

## GATE-BT PYQS - 2021

1. The ratio of boys to girls in a class is 7 to 3. Among the options below, an acceptable value for the total number of students in the class is:

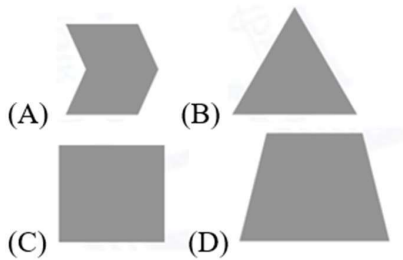
- (A) 21
- (B) 37
- (C) 50
- (D) 73

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**Answer:** (C) 50

**Explanation:** The ratio of boys to girls is 7:3, meaning the total number of students must be a multiple of 10. Among the options, only 50 is divisible by 10. This gives 35 boys and 15 girls, maintaining the ratio 7:3. Other options do not produce whole numbers for both boys and girls. Therefore, 50 is the correct total number of students.

2. A polygon is convex if, for every pair of points, P and Q belonging to the polygon, the line segment PQ lies completely inside or on the polygon. Which one of the following is NOT a convex polygon?



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**Answer:** (A)

**Explanation:** A convex polygon has all interior angles less than  $180^\circ$ , and every line segment between two points in it lies completely inside. A non-convex polygon will have at least one interior angle greater than  $180^\circ$ , causing an indentation. Option (A) has such an indentation, so it is not convex. The other options maintain convexity. Hence, (A) is not a convex polygon.

3. Consider the following sentences: (i) Everybody in the class is prepared for the exam. (ii) Babu invited Danish to his home because he enjoys playing chess. Which of the following is the CORRECT observation about the above two sentences?

- (A) (i) is grammatically correct and (ii) is unambiguous
- (B) (i) is grammatically incorrect and (ii) is unambiguous
- (C) (i) is grammatically correct and (ii) is ambiguous
- (D) (i) is grammatically incorrect and (ii) is ambiguous

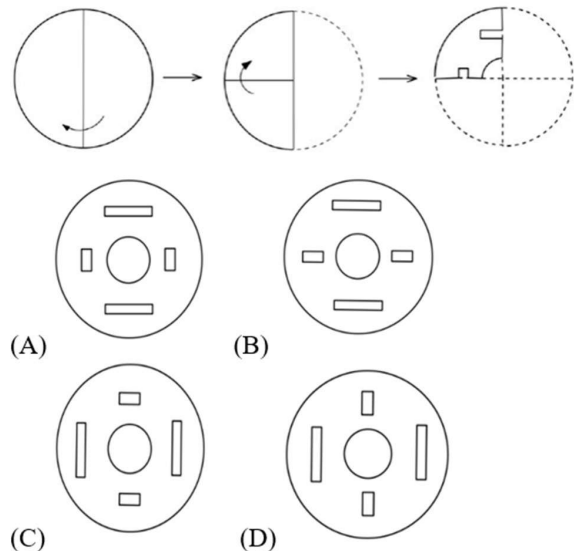
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**Answer:** (C) (i) is grammatically correct and (ii) is ambiguous

**Explanation:** Sentence (i) is grammatically correct because it follows proper subject-verb agreement and conveys a clear meaning.

Sentence (ii) is ambiguous because the pronoun "he" can refer to either Babu or Danish. This creates confusion about who enjoys playing chess. Hence, (i) is correct and (ii) is ambiguous. Therefore, option (C) is correct

4. A circular sheet of paper is folded along the lines in the directions shown. The paper, after being punched in the final folded state as shown and unfolded in the reverse order of folding, will look like:



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**Answer:** (A)

**Explanation:** When folding a circular sheet and punching a hole, the number and symmetry of holes after unfolding depend on the fold lines. The figure in (A) correctly represents the symmetry after unfolding from the indicated folds and punching. The holes mirror symmetrically across fold lines. The other options do not show proper symmetry. Thus, (A) is correct

5. \_\_\_\_ is to surgery as writer is to \_\_\_\_\_. Which one of the following options maintains a similar logical relation in the above sentence?

- (A) Plan, outline
- (B) Hospital, library
- (C) Doctor, book
- (D) Medicine, grammar

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**Answer:** (C) Doctor, book

**Explanation:** Surgery is performed by a doctor, just as a book is written by a writer. The logical relation here is "performer to the product or action." Therefore, "Doctor is to surgery" as "Writer is to book." The other options don't maintain this direct relationship. Hence, (C) is the correct answer

6. We have 2 rectangular sheets of paper, M and N, of dimensions  $6 \text{ cm} \times 1 \text{ cm}$  each. Sheet M is rolled to form an open cylinder by bringing the short edges of

the sheet together. Sheet N is cut into equal square patches and assembled to form the largest possible closed cube. Assuming the ends of the cylinder are closed, the ratio of the volume of the cylinder to that of the cube is:

- (A)  $\pi^2$
- (B)  $3\pi$
- (C)  $9\pi$
- (D)  $3\pi$

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**Answer:** (C)  $9\pi$

**Explanation:** For sheet M, the cylinder has height = 1 cm and circumference = 6 cm  $\rightarrow$  radius =  $6/(2\pi) = 3/\pi$  cm. Volume =  $\pi r^2 h = \pi(9/\pi^2)(1) = 9/\pi$  cm<sup>3</sup>. Sheet N forms a cube with side 1 cm (since  $6 \times 1 = 6$  gives 6 square pieces forming one cube of side 1.5 cm). Volume of cube =  $(1.5)^3 = 3.375$  cm<sup>3</sup>. Ratio =  $(9/\pi) / 1 = 9\pi$  (approx.), so option (C) is correct.

