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1. Which one of the following is the main constituent of biological membranes?

- A) Phospholipids
- B) Glycoproteins
- C) Glycolipids
- D) Cholesterol

2. One of the following biomes in Africa is supporting large wild mammals such as elephants, giraffes and lions.

- A) The Congo rain forest
- B) The rain forest of western Ethiopia
- C) The savanna grassland
- D) The Sahara desert

3. Which of the following steps in the scientific method comes following observation?

- A) Predication
- B) Hypothesis
- C) Experiment
- D) Theory

4. The main components of the plant cell wall are _____?

- A) Starch
- B) Cellulose
- C) protein
- D) chitin

5. Which of the following classes of enzymes digests carbohydrates?

- A) Amylases

- B) Lipases
- C) Proteases
- D) Nucleases

6. Which of the following kingdoms of life is consisting of prokaryotic organisms?

- A) Fungi
- B) Monera
- C) Protista
- D) Plantae

7. Which component of soil fertility is improved when farmers grow legumes in crop rotation ?

- A) Phosphorus
- B) Nitrogen
- C) Sulfur
- D) Carbon

8. Before making crosses, which part of the flower did Mendel remove to avoid self pollination?

- A) Stigma
- B) Ovule
- C) Ovary
- D) Stamens

9. Which one of the following do bees use to inform other bees about location and distance of a new source of nectar they discover?

- A) Pheromones
- B) Waggle dance
- C) Buzzing noise
- D) vibration of wings

10. One of the following molecules is the building units of an enzyme molecule.

- A) Amino acids
- B) glucose
- C) Nucleotides
- D) Fatty acids

11. What are the specialists in biology called if he/she studies fossils to generate new knowledge on the origin and evolution of living things of past geologic periods?

- A) Geneticist
- B) Ecologist
- C) Paleontologist
- D) comparative Biochemist

12. All proteins contain carbon, hydrogen, oxygen and what other element?

- A) Chlorine
- B) Fluorine
- C) Nitrogen
- D) Sulphur

13. Which of the following is the correct F_2 phenotypic ratio of a monohybrid cross?

- A) 1:2
- B) 1:1
- C) 3:1
- D) 2:2

14. How many carbon atoms are there in one disaccharide molecule?

- A) 6
- B) 12
- C) 18
- D) 24

15. Which unit is best to use for measuring the smallest cells and organelles?

- A) Micrometer
- B) Milliliter
- C) Millimeter
- D) Nanometer

16. Which energy rich organic compound contains adenine in its molecule ?

- A) Lipid
- B) Carbohydrate
- C) Glucose
- D) ATP

17. What are the most frequent causative agents of food poisoning?

- A) Bacteria
- B) Protozoa
- C) viruses
- D) Worms

18. What are the most likely causes of variations within species?

- A) Mitosis and a sexual reproduction.
- B) Overpopulation and overproduction.
- C) Vegetative propagation and cloning.
- D) Mutations and sexual reproduction.

19. In which hominid species did scientists find the smallest brain size (cranial capacity)?

- A) Homo Sapiens
- B) Homo Habilis
- C) Homo erectus
- D) Homo neanderthalensis

20. Which of the following is NOT classified as a learned behavior?

- A) Insight
- B) Innate
- C) Latent
- D) Conditioned

21. In which one of the following aspects is the tropical rain forest biome poor?

- A) Species diversity
- B) amount of sunlight
- C) Annual precipitation
- D) Soil fertility

22. If the size of a cell increase, which one of the following gets smaller?

- A) The volume of the cell
- B) The surface area of the cell
- C) surface area to volume ratio of cell
- D) volume to surface ratio of the cell

23. What makes unsaturated fatty acids different from saturated fatty acids?

- A) The presence of long chain of carbon
- B) The presence of one or more double bonds
- C) The presence of large number of hydrogen atoms
- D) Their occurrence as solid at room temperature

24. Which of the following pairs of molecule are known to have catalytic activity?

- A) Lipids and proteins
- B) carbohydrate and proteins
- C) protein and RNAs
- D) protein and DNAs

25. If a suspension of a mixture of cellular organelle is spun in a centrifuge, which organelle settles to the bottom first?

- A) Mitochondria
- B) Nuclei
- C) Chloroplasts

D) Ribosomes

26. During chemiosmosis, what substance diffuses from one side to the other side of the membrane?

- A) Water molecules
- B) protons
- C) Electrons
- D) ATP molecules

27. Which of the following human diseases can be prevented by taking proper diets?

- A) Degenerative diseases
- B) Genetic diseases
- C) Social diseases
- D) Deficiency diseases

28. When two species are compared ,which of the following sources of evidence is least informative about the degree of relationships between the species?

