (b) GA
  - (c) ethylene
  - (d) cytokinin
- 90.** The specific role of boron in plants is
- (a) synthesis of auxins
  - (b) transport of proteins
  - (c) activation of enzymes
  - (d) transport of sugars

- 91.** Compound present in vascular and nonvascular plants responsible for the elongation of stem cells is
- (a) polyamine
  - (b) brassinolide
  - (c) salicylic acid
  - (d) jasmonic acid
- 92.** Which one of the following is a non-climacteric fruit?
- (a) Banana
  - (b) Jackfruit
  - (c) Mango
  - (d) Citrus
- 93.** Which of the following cell organelles has a single-layer membrane?
- (a) Vacuole
  - (b) Mitochondria
  - (c) Chloroplast
  - (d) Nucleus
- 94.** Which of the following soil types is suitable for cotton crop?
- (a) Red soil
  - (b) Black soil
  - (c) Sandy soil
  - (d) Saline soil
- 95.** Raising the same crop in the same field in all the seasons is called
- (a) mixed cropping
  - (b) monocropping
  - (c) relay cropping
  - (d) ratoon cropping

96. The biofertilizer recommended for pulse crops is
- (a) *Azospirillum*
  - (b) *Phosphobacteria*
  - (c) *Azolla*
  - (d) *Rhizobium*
97. Direct or indirect harmful effect that one plant has on another through production of chemical substance is
- (a) excretion
  - (b) toxicity
  - (c) allelopathy
  - (d) interference
98. The herbicide used as growth regulator is
- (a) glyphosate
  - (b) 2,4-D
  - (c) pendimethalin
  - (d) bialophos
99. Chemical used for seed hardening in sorghum is
- (a)  $\text{ZnSO}_4$
  - (b)  $\text{CaCl}_2$
  - (c)  $\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4$
  - (d)  $\text{FeSO}_4$
100. Whitefly belongs to the order
- (a) Heteroptera
  - (b) Homoptera
  - (c) Diptera
  - (d) Lepidoptera

- 101.** Banana bunchy top disease is caused by a
- (a) virus
  - (b) fungus
  - (c) bacteria
  - (d) mycoplasma
- 102.** Imidacloprid is a/an
- (a) avermectin
  - (b) neonicotinyl compound
  - (c) organophosphate compound
  - (d) organochlorine compound
- 103.** *Trichogramma* is a parasitoid on
- (a) egg
  - (b) larva
  - (c) pupa
  - (d) Both egg and larva
- 104.** Disease which interferes with the conduction of water in plants is
- (a) wilt
  - (b) rot
  - (c) leaf spot
  - (d) damping off
- 105.** Blast disease of rice is caused by
- (a) *Magnaporthe grisea*
  - (b) *Drechslera oryzae*
  - (c) *Ephelis oryzae*
  - (d) *Rhizoctonia solani*

106. The famous Irish famine of 1842 was caused due to the outbreak of
- (a) helminthosporium of rice
  - (b) stem rust of wheat
  - (c) late blight of potato
  - (d) downy mildew of grapes
107. The common viral disease affecting the sheep is
- (a) bluetongue
  - (b) enterotoxaemia
  - (c) pasteurilla
  - (d) enteritis
108. In *Pisum*, type of germination is
- (a) epigeal
  - (b) hypogeal
  - (c) both epigeal and hypogeal
  - (d) hypoepigeal
109.  $GA_3$  is sprayed in hybrid rice to enhance
- (a) panicle exertion
  - (b) seed set
  - (c) fertility
  - (d) flowering
110. The national repository for plant genes is
- (a) NBPGR
  - (b) PPV & FRA
  - (c) OECD
  - (d) ISST



- 111.** UPOV was established in the year 1961 with its headquarters at
- (a) Geneva
  - (b) Rome
  - (c) Zurich
  - (d) New Delhi
- 112.** A micronutrient which is predominant in alkaline pH is
- (a) zinc
  - (b) iron
  - (c) manganese
  - (d) molybdenum
- 113.** A chemical ameliorant to reclaim alkali-sodic soils is
- (a) gypsum
  - (b) dolomite
  - (c) lime
  - (d) zeolite
- 114.** Cat clay is present in \_\_\_\_\_ type of soils.
- (a) acid
  - (b) acid sulphate
  - (c) sodic
  - (d) saline sodic
- 115.** Soil that is developed as a result of consolidation of molten magma is
- (a) igneous rock
  - (b) metamorphic rock
  - (c) sedimentary rock
  - (d) primary rock