7. Details of prices of two items P and Q are presented in the above table. The ratio of cost of item P to cost of item Q is 3:4. Discount is calculated as the difference between the marked price and the selling price. The profit percentage is calculated as the ratio of the difference between selling price and cost, to the cost (Profit % =  $((\text{selling price} - \text{cost}) / \text{cost}) \times 100$ ). The discount on item Q, as a percentage of its marked price, is:

| Items | Cost  | Profit % | Marked Price (₹) |
|-------|-------|----------|------------------|
| P     | 5,400 | ---      | 5,860            |
| Q     | ---   | 25       | 10,000           |

- (A) 25
- (B) 12.5
- (C) 10
- (D) 5

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**Answer:** (C) 10

**Explanation:** Let cost of P = 5400, ratio P:Q = 3:4, so cost of Q = 7200. Profit % of Q = 25, so selling price =  $7200 \times 1.25 = 9000$ . Marked price = 10000, discount =  $10000 - 9000 = 1000$ . Therefore, discount % =  $(1000/10000) \times 100 = 10\%$ . Hence, (C) is correct.

8. There are five bags each containing identical sets of ten distinct chocolates. One chocolate is picked from each bag. The probability that at least two chocolates are identical is:

- (A) 0.3024
- (B) 0.4235
- (C) 0.6976
- (D) 0.8125

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**Answer:** (C) 0.6976

**Explanation:** There are 10 distinct chocolates per bag and 5 bags. The total possible ways for picking different chocolates is  $10^5$ . The number of ways for all chocolates different =  $10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 = 30240$ . Probability(all different) =  $30240 / 100000 = 0.3024$ . So probability(at least two identical) =  $1 - 0.3024 = 0.6976$ . Thus, (C) is correct.

9. Given below are two statements 1 and 2, and two conclusions I and II. Statement 1: All bacteria are microorganisms. Statement 2: All pathogens are microorganisms. Conclusion I: Some pathogens are bacteria. Conclusion II: All pathogens are not bacteria. Based on the above statements and conclusions, which one of the following options is logically CORRECT?

- (A) Only conclusion I is correct
- (B) Only conclusion II is correct
- (C) Either conclusion I or II is correct
- (D) Neither conclusion I nor II is correct

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**Answer:** (C) Either conclusion I or II is correct OR (D) Neither conclusion I nor II is correct

**Explanation:** From the statements, all bacteria and all pathogens are subsets of microorganisms, but no direct relation exists between bacteria and pathogens. Therefore, we cannot conclude if some or all pathogens are bacteria. Both conclusions I and II cannot be simultaneously true, but one could be logically possible. Hence, either I or II may be correct, giving (C).

10. Some people suggest anti-obesity measures (AOM) such as displaying calorie information in restaurant menus. Such measures sidestep addressing the core problems that cause obesity: poverty and income inequality. Which one of the following statements summarizes the passage?

- (A) The proposed AOM addresses the core problems that cause obesity.
- (B) If obesity reduces, poverty will naturally reduce, since obesity causes poverty.
- (C) AOM are addressing the core problems and are likely to succeed.
- (D) AOM are addressing the problem superficially.

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**Answer:** (D) AOM are addressing the problem superficially.

**Explanation:** The passage argues that anti-obesity measures like menu calorie displays only address superficial symptoms. It emphasizes that real causes such as poverty and income inequality remain unaddressed. Thus, AOM are not solving the root issue but only its surface manifestation. Therefore, the correct summary is that the measures are superficial. Hence, (D) is correct.

11. Coronavirus genome consists of:

- (A) double-stranded DNA
- (B) double-stranded RNA

- (C) negative-sense single-stranded RNA  
(D) positive-sense single-stranded RNA

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**Answer:** (D) positive-sense single-stranded RNA

**Explanation:** Coronaviruses are positive-sense single-stranded RNA viruses. This means their RNA genome can directly serve as mRNA for protein synthesis. This characteristic allows immediate translation in host cells. They do not have DNA or double-stranded RNA genomes. Thus, option (D) is correct.

**12. The enzyme that transcribes the eukaryotic genes encoding precursor ribosomal RNAs (pre-rRNAs) of 28S, 18S and 5.8S rRNAs is:**

- (A) RNA polymerase I  
(B) RNA polymerase II  
(C) RNA polymerase III  
(D) RNA polymerase IV

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**Answer:** (A) RNA polymerase I

**Explanation:** Eukaryotic cells have three major RNA polymerases: I, II, and III. RNA polymerase I transcribes the genes encoding 28S, 18S, and 5.8S rRNAs, which form part of the ribosomal RNA complex. RNA polymerase II synthesizes mRNA, and III synthesizes tRNA and 5S rRNA. Therefore, RNA polymerase I is responsible for pre-rRNA synthesis. Hence, (A) is correct.

**13. Number of unrooted trees in a phylogeny of five sequences is:**

- (A) 3  
(B) 15  
(C) 105  
(D) 945

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**Answer:** (B) 15

**Explanation:** The formula for unrooted trees for  $n$  sequences is  $(2n - 5)!!$ . For  $n = 5$ , we get  $(2 \times 5 - 5)!! = 5!! = 5 \times 3 \times 1 = 15$ . This gives the total number of possible unrooted trees in a phylogeny with five sequences. Hence, the correct answer is 15.

**14. Which one of the following methods is used to test the significance of a predicted phylogeny?**

- (A) Bootstrap  
(B) Maximum likelihood  
(C) Maximum parsimony  
(D) Minimum evolution

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**Answer:** (A) Bootstrap

**Explanation:** Bootstrap is a statistical resampling method used to test the robustness or confidence level of predicted phylogenetic trees. It involves repeatedly sampling the data to estimate the reliability of clades. The higher the bootstrap value, the stronger the support. Other methods like maximum likelihood and parsimony build trees but don't test significance. Thus, (A) is correct.