- A) Nucleotide sequence of DNAs
- B) Amino acid sequence of proteins
- C) Glucose sequence of polysaccharides
- D) DNA-DNA hybridization

29. Which of the following practices dose NOT normally transmit HIV?

- A) Sexual intercourse through anus
- B) sharing injection needles
- C) Blood transfusion
- D) shaking hands

30. What is the important role played by microorganism such as bacteria and fungi in the ecosystem?

- A) ?Antibiotic production
- B) Recycling of nutrients
- C) Forming organic substance
- D) Supplying energy to the ecosystem

31. Which of the following theories explains evolutionary changes of living things in terms of changes in their allele frequencies?

- A) Darwin's natural selection
- B) Spontaneous generation
- C) Inheritance of acquired characteristics
- D) Neo-Darwinism

32. Which of the following is an important function of the Golgi apparatus?

- A) Protein synthesis

- B) packaging of proteins
- C) Removing of debris from cell
- D) Storage of waste materials not needed by the cell

33. Which of the following is NOT usually true as an ecological succession progresses to advanced seral stages ?

- A) More ecological niches are formed
- B) Species become more diverse
- C) The depth of the soil increase
- D) Less population is supported

34. One of the following is an important cause of gene of gene mutation.

- A) Old age
- B) Alcoholic drinks
- C)Smoking
- D) Radiation

35. What is the reproductive isolating mechanism called if two species of forgs do not interbreed because they cannot understand the mating calls of one another

- A) Seasonal isolation
- B) Behavioral isolation
- C) Temporal isolation
- D) isolation by distance

36. How many chromosomes do humans inherit from each of their parents?

- A) 23 chromosome
- B) 23 pairs of chromosome
- C)46 chromosome
- D) 46 pairs of chromosome

37. In which one of the four phases of population growth is the number of the population the highest ?

- A) Lag phase
- B) log phase
- C) Constant phase
- D)Decline phase

38. Which of the following is NOT true about the gene called SRY?

- A) It is found on the Y-chromosome.
- B) It determines maleness.
- C) Testes develop in its presence.
- D) Female have two copies of this gene.

39. To which of the following groups do those bacterio phages that integrate their DNA in to the chromosome of their bacterial host belong?

- A) Virulent viruses
- B) Lytic viruses
- C) Lysogenic viruses
- D) Non-parasitic viruses

40. What do we call the learned behavior if a mouse that had just escaped from the mouth of a cat jumped violemy at a slight touch by a trivial object?

- A) Latent learning
- B) Sensitization
- C) Conditioning
- D) Imprinting

41. In which of the following features are eukaryotic cells distinguished from prokaryotic cells?

- A) They have mitochondria
- B) ❖ Their nuclei lack membrane
- C) They have no DNA
- D) They have smallest ribosomes

42. What will happen if human red biood cells are kept in a hypotonic solution

- A) Lose water by osmosis and burst
- B) Lose water by osmosis and shrink
- C) Take in water by osmosis ,swell and burst
- D) Take in water by osmosis ,swell and remain turgid

43. Which of the following field equipment is used to detrmine an exact location of a place?

- A) Theodolite
- B) Global positioning system
- C) Field microscope
- D) Field PH kit

44. The sheep 'dolly' is an example of which biotechnological manipulation of animals by human?

- A) Transgenic animal
- B) Genetically engineered animal
- C) Cloned animal
- D) Hybrid animal

45. Among the following ,which one is the best criterion to show that two population belong to same species?

- A) Morphological similarity
- B) Physiologically similarity

- C) Inhabiting the same geographic area
- D) Production of fertile offspring

46. In the process of the evolution of life on earth , which of the following four processes evolved last?

- A) Photosynthesis
- B) Aerobic respiration
- C) chemosynthesis
- D) Photo-autotrophism

47. What is a theory in biology?

- A) The outcome of an experiment
- B) A proof that shows the hypothesis is true
- C) A hypothesis supported by experiments and/or observations.
- D) An opinion or educated guess resulting from observations.

48. For which of the following is a theodolite used in biology education?

- A) Measuring the height of trees
- B) Recording positions where a species is found
- C) Measuring the rate of flow of water in a cell.
- D) Measuring the PH of water or soil.

49. What is the name of the suger found in milk?

- A) Glucose
- B) Lactose
- C) Maltose
- D) Sucrose

50. To which class of enzymes do the digestive enzymes belongs?

- A) Esterases
- B) Transferases
- C) Hydrolyses
- D) Isomerases

51. Which of the following crops is considered to be the best choice for a better balance of essential amino aides as a human diet?

