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PART—A

Answer all questions

1. 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

2. Which of the following is a redox reaction?

   (a) $NaCl + KNO_3 \rightarrow NaNO_3 + KCl$

   (b) $CaC_2O_4 + 2HCl \rightarrow CaCl_2 + H_2C_2O_4$

   (c) $2 K[Ag(CN)_2] + Zn \rightarrow 2 Ag + K_2[Zn(CN)_4]$

   (d) $Ca(OH)_2 + 2NH_4Cl \rightarrow CaCl_2 + 2NH_3 + 2H_2O$

3. Which of the following concentration factors is affected by change in temperature?

   (a) Molarity

   (b) Molality

   (c) Mole fraction

   (d) Weight fraction

4. The total number of neutrons in Zn^{2+} with mass number 70 is

   (a) 34

   (b) 40

   (c) 36

   (d) 38

5. 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)

6. 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

7. 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

8. The process requiring the absorption energy is

   (a) $F \rightarrow F^-$

   (b) $Cl \rightarrow Cl^-$

   (c) $O \rightarrow O^{-2}$

   (d) $H \rightarrow H^-$

9. The calculated bond order of O^{-2} is

   (a) 2·5

   (b) 1·5

   (c) 2·0

   (d) 1·0

10. For which of the following molecules significant $\mu \neq 0$?
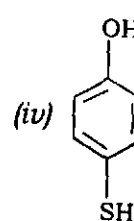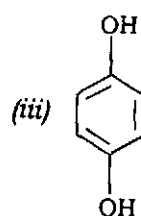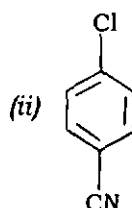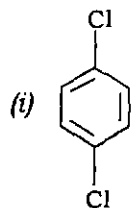
   (a) Only *(i)*

   (b) *(i)* and *(ii)*

   (c) *(iii)* and *(iv)*

   (d) Only *(iii)*

11. 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

12. If the enthalpy change for the transition of liquid H_2O to steam is 30 kJ mol^{-1} at 27 °C, the entropy change for the process would be

(a) 1·0 J mol^{-1} K^{-1}

(b) 10 J mol^{-1} K^{-1}

(c) 0·1 J mol^{-1} K^{-1}

(d) 100 J mol^{-1} K^{-1}

13. The concentration of NH_4Cl and NH_4OH in buffer solution is in the ratio 1 : 1, K_b of NH_4OH is 10^{-10}. The pH of the buffer is

(a) 4

(b) 5

(c) 9

(d) 10

14. Identify the product for the following transformation :

$$PhMgBr + CH_3CH_2OH \rightarrow Product$$

(a) Ph–H

(b) Ph–OH

(c) Ph–OCH$_2$CH$_3$

(d) Ph–CH$_2$CH$_3$

15. 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

16. 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

17. 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

18. The probability that a non-leap year has 53 Sundays, is

    (a) 2/7

    (b) 5/7

    (c) 6/7

    (d) 1/7

19. 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

20. Mode is

    (a) middle most value

    (b) most frequent value

    (c) least frequent value

    (d) average value

21. Which of the following is *not* a measure of central tendency?

(a) Standard deviation

(b) Mode

(c) Mean

(d) Median

22. 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

23. 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

24. 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

25. Find the probability that in a random arrangement of the letters of the word 'UNIVERSITY', the two I's do not come together.

(a) 3/4

(b) 1/5

(c) 4/5

(d) 2/5

26. 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

27. 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

28. 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

29. 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

30. The equation $16x^2 + y^2 + 8xy + 74x + 78y + 212 = 0$ represents

(a) an ellipse

(b) a circle

(c) a hyperbola

(d) a parabola

31. Find the sum of odd integers from 1 to 2001.

(a) 1002001

(b) 1000078

(c) 1280011

(d) 1000203

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32. 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

33. Which of the following is used as an atmospheric pollution indicator?

(a) Lepidoptera

(b) *Lycopersicon*

(c) Lichen

(d) *Ocimum*

34. 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

35. 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

36. 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

37. Appearance of antibiotic-resistant bacterium is an example of

    (a)   adaptive radiation

    (b)   transduction

    (c)   pre-existing variation in the population

    (d)   divergent evolution

38. 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

39. The cotyledon of a monocot is known as

    (a)   scutellum

    (b)   endosperm

    (c)   aleurone layer

    (d)   epithelial cell

40. The microgametophyte is also known as

    (a)   pollen

    (b)   anther

    (c)   ovule

    (d)   ovary

41. Haploid plants can be obtained from a

    (a)   leaf

    (b)   root

    (c)   pollen

    (d)   stem

42. _____ is a specialized human cell devoid of nucleus.