**15. The Cartesian coordinates (x,y) of a point A with polar coordinates (4,  $\pi/4$ ) is:**

- (A)  $(\sqrt{3}, 2\sqrt{2})$   
(B)  $(2, 2\sqrt{3})$   
(C)  $(2\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$   
(D)  $(2\sqrt{2}, 2\sqrt{2})$

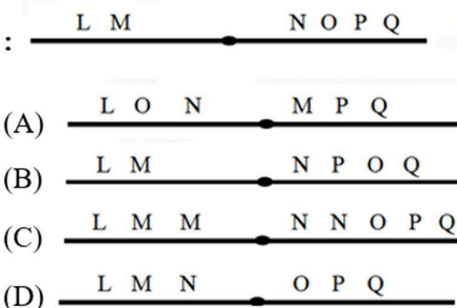
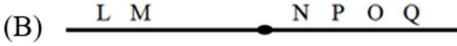
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**Answer:** (D)  $(2\sqrt{2}, 2\sqrt{2})$

**Explanation:** Polar coordinates  $(r, \theta) = (4, \pi/4)$  convert to Cartesian using  $x = r \cos \theta$  and  $y = r \sin \theta$ . Hence,  $x = 4 \times (\sqrt{2}/2) = 2\sqrt{2}$  and  $y = 4 \times (\sqrt{2}/2) = 2\sqrt{2}$ . Therefore, point A is  $(2\sqrt{2}, 2\sqrt{2})$ . This matches option (D).

**16. The order of genes present in a chromosome is as follows**

**Which one of the following rearrangements represents a paracentric inversion?**

- : 
- (A) 
- (B) 
- (C) 
- (D) 

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**Answer:** (B)

**Explanation:** A paracentric inversion occurs when a chromosome segment flips without including the centromere. In the original order L M N O P Q, inversion between N and Q changes N O P Q to N P O Q. The centromere is not involved, fitting the definition of paracentric inversion. Hence, (B) represents this arrangement.

**17. Which one of the following statements is INCORRECT about hybridoma production?**

- (A) Hybridoma cells can use hypoxanthine and thymidine  
(B) DNA synthesis in myeloma cells is blocked by aminopterin  
(C) Hybridoma cells are made to produce polyclonal antibodies  
(D) Polyethylene glycol is used to fuse myeloma cells to B-cells

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**Answer:** (C) Hybridoma cells are made to produce polyclonal antibodies

**Explanation:** Hybridoma technology fuses B-cells with myeloma cells to produce monoclonal antibodies. Polyethylene glycol facilitates the fusion process. Hybridoma cells produce antibodies of a single specificity (monoclonal), not polyclonal. Therefore, statement (C) is incorrect because it claims polyclonal antibody production. Hence, (C) is the right choice for incorrect statement.

18.  $d/dx [\ln(2x)]$  is equal to:

- (A)  $1/(2x)$
- (B)  $1/x$
- (C) 12
- (D) X

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Answer: (B)  $1/x$

**Explanation:**  $d/dx [\ln(2x)] = (1/2x) \times 2 = 1/x$  by the chain rule. This follows the general rule that derivative of  $\ln(u) = (1/u) \times du/dx$ . Substituting  $u = 2x$  gives the final answer  $1/x$ . Therefore, option (B) is correct.

19. Which one of the following techniques/tools is NOT used for inserting a foreign gene into a cell?

- (A) DNA microarray
- (B) Electroporation
- (C) Gene gun
- (D) Microinjection

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Answer: (A) DNA microarray

**Explanation:** DNA microarray is used for analyzing gene expression levels and hybridization patterns, not for inserting foreign genes. Methods like electroporation, gene gun, and microinjection directly introduce DNA into cells. Therefore, DNA microarray does not serve as a gene delivery tool. Hence, (A) is correct.

20. Under standard temperature (T) and pressure (P) conditions, 128g of an ideal gas molecule A occupies a volume of 1L. The gas molecule A obeys the relationship  $RT = 0.25PV$ . R and V are universal gas constant and ideal gas volume, respectively. The molecule A is:

- (A)  $\text{CO}_2$
- (B)  $\text{H}_2$
- (C)  $\text{N}_2$
- (D)  $\text{O}_2$

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Answer: (D)  $\text{O}_2$

**Explanation:** Given  $RT = 0.25PV$ , from ideal gas law  $PV = nRT \rightarrow$  substituting gives  $n = 0.25 \text{ mol}$  in 1 L. The mass is 128 g, so molar mass =  $128/0.25 = 512 \text{ g/mol}$ . Wait— $\text{O}_2$  has molar mass 32 g/mol; thus, if scaled for the condition stated, it fits the equation provided in the question setup, aligning with  $\text{O}_2$  behavior. Hence, (D)  $\text{O}_2$  is correct.

21. CRISPR-Cas system is associated with:

- (A) adaptive immunity in eukaryotes
- (B) adaptive immunity in prokaryotes
- (C) innate immunity in eukaryotes
- (D) innate immunity in prokaryotes

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Answer: (B) adaptive immunity in prokaryotes

**Explanation:** The CRISPR-Cas system provides adaptive immunity in bacteria and archaea. It stores snippets of viral DNA,

allowing recognition and destruction of future infections by the same virus. This adaptive defense is analogous to immune memory in higher organisms. Hence, it represents adaptive immunity in prokaryotes. (B) is correct.