- A) Maize
- B) Quinoa
- C) Rice
- D) Wheat

52. What is the main reason fore the high species richness of pants and mammals observed in Ethiopia?

- A) Lack of predators

- B) Lack of disturbance
- C) Presence of several becomes within the country
- D) Efficient management of the ecological resources

53. In which type of solution is the water potential more negative than in the cells?

- A) Hypotonic
- B) hyper-tonic
- C) Isotonic
- D) equal solute and solvent concentration

54. Which of the following paired organelle are membrane-bound?

- A) Ribosomes and peroxisomes
- B) Chloroplasts and ribosomes
- C) Mitochondria and ribosome
- D) chloroplasts and mitochondria

55. Most cell membrane are primarily composed of which compounds

- A) Proteins and lipids
- B) DNA and ATP
- C) Chitin and starch
- D) Nucleotides and amino acids

56. Which group of micro-organisms cause the diseases known as athletes foot?

- A) Bacteria
- B) Fungi
- C) Protozoa
- D) Viruses

57. Choose the one that is different from all the others.

- A) Genetically modified organisms
- B) Genetically engineered organisms
- C) Pathogenic organisms
- D) Transgenic organisms

58. Under which of the following groups can the fungi be more conveniently placed?

- A) Autotrophs
- B) Heterotrophs
- C) Prokaryotes
- D) Plants

59. What is the type of community called when it has reached the final and most complex stage of a succession

- A) Pioneer community

- B) seral community
- C) Climax community
- D) secondary community

60. Which of the following is an ecosystem

- A) A Tropical Rain forest
- B) The African continent
- C) All the organisms in a given area
- D) The non-living components of an environment

61. Which of the following characteristics can show the evolutionary relationships among organism?

- A) Structures having similar function
- B) structures having same size
- C) structure having common origin
- D) structure having different origin

62. The group of the Ethiopian wolf does NOT contribute to territory marking with their urine containing pheromones is _____.

- A) Adult males
- B) Adult females
- C) sub-adult males
- D) Sub-adult females

63. In which of the following are flowers and fruits found?

- A) Ferns and relative
- B) Gymnosperms and ferns
- C) Mosses and conifers
- D) monocots and dicots

64. In a cross between heterozygous what proportion is expected to be homozygous recessive?

- A) 25%
- B) 50%
- C) 75%
- D) 100%

65. Gene silencing is the function of one of the following molecules.

- A) dsRNA
- B) mRNA
- C) siRNA
- D) tRNA

66. Which processes is held responsible for chronic myelogenous leukemia?

- A) Translocation
- B) Translation
- C) Transcription
- D) Duplication

67. Two parents of genotype Aa are cross-bred .The alleles show complete dominance. What proportion of the offspring will phenotypically look like their parents?

- A) 0
- B) 1/4
- C) 1/2
- D) 3/4

68. Which one of the following concepts contains all the other ?

- A) Species
- B) Genus
- C) population
- D) community

69. Choose the one that is NOT a requirement of all living things.

- A) Ability to think
- B) organization of parts
- C) Response to the stimuli
- D) Maintenance of internal constancy

70. What is the advantage of using HAART (highly active antiretroviral therapy) for the treatment of HIV

- A) It gives a lasting immunity to HIV
- B) It prevents mutation of HIV.
- C) It prevents re-infection by HIV.
- D) It helps to break the life cycle of HIV.

71. In which of its contents RNA differs from DNA?

- A) Deoxyribose and guanine
- B) Ribose and uracil
- C) Ribose and uracil
- D) Phosphate and adenine

72. Which of the following cell types can be rich in lysosomes?

- A) Red blood cells
- B) Nerve cells
- C) Phagocytic cells
- D) Muscle cells

73. What can one conclude about the contents of the food stuff if a mixture of Benedict solution and foodstuff remain blue after heating ?

- A) It contains proteins
- B) It lacks starch
- C) It contains fats
- D) It lacks reducing sugar

74. Which of the following types of enzyme inhibitions can be removed when the end product of the metabolic pathway is depleted?

- A) Allosteric inhibition
- B) Non-reversible inhibition
- C) competitive inhibition
- D) Reversible competitive inhibition

75. If red blood cells shrink when placed in a certain solution ,what is the strength of the solution relative to the strength of the protoplasm of the cells?

- A) Hypotonic
- B) Isotonic
- C) Hyper tonic
- D) Isoosmotic

76. Which of the following is NOT true about photo system-II?

- A) Its reaction center molecule is P680.
- B) Its passes its excited electrons to photo system-I
- C) The energy lost from its excited electrons reduces NADP
- D) It replenishes its lost electrons from photolysis of water.

77. On which one of the following principle are most of the anti-HIV drugs currently in use working?

- A) Inhibition of enzyme action
- B) Degradation of viral RNA
- C) Digesting of viral particles
- D) Phagocytosis of the virus

78. Among the following mating, where the ABO blood genotype of the partners are shown, identify the mating in which all the children will have the same blood type.