- 116.** When two organisms live in close association and both benefit, the relationship between the two is called
- (a) commensalism
  - (b) symbiosis
  - (c) parasitism
  - (d) pathogenesis
- 117.** Which of the following is a nitrifying bacterium?
- (a) *Rhizobium*
  - (b) *Nitrosomonas*
  - (c) *Bacillus*
  - (d) *Azotobacter*
- 118.** Nodulation in non-legume plants is caused by
- (a) *Frankia*
  - (b) *Sinorhizobium*
  - (c) BGA
  - (d) *Bradyrhizobium*
- 119.** Which one of the following forms symbiosis with *Azolla*?
- (a) *Nostoc*
  - (b) *Anabaena*
  - (c) *Tolypothrix*
  - (d) *Oscillatoria*
- 120.** The 70S prokaryotic ribosome consists of
- (a) two 40S subunits
  - (b) 40S and 30S subunits
  - (c) 50S and 20S subunits
  - (d) 50S and 30S subunits

121. Organisms belonging to the same species living together in the same place at the same time are a/an
- (a) niche
  - (b) community
  - (c) population
  - (d) ecosystem
122. \_\_\_\_\_ describes the treatment of polluted soils through use of plants which mitigate the environmental problem without the need to remove and dispose them in an another place.
- (a) Phytostimulation
  - (b) Phytoremediation
  - (c) Detoxification
  - (d) Oxidation
123. What does the student's *t*-test measure?
- (a) Difference between two means
  - (b) Difference between three or more means
  - (c) Difference between two frequency distribution
  - (d) Whether two distributions are independent or dependent
124. ANOVA is a test of equality of
- (a) variances
  - (b) means
  - (c) proportions
  - (d) only two parameters
125. When all members of every block are assigned to all treatments, the design is called
- (a) Latin square design
  - (b) one-way ANOVA
  - (c) repeated measures design
  - (d) randomized complete block design

- 126.** Median is defined as
- (a) the value that half of the entries are below and half of the entries are above
  - (b) the value that has lowest frequency
  - (c) the largest value of the entries
  - (d) the average calculated by adding up all the values and deviating by the number of entries
- 127.** What are the assumptions of Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium?
- (a) Small population size, random mating, no selection, migration, no mutation
  - (b) Large population size, non-random mating, no selection, no migration, no mutation
  - (c) Large population size, random mating, no selection, no migration, no mutation
  - (d) Large population size, random mating, heterozygotes survive the best, no migration, no mutation
- 128.** The progeny of single-self fertilized homozygous individuals is known as
- (a) synthesis
  - (b) clone
  - (c) pure line
  - (d) hybrid
- 129.** Dieoccy is a mechanism which promotes
- (a) self-pollination
  - (b) cross-pollination
  - (c) both self- and cross-pollination
  - (d) self-incompatibility
- 130.** \_\_\_\_\_ trait is genetically improved in Swarna Sub 1 through marker-assisted backcross breeding.
- (a) Flood tolerance
  - (b) Salinity tolerance
  - (c) Drought tolerance
  - (d) Insect resistance

131. The specific biomolecules which exhibit detectable differences among the different genotypes of plants are termed as
- (a) DNA fingerprinting
  - (b) molecular markers
  - (c) molecular scissors
  - (d) transcripts
132. The quickest way to produce homozygous breeding lines from heterozygous parents is through
- (a) aneuploidy
  - (b) polyploidy
  - (c) double haploidy
  - (d) introgression
133. Green Revolution in India occurred during
- (a) 1950s
  - (b) 1960s
  - (c) 1970s
  - (d) 1980s
134. Multiple effects of a single-gene is known as
- (a) polyploidy
  - (b) heteroploidy
  - (c) pleiotropy
  - (d) aneuploidy
135. If the incompatibility reaction of pollen is governed by the genotypes of the plant on which the pollen is produced, then the self-incompatibility is
- (a) gametophytic self-incompatibility
  - (b) sporophytic self-incompatibility
  - (c) pseudo-self-incompatibility
  - (d) ritactional self-incompatibility

- 136.** Repeat core sequences consisting of 2, 3 or 4 base pairs are known as
- (a) SNPs
  - (b) microsatellites
  - (c) AFLPs
  - (d) satellites
- 137.** Blood red is a variety of
- (a) mango
  - (b) mandarin
  - (c) pineapple
  - (d) sweet orange
- 138.** Dichogamy is observed in
- (a) Aonla
  - (b) Ber
  - (c) avocado
  - (d) grapes
- 139.** The Central Tuber Crops Research Institute is located at
- (a) Delhi
  - (b) Shimla
  - (c) Thiruvananthapuram
  - (d) Kasaragod
- 140.** Ben oil is obtained from
- (a) moringa
  - (b) potato
  - (c) cassava
  - (d) pumpkin