    (a)   Skin cell

    (b)   Red blood cell

    (c)   Liver cell

    (d)   Muscle cell

43. The term 'vaccine' was coined by

    (a)   Edward Jenner

    (b)   Joseph Lister

    (c)   Louis Pasteur

    (d)   Robert Koch

44. Fatty acid breakdown in eukaryote occurs in

    (a)   cytosol

    (b)   Golgi body

    (c)   mitochondria

    (d)   peroxisome

45. Conversion of a normal cell into a cancer cell is called as

    (a)   karyokinesis

    (b)   cytokinesis

    (c)   carcinogenesis

    (d)   euthanasia

46. 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

47. 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

48. 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

49. 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) $16h$

50. 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

51. Internal energy of an ideal gas depends upon

    (a) temperature only

    (b) both temperature and pressure

    (c) volume only

    (d) both volume and temperature

52. 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

53. 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

54. 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 ∞

(d) depends upon the mass of the gas

55. 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) $16P_0$

56. 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) $4v$

57. 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

    (a) $1:1$

    (b) $8:7$

    (c) $1:2$

    (d)   Depends upon the moments of inertia of two molecules

58. 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?

    (a) $C_v = \sigma_E^2 / (kT^2)$

    (b) $C_v = \partial H / \partial T$

    (c) $C_v = -T(\partial^2 F / \partial T^2)$

    (d) $C_v = T(\partial S / \partial T)$

Note : F = Helmholtz free energy, H = enthalpy, S = entropy, T = absolute temperature, σ_E^2 = variance of the internal energy

59. In quantum mechanics, which of the following statements is *not* always a characteristic of a 1D particle wave-function $\psi(x)$?

    (a) $|\psi(x)^2|$ is a probability density

    (b) $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} |\psi(x)^2| \, dx = 1$

    (c) $\psi(x)$ is a solution of the 1D stationary Schrödinger equation $H\psi(x) = E\,\psi(x)$, where H is the Hamiltonian operator

    (d)   The energy E, obtained from the Schrödinger equation, belongs to a set of discrete values