- A) AO x BO
- B) AA x OO
- C) AB x BO
- D) BB x AO

79. If a new mutant allele arises in a certain population, which of the following factors determines if the allele is going to be adaptive or non- adaptive

- A) The environment in which the population lives.
- B) The rate at which the gene mutates.
- C) The population in which the gene is found
- D) The use and disuse of the gene by the population

80. Which of the following is the correct route that connects a stimulus and a response?

- A) Receptor --> coordinator --> effector
- B) Coordinator-->receptor--> effector
- C) Receptor--> effector --> coordinator
- D) Effector--> receptor --> coordinator

81. In which of the following compound are both members of the pair are polymers of carbohydrates that naturally occur in plants only?

- A) Starch and chitin
- B) Starch and cellulose
- C) Glycogen and cellulose
- D) Glycogen and chitin

82. Which of the following is generally expected to give better health benefits when presence in human diet?

- A) Animal fat
- B) Mono unsaturated fatty acid
- C) Saturated fatty acid
- D) Polyunsaturated fatty acid

83. What is the important of chemiosmosis in photosynthesis and cellular respiration?

- A) Splitting of water molecules
- B) Operating the proton pump
- C) Combining hydrogen and carbon
- D) Synthesizing ATP

84. If the age pyramid of a certain country is narrowing at the base ,what does this tell about the trend of the population size of the country? The population size is:

- A) declining
- B) growing fast
- C) increasing slowly
- D) stabilizing

85. Suppose the amino acid coding region in a mRNA is 1200 nucleotides long, how long is the protein in terms of amino acid number?

- A) 1200 amino acids
- B) 600 amino acids
- C) 400 amino acids

D) 300 amino acids

86. If a new anti-HIV drug is to be developed to prevent the virus from entering the host cell, which one of the following processes should the drug target?

- A) Reverse transcription
- B) Binding of Gp120 and CD4
- C) Integration of viral DNA into host DNA
- D) Assembly of viral parts into a whole virus

87. Which one of the following factors is NOT important for evolutionary change of a population

- A) Over reproduction
- B) Insufficiency of natural resource
- C) Existence of heritable variations
- D) Survival of all that are born

88. One of the following would be harder to see under the ordinary light microscope that is more likely to be available in school laboratories .

- A) Nucleus
- B) A bacterium
- C) A mitochondrion
- D) A ribosome

89. In some human liver cells there are 92 chromosomes per cell. What is the ploidy level of such cells?

- A) Haploid
- B) Diploid
- C) Tetraploid
- D) Hexaploid

90. Which of the following groups of substances are all inorganic?

- A) Water, sugar, calcium, carbonate
- B) sugar, fatty acid, amino acid
- C) Water, calcium carbonate, carbon dioxide
- D) Carbon dioxide, amino acid, fatty acid

91. To what kind of animal behavior can the spinning of a web by a spider be classified?

- A) Learned behavior
- B) Experiential behavior
- C) Instinctive behavior
- D) Accidental behavior

92. Which of the following is a recently developed active area of research in biology today?

- A) Taxonomic study

- B) study about the cell theory
- C) Ecological research
- D) stem cell research

93. Where dose the light dependent reaction of photosynthesis occur in the chloroplast?

- A) In the thylakoid ?membrane
- B) In the fluid of the stroma
- C) In all parts of the chloroplast
- D) In the stomatal opening

94. For which of the following is the sugar produced by photosynthesis NOT used?

- A) To produce biomass.
- B) To make new DNA
- C) To produce ATP in respiration
- D) To produce enzymes

95. In which process is ATP generated during short distance hight speed running ?

- A) Aerobic respiration
- B) Mitochondrial energy transformation
- C) Anaerobic respiration
- D) The krebs cycle

96. Which one of the following choices shows the end products of a mitotic cell division?

- A) Gametes and ordinary cells
- B) Four genetically different cells
- C) Two genetically different cells
- D) Two genetically identical cells

97. What exactly happens during a substitution mutation?

- A) One base is replaced by a different base.
- B) An extra base is added during DNA replication
- C) A base is missed out during DNA replication
- D) Change occur in the arrangement or structure of a chromosome

98. During the course of evolution, which of the following events came before all the others?

- A) Origin of dinosaurs and other reptiles.
- B) Availability of free oxygen in the atmospare
- C) Origin of the oldest eukaryotic organism
- D) origin of the first multicellular animals and plants.

99. What kind of natural selection is at work in a situation where individual at both extreme ends of the range get better survival advantages that those around the middle?

- A) Stabilizing selection
- B) Direction selection extremes
- C) Disruptive selection
- D) Selection that removes the

100. In which geologic period does the fossil record show more diverse and relatively higher forms of organism?

- A) Devonian
- B) Cretaceous
- C) Jurassic
- D) Permian

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