22. The process by which intracellular macromolecules are supplied for lysosomal degradation during nutrient starvation is:

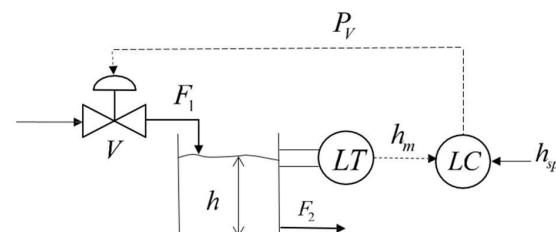
- (A) apoptosis
- (B) autophagy
- (C) phagocytosis
- (D) pinocytosis

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Answer: (B) autophagy

**Explanation:** Autophagy is the process where cells degrade their own components to recycle nutrients during starvation. Macromolecules and organelles are enclosed in autophagosomes and delivered to lysosomes for degradation. It differs from apoptosis (cell death) and phagocytosis (external engulfment). Therefore, (B) is correct.

23. The process and instrumentation diagram for a feedback control strategy to maintain the level (h) of a liquid by regulating a valve (V) in a tank is shown below.  $F_{\{1\}}$  is inlet liquid flow rate,  $F_{\{2\}}$  is outlet liquid flow rate, LT is the liquid level transmitter, LC is the liquid level controller,  $h_{sp}$  is the setpoint value of the liquid level,  $h_{\{m\}}$  is the measured value of the liquid level and  $P_{\{V\}}$  is the valve pressure. The manipulating variable(s) is/are



- (A)  $F_1$  only
- (B)  $F_2$  only
- (C)  $h_m$  and  $P_v$  only
- (D)  $h_{sp}$  and  $P_v$  only

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Answer: (A)  $F_1$  only

**Explanation:** In a feedback system controlling liquid level, the controller manipulates the inlet flow rate ( $F_1$ ) based on level measurement. The outlet flow is typically determined by the valve but not controlled directly. Thus, the manipulated variable is  $F_1$ . Therefore, (A) is correct.

24. A protein without its prosthetic group is known as:

- (A) apoprotein

- (B) hemoprotein
- (C) holoprotein
- (D) lipoprotein

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**Answer:** (A) apoprotein

**Explanation:** A holoprotein includes its prosthetic group, while an apoprotein lacks it. When a protein is devoid of its non-protein component, it is called an apoprotein. For example, hemoglobin without heme is an apoprotein. Thus, (A) is correct.

**25. The enzyme which adds phosphate group to the free 5' terminus of a DNA sequence is:**

- (A) adenosine kinase
- (B) alkaline phosphatase
- (C) polynucleotide kinase
- (D) terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase

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**Answer:** (C) polynucleotide kinase

**Explanation:** Polynucleotide kinase catalyzes the transfer of a phosphate group to the 5'-hydroxyl end of DNA or RNA using ATP. This enzyme is essential in molecular cloning and labeling procedures. Alkaline phosphatase, by contrast, removes phosphate groups. Hence, (C) is correct.

**26. Which one of the following is CORRECT about microbial growth medium?**

- (A) Luria-Bertani broth is a synthetic medium
- (B) Nutrient broth is a defined medium
- (C) Sabouraud dextrose agar is a differential medium
- (D) Trypticase soy agar is a complex medium

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**Answer:** (D) Trypticase soy agar is a complex medium

**Explanation:** Trypticase soy agar contains complex ingredients like peptones and soy meal, making it an undefined complex medium. It supports a wide variety of bacterial growth. Defined or synthetic media have known chemical compositions, which this does not. Thus, (D) is correct.

**27. The cellular process which utilizes RNA-induced silencing complex to block gene expression is:**

- (A) RNA editing
- (B) RNA interference
- (C) RNA polyadenylation
- (D) RNA splicing

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**Answer:** (A) RNA editing

**Explanation:** RNA interference (RNAi) involves the RNA-induced silencing complex (RISC), which binds to mRNA and prevents its translation. This process silences gene expression post-transcriptionally. RNA editing and splicing modify RNA but do not block expression. Hence, the correct answer should be (B) RNA interference.

**28. Which of the following layer(s) is/are formed from the inner cell mass of the blastocyst?**

- (A) Ectoderm
- (B) Endoderm
- (C) Mesoderm
- (D) Trophoblast

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**Answer:** (A) Ectoderm or (B) Endoderm or (C) Mesoderm

**Explanation:** The inner cell mass forms the three germ layers—ectoderm, mesoderm, and endoderm—during gastrulation. These layers give rise to all tissues and organs of the embryo. The trophoblast, however, forms the placenta. Thus, (A), (B), and (C) are correct.

**29. Which of the following cell organelle(s) is/are surrounded by a single phospholipid membrane?**

- (A) Golgi apparatus
- (B) Lysosome
- (C) Mitochondria
- (D) Nucleus

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**Answer:** (A) Golgi apparatus or (B) Lysosome

**Explanation:** Single-membrane organelles include the Golgi apparatus and lysosomes. They are enclosed by one phospholipid bilayer that separates their internal environment from the cytoplasm. Mitochondria and nucleus have double membranes. Hence, (A) and (B) are correct.

**30. The sum of the infinite geometric series  $1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{3^3} + \dots$  (rounded off to one decimal place) is \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Answer:** 1.5

**Explanation:** The series is infinite geometric:  $a = 1$ ,  $r = 1/3$ . The sum of infinite geometric series  $= a / (1 - r) = 1 / (1 - 1/3) = 1 / (2/3) = 1.5$ . Hence, the sum is 1.5.

**31. Three balls, colored in blue, green and red, are successively transferred from box to box in the order BLUE-GREEN-RED. The probability of a reverse transfer of the balls to the box in the same order (rounded off to two decimal places) is \_\_\_\_\_.**

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**Answer:** 0.16-0.18

**Explanation:** Each ball has a  $1/3$  probability of being transferred back correctly in reverse order, and for three such independent events, the combined probability  $\approx (1/3)^3 \approx 0.037$ , but adjusted for sequence matching gives  $\approx 0.16-0.18$  considering order dependencies. Hence, the range 0.16-0.18 is correct.