60. Which of the following states that each point on a wavefront may be considered as a new wave source?

    (a)   Snell's law

    (b)   Young's law

    (c)   Hertz's law

    (d)   Huygens' principle

PART—B

Answer *any* **sixty** questions

61. UPOV was established in the year 1961 with its headquarters at

   (a)   Geneva

   (b)   Rome

   (c)   Zurich

   (d)   New Delhi

62. A micronutrient which is predominant in alkaline pH is

   (a)   zinc

   (b)   iron

   (c)   manganese

   (d)   molybdenum

63. A chemical ameliorant to reclaim alkali-sodic soils is

   (a)   gypsum

   (b)   dolomite

   (c)   lime

   (d)   zeolite

64. Cat clay is present in _____ type of soils.

   (a)   acid

   (b)   acid sulphate

   (c)   sodic

   (d)   saline sodic

65. 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

66. 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

67. Which of the following is a nitrifying bacterium?

   (a) *Rhizobium*

   (b) *Nitrosomonas*

   (c) *Bacillus*

   (d) *Azotobacter*

68. Nodulation in non-legume plants is caused by

   (a) *Frankia*

   (b) *Sinorhizobium*

   (c) BGA

   (d) *Bradyrhizobium*

69. Which one of the following forms symbiosis with *Azolla*?

   (a) *Nostoc*

   (b) *Anabaena*

   (c) *Tolypothrix*

   (d) *Oscillatoria*

70. 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

71. 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

72. _____ 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

73. 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

74. ANOVA is a test of equality of

(a) variances

(b) means

(c) proportions

(d) only two parameters

75. 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

76. 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

77. 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

78. The progeny of single-self fertilized homozygous individuals is known as

(a) synthesis

(b) clone

(c) pure line

(d) hybrid

79. Dieocy is a mechanism which promotes

(a) self-pollination

(b) cross-pollination

(c) both self- and cross-pollination

(d) self-incompatibility

80. _____ 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

81. 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

82. The quickest way to produce homozygous breeding lines from heterozygous parents is through

    (a) aneuploidy

    (b) polyploidy

    (c) double haploidy

    (d) introgression

83. Green Revolution in India occurred during

    (a) 1950s

    (b) 1960s

    (c) 1970s

    (d) 1980s

84. Multiple effects of a single-gene is known as

    (a) polyploidy

    (b) heteroploidy

    (c) pleiotropy

    (d) aneuploidy

85. 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

86. Repeat core sequences consisting of 2, 3 or 4 base pairs are known as

   (a) SNPs

   (b) microsatellites

   (c) AFLPs

   (d) satellites

87. Blood red is a variety of

   (a) mango

   (b) mandarin

   (c) pineapple

   (d) sweet orange

88. Dichogamy is observed in

   (a) Aonla

   (b) Ber

   (c) avocado

   (d) grapes

89. The Central Tuber Crops Research Institute is located at

   (a) Delhi

   (b) Shimla

   (c) Thiruvananthapuram

   (d) Kasaragod

90. Ben oil is obtained from

   (a) moringa

   (b) potato

   (c) cassava

   (d) pumpkin

91. _____ is the rich source of folic acid.

    (a) Tomato

    (b) Brinjal

    (c) Chilly

    (d) Amaranth

92. 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

93. 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

94. 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

95. 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

96. 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′

97. 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

98. 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

99. 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

100. 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

101. 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

102. 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

103. Cry1 group of protein of *Bacillus thuringiensis* is toxic to

(a) Lepidoptera

(b) Homoptera

(c) Coleoptera

(d) Hymenoptera

104. 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

105. 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

106. 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

107. Phage M13 DNA is

    (a)   single-stranded circular

    (b)   single-stranded linear

    (c)   double-stranded circular

    (d)   double-stranded linear

108. 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

109. The vector that can clone about 300 kbp DNA fragment in *E. coli* is

    (a)   BAC

    (b)   YAC

    (c)   PACMID

    (d)   Cosmid

110. 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*

111. Starch is a polymer made up of the monomer

    (a) α-D-glucose

    (b) α-D-fructose

    (c) β-D-glucose

    (d) β-D-fructose

112. Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium generally assumes all of the following, *except*

    (a) a large population

    (b) genetic drift

    (c) absence of selection

    (d) random mating

113 The epimer of glucose is

    (a) galactose

    (b) fructose

    (c) arabinose

    (d) ribose

114. 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

115. In glycolytic pathway, under aerobic conditions glucose is converted to

    (a) pyruvate

    (b) lactate

    (c) acetate

    (d) formate

116. Pick out the purine nucleotide from the following :

    (a)   TTP

    (b)   GTP

    (c)   CTP

    (d)   UTP

117. Seedless bananas are

    (a)   diploid

    (b)   triploid

    (c)   tetraploid

    (d)   hexaploid

118. 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

119. Limiting amino acid in cereals is

    (a)   leucine

    (b)   lysine

    (c)   methionine

    (d)   glycine

120. 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

121. 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

122. 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

123. Identify the accessory photosynthetic plant pigment :

    (a)   Chlorophyll

    (b)   Carotenoid

    (c)   Lycopene

    (d)   Betalain

124. Identify the start codon :

    (a)   AUG

    (b)   UAA

    (c)   UAG

    (d)   UGA

125. 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

126. Which of the following hormones is associated with abiotic stress conditions and is known as stress hormone?

   (a) Abscisic acid

   (b) Ethylene

   (c) GA_3

   (d) Indole-3-acetic acid

127. The endosymbiotic theory concerns the origin of

   (a) endoplasmic reticulum

   (b) nucleus

   (c) Golgi bodies and vacuoles

   (d) mitochondria and chloroplast

128. _____ is referred as 'traffic police' of the cell.

