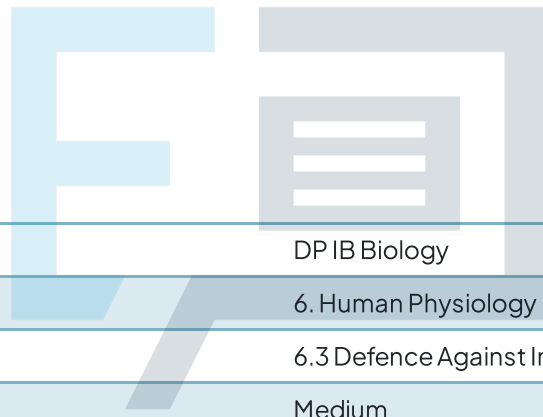




6.3 Defence Against Infectious Disease

Question Paper



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Question 1

Which of the following are considered primary defence against infectious disease?

- A. Skin and mucous membranes.
- B. Hair and skin.
- C. Phagocytes and fever.
- D. Lymphocyte production of antibodies.

[1 mark]

Question 2

Avian bird flu is caused by the H5N1 virus. Scientists are concerned that this could affect humans and cause a pandemic.

Which of these measures would help prevent the spread of disease in humans?

- A. Reducing the number of flights between different countries.
- B. Killing all birds.
- C. Taking a course of antibiotics.
- D. Increasing the number of winter flu vaccines administered.

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Question 3

Bacteria and viruses are the main pathogens in humans. Antibiotics can be used to treat bacterial infections but not viral infections.

Which of the following statements explains why?

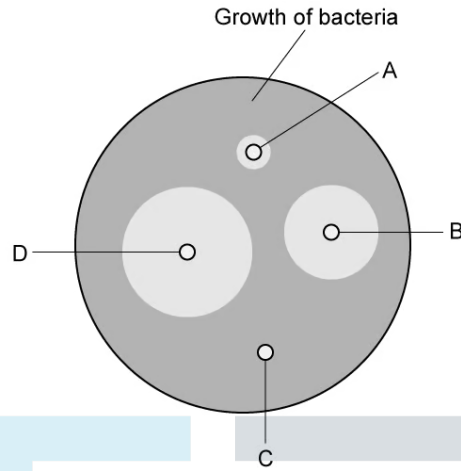
- A. Viruses need a host to survive.
- B. Viruses consist of just nucleic acid and a protein coat.
- C. Bacteria have peptidoglycan cell walls.
- D. Viruses are significantly smaller than bacteria.

[1 mark]

Question 4

An antibiotic sensitivity test was performed on bacteria isolated from a patient's throat.

The diagram shows the results of the four antibiotics tested.



Which one should be used to treat the disease?

[1 mark]

Question 5

When a phagocyte responds to the presence of a pathogen the following events happen:

- I. Enzymatic digestion.
- II. Endocytosis.
- III. Phagocyte membrane extends out.
- IV. Vacuole formation.

Which of the following would be the correct order of events?

	first	→	→	last
A	III	I	IV	II
B	III	II	IV	I
C	II	IV	I	III
D	II	III	IV	I

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Question 6

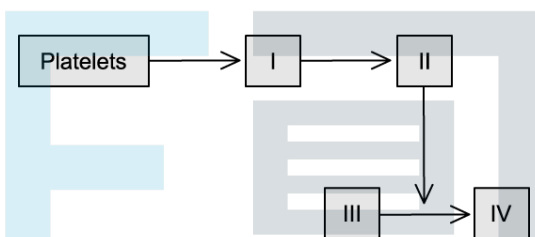
Which of these statements correctly describes a lymphocyte?

- A. They have many mitochondria to produce ATP to allow endocytosis of pathogens.
- B. They have many lysosomes containing hydrolytic enzymes to digest pathogens.
- C. They provide specific defence against disease-causing organisms.
- D. They are white blood cells with a lobed nucleus.

[1 mark]

Question 7

The diagram represents the process of blood clot formation.



What is the correct sequence of events

	I	II	III	IV
A	Prothrombin	Thrombin	Fibrin	Fibrinogen
B	Clotting factors	Thrombin	Fibrinogen	Fibrin
C	Fibrin	Fibrinogen	Thrombin	Clotting factors
D	Clotting factors	Thrombin	Fibrin	Fibrinogen

[1 mark]

Question 8

What is specific immunity?

- A. Treating a specific disease through use of antibiotics.
- B. Production of monoclonal antibodies.
- C. Production of antibodies by lymphocytes.
- D. Endocytosis of pathogens by phagocytes.

[1 mark]

Question 9

Which of the following is **not** a contributing factor towards the development of antibiotic resistance in bacteria?

- A. Stopping a course of antibiotics once symptoms improve.
- B. Development of new antibiotics.
- C. Natural selection which favours mutations in bacteria.
- D. Overuse of antibiotics in agriculture

[1 mark]

Question 10

The following statements are about people infected with HIV/AIDS.

- I. They will have symptoms.
- II. They can be treated and completely cured.
- III. They may live for many years after infection.

Which ones are correct?

- A. I only
- B. I and II
- C. I and III
- D. III only

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