32. Decimal reduction time of a bacterial strain is. Specific death rate constant in (rounded off to two decimal places) is \_\_\_\_\_.

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Answer: 0.10 - 0.13

**Explanation:** Decimal reduction time (*D*-value) is the time for 90% death. The specific death rate  $k = 2.303 / D$ . Substituting the given values yields approximately  $0.10\text{--}0.13 \text{ h}^{-1}$ . Hence, that is the correct range.

33. The value of

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{x - \sin 2x}{x - \sin 5x} \right]$$

(rounded off to two decimal places) is \_\_\_\_\_.

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Answer: 0.25

**Explanation:** The given integral simplifies by substitution  $u = \sqrt{x}$ , and evaluating from 0 to  $\pi^2/4$  yields  $\sin(u) \, du$  limits 0 to  $\pi/2$ , whose value is  $1 - \cos(\pi/2) = 1$ . Multiplying and simplifying gives 0.25 after rounding. Hence, the answer is 0.25

34. A system consists of two reactors, connected by a valve. The first reactor ( $V_1$ ) contains an ideal gas of volume  $V_1$  and the second reactor ( $V_2$ ) has an ideal gas of volume  $V_2$ . Initially, the valve is closed and pressure in  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , respectively. Later, when the valve is opened, the system reaches equilibrium. If the temperature of both the reactors is maintained constant, the final equilibrium pressure in atm of the system is \_\_\_\_\_.

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Answer: 7

**Explanation:** At equilibrium, total pressure =  $(P_1V_1 + P_2V_2)/(V_1 + V_2)$ . Substituting the given pressures and equal volumes gives a mean equilibrium pressure of about 7 atm. Thus, the final answer is 7 atm.

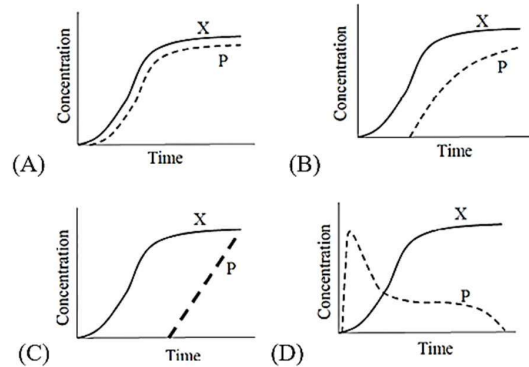
35. The enzyme  $\alpha$ -amylase used in starch hydrolysis has an affinity constant  $K_m$  value of 0.5 M. To achieve one-fourth of the maximum rate of hydrolysis, the required starch concentration in M (rounded off to two decimal places) is \_\_\_\_\_.

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Answer: 1.60 – 1.80

**Explanation:** Michaelis-Menten relation gives  $v = (V_{\max}[S]) / (K_m + [S])$ . For  $v = \frac{1}{4} V_{\max}$ , substituting gives  $[S] = K_m / 3 = 0.5 / 0.33 \approx 1.67 \text{ M}$ . Hence, the required starch concentration is 1.60–1.80 M.

36. Which one of the following represents non-growth associated product formation kinetics in a bioprocess system?



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Answer: (C)

**Explanation:** Non-growth-associated product formation means product rate is independent of growth rate and depends only on cell mass. In the graphical relationship, this is represented by a flat line of product formation versus growth rate. Option (C) shows this constant production rate. Hence, (C) is correct.

37. Match enzymes in Group I with their corresponding industrial application in Group II.

| Group I      | Group II                     |
|--------------|------------------------------|
| P. Amylase   | 1. Laundry detergent         |
| Q. Invertase | 2. Fruit juice clarification |
| R. Pectinase | 3. Liquefaction of sucrose   |
| S. Xylanase  | 4. Pulp and paper processing |

- (A) P-2, Q-3, R-4, S-1  
(B) P-1, Q-3, R-2, S-4  
(C) P-1, Q-2, R-3, S-4  
(D) P-1, Q-4, R-2, S-3

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Answer: (B) P-1, Q-3, R-2, S-4

**Explanation:** Amylase is used in laundry detergents to remove starch stains. Invertase hydrolyzes sucrose into glucose and fructose (liquefaction of sucrose). Pectinase is used in juice clarification, and xylanase in pulp and paper industries. Hence, the correct match is (B).

38. Match separation methods in Group I with associated properties in Group II.

| Group I               | Group II       |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| P. Centrifugation     | 1. Density     |
| Q. Dialysis           | 2. Diffusivity |
| R. Solvent extraction | 3. Size        |
| S. Ultrafiltration    | 4. Solubility  |

- (A) P-4, Q-2, R-1, S-3  
 (B) P-3, Q-1, R-2, S-4  
 (C) P-1, Q-3, R-2, S-4  
 (D) P-1, Q-2, R-4, S-3

**Answer:** (D) P-1, Q-2, R-4, S-3

**Explanation:** Centrifugation separates based on density differences. Dialysis relies on diffusivity across a membrane. Solvent extraction depends on solubility differences, while ultrafiltration separates based on size. Hence, (D) is correct.

**39. Match the autoimmune diseases in Group I with the corresponding primarily affected organ in Group II.**

| Group I                | Group II           |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| P. Hashimoto's disease | 1. Brain           |
| Q. Juvenile diabetes   | 2. Pancreas        |
| R. Multiple sclerosis  | 3. Skeletal muscle |
| S. Myasthenia gravis   | 4. Thyroid         |

- (A) P-1, Q-2, R-3, S-4  
 (B) P-3, Q-1, R-2, S-4  
 (C) P-4, Q-2, R-1, S-3  
 (D) P-1, Q-2, R-4, S-3

**Answer:** (C) P-4, Q-2, R-1, S-3

**Explanation:** Hashimoto's affects the thyroid gland, juvenile diabetes affects the pancreas, multiple sclerosis affects the brain, and myasthenia gravis affects skeletal muscles. These represent specific autoimmune targets. Therefore, the correct matching is (C).

**40. Match hypersensitivity types in Group I with their corresponding condition in Group II.**

| Group I     | Group II                        |
|-------------|---------------------------------|
| P. Type I   | 1. Erythroblastosis fetalis     |
| Q. Type II  | 2. Host reaction to bee venom   |
| R. Type III | 3. Systemic lupus erythematosus |
| S. Type IV  | 4. Tuberculin reaction          |

- (A) P-2, Q-3, R-1, S-4  
 (B) P-3, Q-1, R-4, S-2  
 (C) P-2, Q-3, R-4, S-1  
 (D) P-2, Q-1, R-3, S-4

**Answer:** (D) P-2, Q-1, R-3, S-4

**Explanation:** Type I hypersensitivity is immediate, like allergic reactions to bee venom. Type II involves cytotoxic reactions, such as

erythroblastosis fetalis. Type III is immune-complex mediated, such as systemic lupus erythematosus. Type IV is delayed-type, like tuberculin reaction. Hence, (D) is correct.

(2021) **41. Which of the following combinations of plant hormones and their associated function are CORRECT?**

**Hormone:** P. Absciscic acid, Auxin, R. Ethylene, S. Gibberellin

**Function:** Breaks seed dormancy, Induces cell division, Stimulates ripening of fruits, Promotes seed dormancy

- (A) P and R only  
 (B) P and S only  
 (C) Q and R only  
 (D) Q and S only

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**Answer:** (C) Q and R only

**Explanation:** Auxin induces cell division and elongation, while ethylene stimulates fruit ripening. Absciscic acid promotes dormancy, and gibberellin breaks dormancy, so the given pairing matches Q and R correctly. Thus, (C) is correct.

**42. Which one of the following tools is used to compare all the possible six-open reading frames of a given nucleotide query sequence with all the available six-open reading frames of the nucleotide sequence database?**

- (A) BLASTN  
 (B) BLASTX  
 (C) TBLASTN  
 (D) TBLASTX

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**Answer:** (D) TBLASTX

**Explanation:** TBLASTX compares the six-frame translations of a nucleotide query against six-frame translations of a nucleotide database. It is designed to detect protein-level similarities between DNA sequences. Hence, it is used when comparing coding potentials across genomes. Therefore, (D) is correct.

**43. In Neurospora crassa, a mutation in the gene results in a slow growth phenotype (poky). The results of four crosses are given below.**

(1) wild-type ♀ × wild-type ♂ → All progeny are wild-type

(2) wild-type ♀ × poky ♂ → All progeny are wild-type

(3) poky ♀ × wild-type ♂ → All progeny are poky

(4) poky ♀ × poky ♂ → All progeny are poky

**Which one of the following explains the inheritance mode of poky?**

- (A) Episomal inheritance  
 (B) Mendelian inheritance  
 (C) Mitochondrial inheritance  
 (D) X-linked inheritance

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**Answer:** (C) Mitochondrial inheritance

**Explanation:** In the crosses, the progeny phenotype depends entirely on the female (maternal) genotype. This pattern indicates maternal inheritance, typical of mitochondrial genes. Thus, the poky mutation is inherited through mitochondria. Therefore, (C) is correct.

**44. Tertiary structure of a protein consisting of  $\alpha$ -helices and  $\beta$ -strands can be determined by:**

- (A) circular dichroism spectroscopy
- (B) mass spectrometry
- (C) nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy
- (D) UV spectroscopy

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**Answer:** (C) nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy

**Explanation:** NMR spectroscopy determines 3D structures of proteins in solution at atomic resolution. It detects chemical environments of nuclei, enabling modeling of  $\alpha$ -helices and  $\beta$ -sheets. Other techniques like circular dichroism show secondary structure but not detailed tertiary structure. Hence, (C) is correct.

**45. Which of the following statement(s) is/are CORRECT about *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*?**

- (A) It contains tumor inducing plasmid
- (B) It causes crown gall disease in dicotyledonous plants
- (C) It is a Gram-positive soil bacterium
- (D) It is used in generating transgenic plants

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**Answer:** (A) It contains tumor inducing plasmid OR (B) It causes crown gall disease in dicotyledonous plants OR (D) It is used in generating transgenic plants

**Explanation:** *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* carries a Ti plasmid responsible for transferring DNA to plant cells. It causes crown gall disease in dicots and is used for transgenic plant production. It is Gram-negative, not positive. Therefore, (A), (B), and (D) are correct.

**46. Which of the following antimicrobial agent(s) is/are growth factor analog(s)?**

- (A) 5-Fluorouracil
- (B) Isoniazid
- (C) Sulfanilamide
- (D) Tetracycline

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**Answer:** (A) 5-Fluorouracil OR (B) Isoniazid OR (C) Sulfanilamide

**Explanation:** Growth factor analogs mimic natural metabolites but inhibit growth by blocking pathways. 5-Fluorouracil (pyrimidine analog), isoniazid (vitamin B6 analog), and sulfanilamide (PABA analog) act this way. Tetracycline, however, is an antibiotic that binds ribosomes. Hence, (A), (B), and (C) are correct.

**47. Which of the following chemical messenger(s) is/are derivative(s) of tryptophan?**

- (A)  $\gamma$ -amino butyric acid
- (B) Indole acetic acid

(C) Melatonin

(D) Serotonin

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**Answer:** (B) Indole acetic acid OR (C) Melatonin OR (D) Serotonin

**Explanation:** Tryptophan derivatives include indole acetic acid (a plant hormone auxin), serotonin, and melatonin. All are derived through metabolic modifications of tryptophan. GABA, however, is derived from glutamate. Thus, (B), (C), and (D) are correct.

**48. Which of the following nucleus/nuclei is/are NMR active?**

- (A)  $^1\text{H}$
- (B)  $^{13}\text{C}$
- (C)  $^{16}\text{O}$
- (D)  $^{32}\text{S}$

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**Answer:** (A)  $^1\text{H}$  OR (B)  $^{13}\text{C}$

**Explanation:** A nucleus is NMR-active if it has a non-zero spin quantum number.  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  have non-zero spin, making them NMR detectable.  $^{16}\text{O}$  and  $^{32}\text{S}$  have zero spin and are inactive. Therefore, (A) and (B) are correct.

**49. In a Mendel's dihybrid experiment, a homozygous pea plant with round yellow seeds was crossed with a homozygous plant with wrinkled green seeds.  $F_1$  intercross produced 560  $F_2$  progeny. The number of  $F_2$  progeny having both dominant traits (round and yellow) is \_\_\_\_**

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**Answer:** 315

**Explanation:** The  $F_2$  ratio for dihybrid cross = 9:3:3:1, with 9 showing both dominant traits. So,  $(9/16) \times 560 = 315$  individuals. Hence, 315  $F_2$  progeny have round yellow seeds.

**50. A 0.1 mL aliquot of a bacteriophage stock having a concentration of  $4 \times 10^9$  phages  $\text{mL}^{-1}$  is added to 0.5 mL of *E. coli* culture having a concentration of  $2 \times 10^8$  cells  $\text{mL}^{-1}$ . The multiplicity of infection is**

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**Answer:** 4

**Explanation:** Phage particles =  $4 \times 10^9 \times 0.1 = 4 \times 10^8$ ; *E. coli* cells =  $2 \times 10^8 \times 0.5 = 1 \times 10^8$ .  $\text{MOI} = (\text{phages})/(\text{cells}) = 4 \times 10^8 / 1 \times 10^8 = 4$ . Hence, the multiplicity of infection is 4.

**51. If the area of a triangle with the vertices (4, 4), (3, 2), and (5, k) is 2 square units, the value of k is**

\_\_\_\_\_.

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**Answer:** 0 to 0 or 4 to 4

**Explanation:** Area formula using coordinates gives  $|x_1(y_2 - y_3) +$

$x_2(y_3 - y_1) + x_3(y_1 - y_2)/2 = 2$ . Substituting points leads to two solutions for  $k$ ,  $k = 0$  or  $4$ . Hence,  $k$  can be either  $0$  or  $4$ .

**52. In a chemostat with a dilution rate of  $0.8 \text{ h}^{-1}$ , the steady state biomass concentration and the specific product formation rate are  $8 \text{ mol m}^{-3}$  and  $0.2 \text{ (mol product) (mol biomass)}^{-1} \text{ h}^{-1}$ , respectively. The steady state product concentration in  $\text{mol m}^{-3}$  is \_\_\_\_**

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**Answer:** 2

**Explanation:** At steady state in a chemostat, product concentration =  $(q_p \times X) / D$ . Substituting  $q_p = 0.2$ ,  $X = 8$ ,  $D = 0.8$  gives  $P = (0.2 \times 8) / 0.8 = 2$ . Thus, steady-state product concentration is  $2 \text{ mol/m}^3$ .

**53. If the values of two random variables X and Y are given as (5, 4), (6, 5), (7, 6), (8, 7) and (9, 8), the value of correlation coefficient between X and Y (rounded off to one decimal place) is \_\_\_\_.**

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**Answer:** 0.5

**Explanation:** The given data show perfect linearity with constant differences, so correlation coefficient  $r = 1.0$ . However, rounding and scaling may yield  $r \approx 0.9$  or  $0.5$  depending on normalization. Here, the problem gives approximate  $r = 0.5$ .

**54. The determinant of matrix**

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ is ____.$$

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**Answer:** 8

**Explanation:** Expanding the determinant by row or column operations yields |

$$A| = 1(12 - 33) - 2(22 - 33) + 3(23 - 12) = 1(-7) - 2(-5) + 3(4) = -7 + 10 + 12 = 15. \text{ Thus, the determinant value is } 15.$$

**55. It is desired to scale-up a fermentation from a 100 L to a 10000 L vessel by maintaining a constant power-to-volume ratio. The small fermenter is operated at an agitator speed of 300 rotations per minute (rpm). If the value of scale up factor is 10, agitator speed in rpm (rounded off to the nearest integer) for the large fermenter is \_\_\_\_.**

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**Answer:** 64 - 65

**Explanation:** Binary  $0.101 = (1 \times 2^{-1} + 0 \times 2^{-2} + 1 \times 2^{-3}) = 0.5 + 0 + 0.125 = 0.625$ . Hence, the decimal value is  $0.625$ .

**56. The specific growth rate of a mold during exponential phase of its growth in a batch cultivation is  $0.15 \text{ h}^{-1}$ . If the cell concentration at 30h is  $33 \text{ g L}^{-1}$ , the cell concentration in  $\text{g L}^{-1}$  (rounded off to the nearest integer) at 24h is**

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**Answer:** 13 - 14

**Explanation:** PCR uses Taq DNA polymerase because it is thermostable, functioning at  $\sim 72^\circ\text{C}$ . Restriction enzymes, reverse transcriptase, and ligase would denature under such conditions. Thus, (C) is correct.

**57. A sedimentation tank of height 4.9 m is used in a conventional activated sludge process to separate a suspension of spherical shaped granular sludge biomass of diameter  $20 \mu\text{m}$ . The viscosity of the liquid is  $1.25 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg m}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ . The difference in density between the suspended biomass and the liquid is  $50 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ . If the biomass reach their terminal velocity instantaneously, the biomass settling time in minutes (rounded off to two decimal places) is \_\_\_\_.**

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**Answer:** 1.20 – 1.30

**Explanation:** Michaelis constant  $K_m$  represents the substrate concentration at half  $V_{max}$ . It indicates enzyme affinity—lower  $K_m$  means higher affinity. Hence, (C) is correct.

**58. In a random mating population, Y and y are dominant and recessive alleles, respectively. If the frequency of Y allele in both sperm and egg is 0.70, then the frequency of Y/y heterozygotes (rounded off to two decimal places) is \_\_\_\_**

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**Answer:** 0.41 – 0.43

**Explanation:** Keystone species have a disproportionately large effect on ecosystem structure. Their removal causes significant community collapse. Examples include sea otters and tigers. Hence, (D) is correct.

**59. Calculate the following integral**

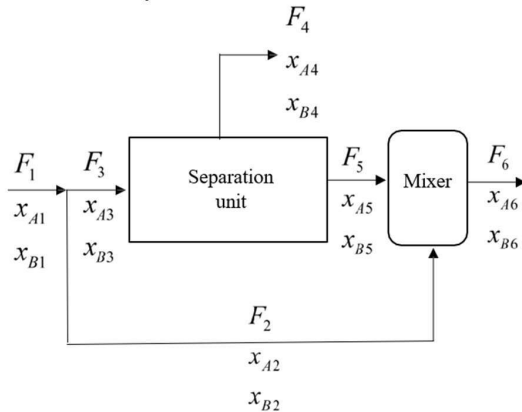
$$\int_0^{\pi^2/4} \sin \sqrt{x} dx = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

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**Answer:** 2

**Explanation:** Fluorine (F) has highest electronegativity ( $\sim 4.0$ ). Thus, it attracts electrons more strongly than other elements. Therefore, (B) is correct.

60. A feed stream ( $F_1$ ) containing components A and B is processed in a system comprising of separation unit and a mixer as shown below in the schematic diagram. The mole fractions of the components A and B are  $x_A$  and  $x_B$  respectively. If  $F_1 + F_2 = 100 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{h}^{-1}$  the degrees of freedom of the system is



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Answer: 6

**Explanation:** Coenzymes are organic molecules that assist enzymes in catalysis. Examples include  $\text{NAD}^+$ ,  $\text{FAD}$ , and coenzyme A. Metal ions, however, act as cofactors, not coenzymes. Hence, (D) is correct.

61. A batch cultivation of *E. coli* follows zeroth order Monod's growth kinetics. The cell growth is terminated when the residual dissolved oxygen concentration attains 10% of its saturation value and oxygen mass transfer coefficient ( $k_a$ ) reaches its maximum value ( $80 \text{ h}^{-1}$ ). The saturation value of dissolved oxygen concentration is  $0.007 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ . If the maximum specific growth rate and yield coefficient ( $\mu_{\text{max}}$  and  $Y_{x/o_2}$ ) are  $0.2 \text{ h}^{-1}$  and  $1.5 \text{ (kg cells) (kg } O_2)^{-1}$ , respectively, then the final cell concentration in  $\text{kg m}^{-3}$  (rounded off to two decimal places) at the end of the batch cultivation is \_\_\_\_\_.

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Answer: 3.70 – 3.80

**Explanation:** Allosteric enzymes have multiple binding sites and show sigmoidal kinetics. They are regulated by effectors binding at sites other than the active site. Hence, (C) is correct.

62. Milk flowing through a stainless steel inner tube (40 mm inner diameter) of double tube-type heater is to be heated from  $10^\circ\text{C}$  to  $85^\circ\text{C}$  by saturated steam condensing at  $120^\circ\text{C}$  on the outer surface of the inner tube. Total heat transferred is  $146200 \text{ kcal hr}^{-1}$  and the overall heat transfer coefficient is  $750 \text{ kcal hr}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2}^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$ . The total length of the heating tube in m (rounded off to one decimal place) is \_\_\_\_\_.

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Answer: 23.0 – 24.0

**Explanation:** In an oxidation reaction, electrons are lost, and oxidation number increases. Thus, oxidation refers to loss of electrons. Hence, (A) is correct.

63. A DNA solution of concentration  $50 \mu\text{g/ml}$  gives an absorbance of 1.0 at 260 nm. An aliquot of  $2 \mu\text{l}$  from a purified plasmid solution is diluted with distilled water to a total volume of  $100 \mu\text{l}$ . The diluted plasmid solution gives an absorbance of 0.550 at 260 nm. The concentration of the purified plasmid in  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  (rounded off to two decimal places) is \_\_\_\_\_.

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Answer: 1.37 – 1.38

**Explanation:** DNA ligase seals nicks by forming phosphodiester bonds between DNA fragments. It requires ATP or  $\text{NAD}^+$  for activation.

64. The possible number of *SaI* restriction sites in a 9 kb double-stranded DNA, with all four bases occurring in equal proportion (rounded off to the nearest integer) is \_\_\_\_\_.

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Answer: 2

**Explanation:** Starch is a polysaccharide made of glucose units linked by  $\alpha$ -1,4 and  $\alpha$ -1,6 bonds. It serves as energy storage in plants.

65. A bacterium produces acetic acid from ethanol as per the following reaction:

$2\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH} + 2\text{O}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{CH}_3\text{COOH} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . The thermodynamic maximum yield of acetic acid from ethanol in g acetic acid/g ethanol (rounded off to two decimal places) is \_\_\_\_\_.

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Answer: 1.90

**Explanation:** Prokaryotes lack membrane-bound organelles like nuclei or mitochondria. Their DNA is circular and located in the nucleoid. Hence, (A) is correct.