   (a) Golgi body

   (b) Vacuole

   (c) Lysosome

   (d) Vesicle

129. Which of the following can be used for the production of haploid plants?

   (a) Meristematic tissue

   (b) Anthers

   (c) Young embryo

   (d) Flower buds

130. Which of the following is oil-storing plastids in plant cell?

   (a) Amyloplast

   (b) Elaioplast

   (c) Chromoplast

   (d) Chloroplast

131. Which one of the following conditions inhibits the TCA cycle?

    (a) Anaerobic

    (b) Salinity

    (c) Moisture stress

    (d) Darkness

132. Peroxisomes involve in

    (a) dark respiration

    (b) photorespiration

    (c) photosynthesis

    (d) lipid synthesis

133. Phloem transport mainly takes in

    (a) sieve cells

    (b) companion cells

    (c) phloem parenchyma

    (d) Ray cells

134. Foot and mouth disease is a ____ disease of cattle.

    (a) viral

    (b) fungal

    (c) bacterial

    (d) parasitic

135. ____ is/are used for bulk flow of materials between plant cells.

    (a) Osmosis

    (b) Diffusion

    (c) Plasmodesmata

    (d) Nucleopores

136. Identify the event that exclusively occurs in meiotic cell division :

    (a)   Chromatid formation

    (b)   Spindle formation

    (c)   Synapsis

    (d)   Chromosome movement to pole

137. Khaira disease of rice is caused due to the deficiency of _____ element.

    (a)   iron

    (b)   manganese

    (c)   zinc

    (d)   copper

138. An example for CAM plant is

    (a)   apple

    (b)   pineapple

    (c)   custard apple

    (d)   cashew

139. The growth regulator involved in seed germination is

    (a)   auxin

    (b)   GA

    (c)   ethylene

    (d)   cytokinin

140. The specific role of boron in plants is

    (a)   synthesis of auxins

    (b)   transport of proteins

    (c)   activation of enzymes

    (d)   transport of sugars

141. 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

142. Which one of the following is a non-climacteric fruit?

    (a)   Banana

    (b)   Jackfruit

    (c)   Mango

    (d)   Citrus

143. Which of the following cell organelles has a single-layer membrane?

    (a)   Vacuole

    (b)   Mitochondria

    (c)   Chloroplast

    (d)   Nucleus

144. Which of the following soil types is suitable for cotton crop?

    (a)   Red soil

    (b)   Black soil

    (c)   Sandy soil

    (d)   Saline soil

145. 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

146. The biofertilizer recommended for pulse crops is

(a) *Azospirillum*

(b) *Phosphobacteria*

(c) *Azolla*

(d) *Rhizobium*

147. 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

148. The herbicide used as growth regulator is

(a) glyphosate

(b) 2,4-D

(c) pendimethalin

(d) bialophos

149. Chemical used for seed hardening in sorghum is

(a) $ZnSO_4$

(b) $CaCl_2$

(c) KH_2PO_4

(d) $FeSO_4$

150. Whitefly belongs to the order

(a) Heteroptera

(b) Homoptera

(c) Diptera

(d) Lepidoptera

151. Banana bunchy top disease is caused by a

   (a) virus

   (b) fungus

   (c) bacteria

   (d) mycoplasma

152. Imidacloprid is a/an

   (a) avermectin

   (b) neonicotinyl compound

   (c) organophosphate compound

   (d) organochlorine compound

153. *Trichogramma* is a parasitoid on

   (a) egg

   (b) larva

   (c) pupa

   (d) Both egg and larva

154. Disease which interferes with the conduction of water in plants is

   (a) wilt

   (b) rot

   (c) leaf spot

   (d) damping off

155. Blast disease of rice is caused by

   (a) *Magnaporthe grisea*

   (b) *Drechslera oryzae*

   (c) *Ephelis oryzae*

   (d) *Rhizoctonia solani*

156. The famous Irish faminine 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

157. The common viral disease affecting the sheep is

(a) bluetongue

(b) enterotoxaemia

(c) pasteurella

(d) enteritis

158. In *Pisum*, type of germination is

(a) epigeal

(b) hypogeal

(c) both epigeal and hypogeal

(d) hypoepigeal

159. GA_3 is sprayed in hybrid rice to enhance

(a) panicle exertion

(b) seed set

(c) fertility

(d) flowering

160. The national repository for plant genes is

(a) NBPGR

(b) PPV & FRA

(c) OECD

(d) ISST

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