EY: Ecology & Evolution

1) A student is required to demonstrate a high level of comprehension of the subject,

General Aptitude

Q. 1 - Q. 5 carry one mark each.

especially in the soo The word closest in	cial sciences. meaning to comprehe	ension is	
a) understanding	b) meaning	c) concentration	d) stability
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2) Choose the most ap following sentence.	-		_
One of his biggest		vas his ability to forg	ive.
a) vice	b) virtues	c) choices	d) strength
			(GATE EY 2014)
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4) If $y = 5x^2 + 3$, then	the tangent at $x = 0$, y	· = 3	
a) passes through xb) has a slope of +1	•	c) is parallel to the d) has a slope of -1	
			(GATE EY 2014)
	d daily cost of Rs 50, (Q is the daily production a daily production of	on in tonnes. What is the	he cost of production

- Q. 6 Q. 10 carry two marks each.
 - 6) Find the odd one in the following group: ALRVX, EPVZB, ITZDF, OYEIK
 - a) ALRVX
- b) EPVZB
- c) ITZDF
- d) OYEIK

7) Anuj, Bhola, Chandan, Dilip, Eswar and Faisal live on different floors in a six-storeyed building (the ground floor is numbered 1, the floor above it 2, and so on). Anuj lives on an even-numbered floor. Bhola does not live on an odd numbered floor. Chandan does not live on any of the floors below Faisal's floor. Dilip does not live on floor number 2. Eswar does not live on a floor immediately above or immediately below Bhola. Faisal lives three floors above Dilip. Which of the following floor-person combinations is correct?

	Anuj	Bhola	Chandan	Dilip	Eswar	Faisal
(A)	6	2	5	1	3	4
(B)	2	6	5	1	3	4
(C)	4	2	6	3	1	5
(D)	2	4	6	1	3	5

Fig. 7.1

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- 8) The smallest angle of a triangle is equal to two thirds of the smallest angle of a quadrilateral. The ratio between the angles of the quadrilateral is 3:4:5:6. The largest angle of the triangle is twice its smallest angle. What is the sum, in degrees, of the second largest angle of the triangle and the largest angle of the quadrilateral?

 (GATE EY 2014)
- 9) One percent of the people of country X are taller than 6 ft. Two percent of the people of country Y are taller than 6 ft. There are thrice as many people in country X as in country Y. Taking both countries together, what is the percentage of people taller than 6 ft?
 - a) 3.0

b) 2.5

c) 1.5

d) 1.25

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10) The monthly rainfall chart based on 50 years of rainfall in Agra is shown in the following figure. Which of the following are true? (k percentile is the value such that k percent of the data fall below that value)

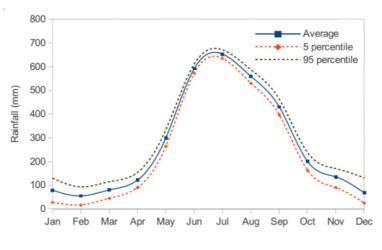


Fig. 10.1

- a) ((i)) On average, it rains more in July than in December
- b) ((ii)) Every year, the amount of rainfall in August is more than that in January
- c) ((iii)) July rainfall can be estimated with better confidence than February rainfall
- d) ((iv)) In August, there is at least 500 mm of rainfall

a) (i) and (ii)

c) (iii) and (iv)

b) (i) and (i)

d) ((iii)) and (iv)

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Q. 1 – Q. 25 carry one mark each.		
1) Darwin's ideas on evolution by natural s	selection were influenced by	
a) Lyell and Malthusb) Watson and Crick	c) Meselson and Stahld) Miller and Urey	
	(GA	TE EY 2014)
2) Which of the following statements about TRUE?	t the evolution of humans is	believed to be
a) Modern day humans evolved from Neb) Modern day humans and Neanderthalsc) Modern day humans and Neanderthalsd) Modern day humans evolved from chi	s share a recent common and both evolved from chimpar	
	(GA)	TE EY 2014)
3) On average, which ecosystem has the L area?	LOWEST net primary produc	ctivity per unit
a) An open oceanb) A coral reef	c) An estuaryd) A fresh water lake	
	(GA	TE EY 2014)
4) A researcher measures the height of 10 observations is 50 and the variance is 16 from these observations is	. The standard error of the n	
5) A researcher tested for the presence of female deer. Forty males and 30 females are significantly more susceptible to inferis an appropriate statistical test?	were found to be infected.	Γo test if males
a) Student's t-testb) Mann-Whitney U test	c) Chi-square testd) Correlation test	
c) main manage cost	•	
	(GA	TE EY 2014)
6) The frequency of the dominant red allel is equal to the frequency of the recessive viduals assuming Hardy-Weinberg equili	white allele (r). The frequen	ncy of red indi-

frequency using decimal notation, not as a fraction or a percentage) (GATE EY 2014)

7)	Two sympatric species of fruit flies congregate on the fruit of two closely related
	species of trees for mating. The cue most likely to be used by these fly species to
	locate their mates from a long distance would be

a) shape of the fruit

c) colour of the male flies

b) scent of the fruit

d) shape of the flower

(GATE EY 2014)

- 8) Human activities release about 7×10^{15} g of CO_2 into the atmosphere every year. Of this, about 3 x 10^{15} g accumulates in the atmosphere. Another 2 x 10^{15} g is absorbed by the oceans. The remaining 2 x 10^{15} g enters the "missing carbon sink." This sink is best explained by which of the following?
 - a) CO_2 escapes into outer space from the upper regions of the atmosphere
 - b) Plants increase their photosynthetic rate in a CO_2 -enriched environment
 - c) Cement production from limestone deposits
 - d) Increased temperature due to the greenhouse effect

(GATE EY 2014)

- 9) The slope of a function is zero
 - a) only at the maxima

d) exactly mid-way between maxima and minima

- b) only at the minima
- c) at both maxima and minima

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- 10) According to foraging theory, if two food items are commonly available and equally abundant, an optimal forager should choose the item that
 - a) contains greater energy

- c) yields greater net energy
- b) takes less energy to process
- d) is encountered first in the environment

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- 11) Phenotypic plasticity refers to
 - a) change in phenotype over the course of generations with change in genotype
 - b) the same genotype producing different phenotypes in different environments
 - c) change in phenotype due to random genetic drift
 - d) the phenotype being moulded by the environment through natural selection to an optimal state

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12) The coefficient of determination, R^2 , represents how well a linear model fits the data. R^2 is the sum of squared deviations of observations from the regression line divided

by the total sum of squared deviations from the mean value. For the figure below, \mathbb{R}^2 is closest to

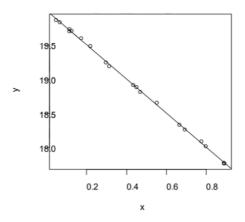


Fig. 12.1

a) -1

b) 0

c) 0.05

d) 1

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- 13) Death feigning behaviour (i.e., pretending to be dead when attacked) is found in snakes and millipedes. This similarity in behaviour between snakes and millipedes is an example of
 - a) convergent evolution

c) co-evolution

b) phylogenetic constraint

d) divergent evolution

(*GATE EY* 2014)

14) To evaluate the relationship between two variables (*e.g.*, *resourceabundanceandpopulationdensity*), a linear regression can be used. Here, the statistical null hypothesis which allows us to evaluate whether there is a relationship between these variables is

a) intercept = 0

c) sample size = 0

b) slope = 0

d) mean = 0

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15) Which of the following conditions is NOT necessary for evolution by natural selection?

- a) Variation in a trait
- b) Heritability of the trait

- c) Change in the environment
- d) Differential fitness related to the trait

- 16) C_3 , C_4 and CAM are the main photosynthetic pathways in plants. The relative abundance of C_3 plants
 - a) increases with increasing latitude.
 - b) decreases with increasing latitude.
 - c) stays the same with increasing latitude.
 - d) shows no pattern with increasing latitude.

(*GATE EY* 2014)

- 17) The pyramidal structure of decreasing biomass with increasing trophic level in terrestrial ecosystems is a consequence of:
 - a) the second law of thermodynamics
- c) conservation of energy

b) bio-magnification

d) increasing competition at higher trophic levels

(GATE EY 2014)

- 18) Typical green leaves from plants absorb light of the following colour/s:
 - a) green

c) all colours

b) red and green

d) red and blue

(*GATE EY* 2014)

- 19) Christian Bergmann, a 19th century biologist, observed that related taxa showed increasing body size with increasing latitude. One explanation for this pattern, also called 'Bergmann's Rule', is
 - a) lower body mass in the tropics is a result of lower mass-specific metabolic rates
 - b) species at higher latitudes have greater access to resources and, therefore, have larger sizes
 - c) greater competition at higher latitudes results in larger organisms
 - d) lower surface area to volume ratios in larger animals help conserve heat

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- 20) All else being equal, in a species with two sexes, which of the following is true with regard to mate choice?
 - a) The sex with the higher number of chromosomes is more likely to be choosy
 - b) The sex with the higher number of genes is more likely to be choosy
 - c) The sex with the larger gamete is more likely to be choosy

d) The sex with the smaller gamete is more likely to be choosy

(*GATE EY* 2014)

- 21) Temperate organisms have wider tolerance ranges for temperature than do tropical organisms. If temperatures increase across the globe by $2^{\circ}C$, which of the following is possible?
 - a) Temperate organisms will be more negatively affected than tropical organisms
 - b) Tropical organisms will be more negatively affected than temperate organisms
 - c) The effects on tropical and temperate organisms will be the same
 - d) This will have no effect on temperate or tropical organisms

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- 22) The length of Henle's loop in the kidneys of rodents is longest in
 - a) hot desert habitats

c) tropical moist habitats

b) cool temperate habitats

d) wetland habitats

(*GATE EY* 2014)

- 23) A recent experiment with a fast growing variety of tomato studied the inheritance of two traits dwarfism and flower colour. The experiment successfully demonstrated Mendel's law of segregation and for both traits the expected 3:1 ratio of dominant to recessive phenotype was observed. However, the experiment failed to demonstrate the law of independent assortment for the two traits. One possible reason for this is
 - a) that the two loci are linked

mosomes

b) low penetrance of the traits

d) incomplete dominance

c) that the two loci are on different chro-

(*GATE EY* 2014)

- 24) Grazing by large herbivores can increase plant diversity by which of the following mechanisms?
 - a) (i) Accelerating rates of nutrient cycling in the ecosystem
 - b) (ii) Reducing abundance of dominant plants and favouring rare plants
 - c) (iii) Promoting photo-respiration by increasing ambient CO₂ concentration
 - d) (iv) Decreasing stomatal conductance which promotes biomass production
 - a) Both (i) and (ii)

c) Both (ii) and (iv)

b) Both (iii) and (iv)

d) Both (i) and (iii)

(GATE EY 2014)

25) The doubling time for a bacterial population is 60 minutes. Given a density of 35 *cells/ml* in a population in its exponential growth phase and assuming unlimited

resources, the number of hours that the population will take to reach a density of 560 cells/ml is ______ (GATE EY 2014)

Q. 26 - