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INSTRUCTIONS

This paper consists of 100 multiple choice questions.

Each question carries one mark.

Answer all the questions in the booklet provided.

1. The following statements are true except:
 - a. Pulmonary embolism commonly results from superficial veins lower limbs.
 - b. The commonest source of a systemic embolus is the left ventricle.
 - c. Most pulmonary emboli are clinically silent.
 - d. A thrombus in the saphenous vein may cause local congestion
2. Adenocarcinoma is a:
 - a. Carcinoma developing from mesenchymal tissue
 - b. Carcinoma arising from simple squamous epithelium
 - c. Carcinoma arising from glandular epithelium
 - d. Undifferentiated carcinoma

3. ONE of the following best defines neoplasm
 - a. A newly diagnosed malignant tumour.
 - b. New growth which can be benign or malignant
 - c. Pre-malignant change
 - d. A newly diagnosed benign tumour
4. The cause of exudative oedema is
 - a. Acute inflammation
 - b. Increased plasma oncotic pressure
 - c. Congestive heart failure
 - d. Sodium retention
5. In regard to infarction, one of the following statements is not true
 - a. Most infarcts result from thrombotic or embolic effects
 - b. Most infarcts occur as a result of arterial occlusion
 - c. Most infarcts occur as a result of venous occlusion
 - d. White infarcts occur in solid tissue with end arterial circulation
6. One of the following is a chemotactic factor
 - a. Bacterial products
 - b. Thrombin
 - c. Histamine
 - d. Complement product C3b
7. A feature of reversible cell injury is
 - a. Hydropic change
 - b. Karyolysis
 - c. Karyorrhexis
 - d. Nuclear pyknosis
8. One of the following statements is true
 - a. Fatty change represents irreversible cell injury.
 - b. Dystrophic calcification commonly occurs with hypercalcaemia.
 - c. Dystrophic calcification can be accentuated by hypercalcaemia.
 - d. Lipofuscin is a haemoglobin derived pigment.

9. Mast cell granules contain one of the following mediator of inflammation
- Histamine
 - Prostaglandin
 - Leukotriene
 - Compliment product C3a
10. The statement that best describes metaplasia is
- Change from one adult cell type to another adult type
 - Increase in number of cells in an organ or tissue
 - Increase in individual cell size
 - Decrease in individual cell type
11. In the signal transduction process among cells of the immune system, an example of a first messenger is a:
- Cell division
 - Growth factor
 - Movement of the cell
 - Secretion by the cell
12. The name given to the condition that manifests when the signal that directs leucocytes to the injury site fails is:
- Agammaglobulinaemia
 - Adneroleukodystrophy
 - Leucocyte adhesion deficiency
 - Tay-Sachs disease
13. The cell types found in the peripheral lymphoid organs that are activated for subsequent qualitative and quantitative immune responses in a vaccination programme are the:
- Memory B- and T-lymphocytes
 - Activated B- and T-lymphocytes
 - Immuno-incompetent B- and T-lymphocytes
 - Naïve resting B- and T-lymphocytes

14. When serum antibody reacts with antigens on the surface of target cells to form clumps, the process is called:
- Precipitation
 - Neutralization
 - Complement-mediated lysis
 - Agglutination
15. In the fluid-mosaic model of the cell plasma membrane structure the specific functions of the membrane are determined by the:
- Enzymatic proteins
 - Integral proteins
 - Peripheral proteins
 - Surface glycoproteins
16. One of the following is not an example of damage-associated molecular patterns detected by pattern recognition receptors on human phagocytes:
- Heat- shock proteins
 - Lipoteichoic acid
 - Monosodium urate
 - High-mobility group box -1 molecules
17. The following cell type is only indirectly associated with cell-mediated hypersensitivity reaction:
- CD8+ T cell
 - T_H 1
 - T_H 2
 - T_H 17
18. A molecule that appears to act as a marker for memory in a recently activated T lymphocyte is:
- CD28
 - CD 40
 - CD 45
 - CD 80

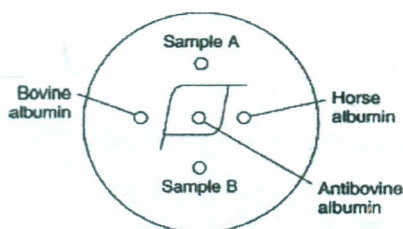
19. The predominant immune response against helminthic worms is mediated by IgE, suggesting that the important T helper lymphocytes conferring protection mainly belong to the subset:
- $T_H 2$
 - $T_H 1$
 - T_{REG}
 - $T_H 17$
20. One example of a T-dependent B-cell mitogen in an *in vitro* experimental system is:
- Phytohemagglutinin (PHA)
 - Pokeweed mitogen (PWM)
 - Concanavalin A (Con A)
 - Lipopolysaccharide (LPS)
21. One of the following is not true of smoking among diabetics
- Causes type I diabetes
 - Increases risk of heart disease
 - Causes type II diabetes
 - Increases risk of kidney failure
22. Male to male transmission is not seen in:
- Autosomal dominant diseases
 - Autosomal recessive disease
 - X-linked recessive disease
 - Genomic imprinting
23. Genomic imprinting is associated with:
- Silencing of paternal chromosome
 - New mutations
 - Fragile X syndrome
 - Mitochondrial DNA

24. Increasing severity of mental retardation in male members over generations is a result of:
- Mitochondrial DNA mutation
 - Frameshift mutation
 - Y linked disorder
 - Trinucleotide repeat mutation
25. Earlier onset of disease than either father or grandfather is most likely explained by one of the following
- Increased penetrance
 - Pleiotropy
 - Anticipation
 - Mosaicism
26. A woman had a high fever, hypotension, and a diffuse macular rash. When all cultures showed no bacterial growth, a diagnosis of toxic shock syndrome was made. Regarding the mechanism by which the toxin causes this disease, one of the following is least accurate
- The toxin is not processed within the macrophage.
 - The toxin binds to both the class II MHC protein and the T cell receptor.
 - The toxin activates many CD4-positive T cells, and large amounts of interleukins are released.
 - The toxin has an A-B subunit structure--the B subunit binds to a receptor, and the A subunit enters the cells and activates them.
27. Natural killer cells are
- B cells that can kill without complement.
 - Cytotoxic T cells.
 - Increased by immunization.
 - Able to kill virus-infected cells without prior sensitization.
28. One of the following is the most potent stimulator of Naïve T-cells:
- Mature dendritic cells
 - Follicular dendritic cells
 - Macrophages
 - B-cell

29. Antigen presenting cells present in lungs are called
- Langerhan's cells
 - Kupffer's cells
 - Microglia
 - Melanocytes
30. One of the following features is shared between 'T cells' and 'B cells'
- Antigen Specific Receptors
 - Class II MHC Expression
 - Somatic hypermutation
 - Expression of CD3
31. Regarding the complement pathway, one of the following is most accurate
- C5a mediates chemotaxis and attracts neutrophils to the site of infection.
 - C5b plays an important role in the opsonization of gram-negative bacteria.
 - C3a is a decay-accelerating factor that causes the rapid decay and death of bacteria.
 - C1 binds to the surface of gram-positive bacteria, which initiates the classic pathway.
32. A 38-year-old previously healthy man developed a *Staphylococcus aureus* infection after sustaining multiple abrasions in a bicycle accident. IgG antibodies bind to epitopes on the *S. aureus* cells, facilitating binding of C1q. The result or outcome of the pathway that is stimulated will be
- An isotype switch of antibodies to *S. aureus* from IgG to IgM.
 - Destruction of *S. aureus* by the membrane attack complex.
 - Down regulation of Class II molecules on infected cells.
 - Secretion of chemokines to attract more cells to the site of infection.
33. All of the following statements about hybridoma technology are true except:
- Specific antibody producing cells are integrated with myeloma cells
 - Myeloma cells in salvage pathway grows well in HAT medium
 - Aminopterin, a folate antagonist, inhibits denovo pathway
 - HGPRTase and thymidylate synthetase are required for salvage pathway

34. Proteins from two samples of animal blood, A and B, were tested by the double-diffusion test in agar against antibody to bovine albumin as shown in the figure below.

Horse blood is contained in:



- a. Sample A
 - b. Sample B
 - c. Samples A and B
 - d. Neither sample
35. One of the following is NOT a clinical application for carcinoembryonic antigens
- a. Adjunct in diagnosis
 - b. Staging and prognosis
 - c. Monitoring response to therapy
 - d. Detection of overexpressed and abnormally expressed proteins
36. Severe combined immunodeficiency disease primarily affects
- a. Macrophages, mast cells and T cells
 - b. T cells only
 - c. T cells and dendritic cells
 - d. T cells , B cells and in some cases NK cells
37. The antibody generated against the intrinsic factor in the gastric tissue leads to
- a. Goodpasture syndrome
 - b. Pernicious anemia
 - c. Celiac disease
 - d. Peptic ulcers
38. The immune system cells that are NOT found at the maternal-foetal interface are
- a. Uterine Natural Killer cells
 - b. Neutrophils
 - c. Macrophages
 - d. T cells

39. The statement that is NOT true about virus vector-based vaccines is
- Easy to produce in culture
 - Infect broad spectrum of cell types
 - Mostly potent against protein antigens
 - Low risk of integration into chromosomal DNA
40. Parasitism can best be described as a symbiotic association in which:
- Both symbionts benefit; usually an obligate relationship
 - One symbiont benefits, with no impact on the other
 - One symbiont benefits at the expense of the other
 - A parasite causes damage to a host
41. One of the following organisms causes streatorrhoea
- Entamoeba dispar*
 - Balantidium coli*
 - Entamoeba coli*
 - Giardia lamblia*
42. Daytime somnolence, confusion, coma and death points at advanced infection with
- Leishmania donovani*
 - Cryptosporidium parva*
 - Isosporacuyatenensis*
 - Trypanosoma gambiense*
43. Cytozoic parasites live in:
- Tissues of the host, but not within cells
 - Host cells
 - Cavities of the host
 - Lumen of the gut and blood vessels
44. Select a monoxenous parasite:
- Trypanosoma brucei*
 - Trichomonas vaginalis*
 - Plasmodium falciparum*
 - Leishmania major*

45. Ground itch is caused by one of the following parasites
- Schistosoma mansoni*
 - Schistosoma haematobium*
 - Ancylostoma duodenale*
 - Trichuris trichiura*
46. One of the following helminths causes rectal prolapse
- Enterobius vermicularis*
 - Strongyloides stercoralis*
 - Ancylostoma duodenale*
 - Trichuris trichiura*
47. Splenomegaly may not result from infection with
- Ascaris lumbricoides*
 - Plasmodium falciparum*
 - Paragonimus westermani*
 - Leishmania donovani*
48. ONE of the following infections causes Loeffler's syndrome
- Hymenolepis diminuta*
 - Taenia solium*
 - Ascaris lumbricoides*
 - Strongyloides stercoralis*
49. Trichiuriasis is mainly characterized by
- Biliary blockage and jaundice
 - Pruritis ani
 - Intestinal obstruction
 - Rectal prolapse
50. One of the following is not a manifestation of *Schistosoma haematobium* infection
- Blood in urine
 - Blood in stool
 - Painful micturition
 - Regular and urgency of urination

51. One of the following cestode is associated with fresh water fish
- Diphyllbothrium latum*
 - Taenia solium*
 - Taenia saginata*
 - Hymenolepis nana*
52. One of the following parasites is likely to cause intestinal occlusion
- Schistosoma haematobium*
 - Clonorchis sinensis*
 - Fasciola gigantica*
 - Fasciolopsis buski*
53. Cysticercosis is caused by ingestion of:
- Taenia saginata* eggs
 - Taenia solium* eggs
 - Taenia saginata* larvae
 - Taenia solium* larvae
54. One of the following drugs is not used in the treatment of infection with cestodes
- Suramin
 - Niclosamide
 - Prazequantel
 - Albendazole
55. Cimicidosis refers to infestation with
- Jiggers
 - Maggots
 - Lice
 - Bedbugs
56. One of the following is not true about the *triatomine* bug
- Transmit human African trypanosomiasis
 - Feeds on blood vessels in the lips
 - Defecates in wounds created during feeding
 - Delivers painful attack on the host at night

57. The following can be attributed to sandflies except one:
- Transmit Kala-azar
 - Both males and females suck blood
 - Creates a wound before sucking blood
 - Injects host with biochemicals to stop blood clotting
58. Fleas are hosts to one of the following helminths
- Dipylidium caninum*
 - Hymenolepis diminuta*
 - Wuchereria bancrofti*
 - Dipyllobothrium latum*
59. One of the following is not true about *Schistosoma mansoni*
- The male lies in the gynecophoral canal of female
 - The egg has a lateral spine
 - The egg is embryonated
 - The egg hatches on contact with fresh water
60. Pediculosis is caused by
- Lice
 - Bedbugs
 - Fleas
 - Maggots
61. Each of the following diseases is transmitted by mosquitoes except:
- dengue fever
 - Filariasis
 - Fascioliasis
 - Chikungunya
62. Pigs or dogs are the sources of human infection by each of the following parasites except:
- Echinococcus granulosus*
 - Taenia solium*
 - Ascaris lumbricoides*
 - Trichinella spiralis*

63. The trophozoite of *Entamoeba histolytica* feed on
- Only mucosa and submucosa of the colon
 - Erythrocytes, mucosa and submucosa of the colon
 - Only blood
 - Intestinal food
64. Blackwater is a complication resulting from infection with
- Trypanosoma cruzi*
 - Plasmodium falciparum*
 - Leishmania major*
 - Toxoplasma gondii*
65. This virus is not presently circulating in the human population
- H1N1
 - H2N2
 - H3N2
 - H1N2
66. This statement is correct with regards to most RNA viruses:
- Double-stranded RNA genome
 - Replicate in the cytosol
 - Icosahedral symmetry
 - Use host tRNA as a primer for genome replication
67. The following is the first step in the expression of reovirus proteins during infection
- Translation of the incoming RNA segment into protein.
 - Copying of the positive strand of each genome into a negative strand.
 - Copying of the negative strand of each segment into an mRNA.
 - Capping of the positive strand of each genome segment.
68. The role of polypurine tract in retrovirus replication is
- Serves as template for positive strand synthesis
 - Endonuclease activity of the RNA:DNA hybrid
 - Serves as a primer for positive strand synthesis
 - Serves as a terminator for the positive strand synthesis

69. One of the following immunoglobulin molecule is first to be made during an immune response to a virus infection
- IgA
 - IgD
 - IgG
 - IgM
70. Tests for SARS-COV2 can be obtained from the following specimens except
- Serum
 - Semen
 - Nasal swab
 - Anal swab
71. Microcephaly is a neurologic manifestation that is mainly associated with the following virus:
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus
 - Hepatitis B Virus
 - Coronavirus
 - Human cytomegalovirus
72. Human Cytomegalovirus mainly goes into latency in one of the following:
- Dorsal root ganglion
 - Liver
 - Bone marrow
 - Monocytes
73. One of the following statements is incorrect with regards to the pathogenesis of simian immunodeficiency virus.
- The virus is less virulent in chimps when compared to HIV in humans
 - It is pathogenic in chimps like AIDS is in humans
 - Transmission rates per coital act is similar to HIV in humans
 - Has close sequence similarities to HIV

74. One of the following is the leading cause of viral-induced cirrhosis
- Yellow fever
 - Hepatitis A
 - Herpes simplex 2 virus
 - Hepatitis C
75. Prokaryotic cells are more resistant to osmotic shock than eukaryotic cells because
- Their cell wall is composed of peptidoglycan
 - They are selectively permeable
 - They contain osmoregulating porins
 - They block water molecules from entering the cell
76. ONE of the following groups of organisms does not have superoxide dismutase
- Aerobes
 - Facultative anaerobes
 - Obligate anaerobes
 - Capnophiles
77. One of the following is an extracellular substance that allows bacteria to stick firmly to medical devices
- Axial filament
 - Endotoxin
 - Flagella
 - Glycocalyx
78. The scientist who in 1978 demonstrated that materials from cowpox could be substituted for small pox for vaccination was:
- Louis Pasteur
 - Edward Jenner
 - Emil Behring
 - Daniel Salmon
79. Safety measures in a clinic or laboratory are important in preventing:
- Exposure to contaminated specimens
 - Interrogation of a risky patient by the nurse
 - Use of available space

- d. Prolonged treatment of the patient with the appropriate medication
80. The special selective medium used to promote the growth of lactobacilli is
- a. CLED agar
 - b. Tomato juice agar
 - c. Blood agar
 - d. Peptone
81. The most appropriate test to distinguish *Streptococcus pyogenes* from other β -hemolytic streptococci is
- a. Ability to grow in 6.5% NaCl
 - b. Hydrolysis of esculin in the presence of bile
 - c. Inhibition by bacitracin
 - d. Inhibition by optochin
82. The virulence factor produced by *Staphylococcus aureus* that prevents the activation of complement and thereby reduces opsonization by C3b is
- a. Catalase
 - b. Coagulase
 - c. Endotoxin
 - d. Protein A
83. ONE of the following *Bacillus spp* is not a commonly isolated pathogenic bacteria
- a. *Bacillus cereus*
 - b. *Bacillus thuringiensis*
 - c. *Bacillus thermophilus*
 - d. *Bacillus anthracis*
84. One of the followingsyndromes is most commonly associated with complications of PID caused by *Chlamydia trachomatis*
- a. Blue baby syndrome
 - b. Fitz-Hugh Curtis Syndrome
 - c. Toxic shock syndrome
 - d. Leaky gut syndrome

85. The drug used for the treatment of infections associated with *Mycoplasma genitalium* is
- Moxifloxacin
 - Ceftriaxone
 - Acyclovir
 - Retrovir
86. One of the following statements about *Actinomyces israelii* is not true.
- Appears as branching mycelium or diphtheroid forms
 - Man is the main reservoir of infection
 - Colonies in tissue show peripheral radial "clubs"
 - The organism is a strict aerobe.
87. The bacterium that causes lung infection and is the most common non-tuberculous mycobacterial infection associated with AIDS patients is
- Mycobacterium avium* complex
 - Mycobacterium leprae*
 - Mycobacterium gordonae*
 - Mycobacterium gastri*
88. Characteristic infection caused by *Nocardia asteroides* is:
- Diarrhea
 - Secondary dissemination to liver
 - Brain abscess
 - Colonic diverticula
89. Invasion of and intracellular growth in the epithelial cells lining the intestine is a characteristic of:
- Salmonella typhi*
 - Shigella dysenteriae*
 - Salmonella typhimurium*
 - Enteroinvasive *Escherichia coli*
90. ONE of the following combination therapy is used for the treatment of Tularemia
- Aminoglycosides and Tetracycline
 - Clarithromycin and Omeprazole
 - Erythromycin and Tetracycline

d. Amoxycillin and Metronidazole

91. *Bordetella pertussis* produces a toxin which

- a. Inhibits protein synthesis
- b. Alters electrolyte balance in epithelial cells
- c. Causes a rash
- d. Prevents nerve impulse transmission

92. Uropathogenic *Escherichia coli* causes a wide range of urinary tract infections except:

- a. Pyelonephritis
- b. Cystitis
- c. Salpingitis
- d. Urethritis

93. ONE of the following is not a classification of surgical site wounds.

- a. Dirty infected wound
- b. Clean contaminated wound
- c. Clean wound
- d. Contaminated infected wound

94. Resistance of *Staphylococcus aureus* to Erythromycin results from:

- a. Altered receptor on 50S subunit due to methylation of a 23S rRNA
- b. Altered receptor on 30S subunit due to acetylation of 23S rRNA
- c. Change in the peptide component of peptidoglycan from d-alanyl-d-alanine
- d. Utilization of preformed folic acid instead of extracellular PABA

95. An 18-year-old with a history of dysuria and greenish vaginal discharge goes for a medical checkup. The Gram-stained smear of the exudate contains neutrophils and many intracellular Gram-negative diplococci. He is treated with Ceftriaxone and does not get better. On his second visit the Gram-stained exudate contains neutrophils, without any bacteria and no growth was seen on blood agar or chocolate agar. The most likely causative organism was.

- a. *Neisseria meningitidis* and *Chlamydia trachomatis*
- b. *Haemophilus ducreyi* and *Chlamydia trachomatis*
- c. *Neisseria gonorrhea* and *Mycoplasma hominis*
- d. *Gardnerella vaginalis* and *Mobiluncus curtisii*

96. You have made a clinical diagnosis of meningitis in a 50-year-old immunocompromised woman. A latex agglutination test on the spinal fluid for capsular polysaccharide antigen is positive. Of the following organisms, the most likely cause is
- Histoplasma capsulatum*
 - Cryptococcus neoformans*
 - Aspergillus fumigatus*
 - Candida albicans*
97. Fungal cells that reproduce by budding are seen in the infected tissues of patients with:
- Candidiasis, cryptococcosis, and sporotrichosis
 - Mycetoma, candidiasis, and mucormycosis
 - Tinea corporis, tinea unguium, and tinea versicolor
 - Sporotrichosis, mycetoma, and aspergillosis
98. Aspergillosis is recognized in tissue by the presence of:
- Budding cells
 - Septate hyphae
 - Metachromatic granules
 - Pseudohyphae
99. Each of the following statements concerning *Coccidioides immitis* correct except:
- The mycelial phase of the organism grows primarily in the soil, which is its natural habitat.
 - In the body, spherules containing endospores are formed.
 - A rising titer of complement-fixing antibody indicates disseminated disease.
 - Most infections are symptomatic and require treatment with amphotericin
100. The key test is used to definitively identify *Candida albicans* is
- Gram stain
 - Germ tube
 - Colony morphology
 - KOH preparation