141. \_\_\_\_\_ is the rich source of folic acid.
- (a) Tomato
  - (b) Brinjal
  - (c) Chilly
  - (d) Amaranth
142. Genetically engineered mustard developed by the Delhi University is modified for which one of the following traits?
- (a) Insect resistance
  - (b) Oil quality
  - (c) Male sterility
  - (d) Drought tolerance
143. Which of the following is true of DNA double helix?
- (a) Total number of purine bases is equal to the total number of pyrimidine bases
  - (b) The 5' end of one DNA strand is aligned with 5' end of the other strand
  - (c) The sequence of bases on one strand is identical to the sequence of bases on the other strand
  - (d) None of the above
144. Of the four different DNA molecules below, which one would you expect to denature at a lower temperature?
- (a) GCATTGCCAATGC
  - (b) ATTAGCCTATCGG
  - (c) GCCACCGAATCCG
  - (d) ATATTTTACTGCC
145. The 3' to 5' exonuclease activity of *E. coli* DNA polymerases I and III allows
- (a) polymerase to synthesize a new strand in 3' to 5' direction
  - (b) polymerase to remove misincorporated nucleotides thereby reducing the number of errors made during DNA replication
  - (c) polymerase to join Okazaki fragments
  - (d) None of the above

**146.** If the following parental DNA strand

3' GGCATATTCGCTGCAGT 5'

is used as a template DNA strand, the newly synthesized, antiparallel strand would be as follows :

- (a) 3' CCGTATAAGCGACGTCA 5'
- (b) 5' CCGTATAAGCGACGTCA 3'
- (c) 5' TGACGTCGCTTATACGG 3'
- (d) 3' GGCATATTCGCTGCAGT 5'

**147.** Transcription is the process of

- (a) synthesizing a DNA molecule from RNA template
- (b) using DNA strand as a template to synthesize a complementary RNA molecule
- (c) using DNA strand as a template to synthesize identical RNA molecule
- (d) synthesizing a protein using information carried in the nucleotide sequence of a messenger RNA

**148.** DNA ligase

- (a) unwinds the helical DNA by breaking the hydrogen bonds between complementary bases
- (b) adds DNA nucleotides to the RNA primer
- (c) links the DNA fragments of the lagging strands together
- (d) synthesizes a short-RNA primer at the beginning of each origin of replication

**149.** The direction of synthesis of a new mRNA molecule is

- (a) 5' to 3' from a 5' to 3' DNA template strand
- (b) 5' to 3' from a 3' to 5' RNA template strand
- (c) 5' to 3' from a 5' to 3' RNA template strand
- (d) 5' to 3' from a 3' to 5' DNA template strand

**150.** In polyadenylation, a long tail of adenine residue is added

- (a) to the 3' end of template DNA
- (b) to the 5' end of mRNA
- (c) to the 3' end of mRNA
- (d) None of the above



151. Which of the following is/are **not** needed by the RNA polymerase?
- (a) A primer
  - (b) GTP, CTP, UTP, ATP
  - (c) A promoter sequence
  - (d) A DNA template
152. Which region of an introns' nucleotide sequence is important?
- (a) Whole intron sequence
  - (b) Short sequence near each end of the intron
  - (c) A 25-base repeat in the middle of intron sequence
  - (d) None of the above
153. Cry1 group of protein of *Bacillus thuringiensis* is toxic to
- (a) Lepidoptera
  - (b) Homoptera
  - (c) Coleoptera
  - (d) Hymenoptera
154. The \_\_\_\_ in a tRNA molecule base pair with a group of three nucleotides is called the \_\_\_\_ in the mRNA template molecule.
- (a) codon, anticodon
  - (b) anticodon, codon
  - (c) codon, triplet codon
  - (d) triplet codon, anticodon
155. An mRNA that gives rise to multiple different proteins is said to be a
- (a) monocistronic
  - (b) polycistronic
  - (c) Shine-Dalgarno sequence
  - (d) None of the above

156. The order in which the triplet of bases in an mRNA is read is most precisely called
- (a) reading frame
  - (b) anticodon
  - (c) codon
  - (d) wobble
157. Phage M13 DNA is
- (a) single-stranded circular
  - (b) single-stranded linear
  - (c) double-stranded circular
  - (d) double-stranded linear
158. Lambda phage DNA is introduced into host cells efficiently by a laboratory process is called
- (a) transformation
  - (b) transfection
  - (c) *in vitro* packaging
  - (d) electroporation
159. The vector that can clone about 300 kbp DNA fragment in *E. coli* is
- (a) BAC
  - (b) YAC
  - (c) PACMID
  - (d) Cosmid
160. T-DNA is
- (a) DNA of plasmid origin which is transferred to the *Agrobacterium* chromosome
  - (b) DNA from the chromosome of *Agrobacterium* species which is transferred to the plant genome
  - (c) DNA of plasmid origin which is transferred to the plant genome
  - (d) DNA of plant genome that is transferred to *Agrobacterium*

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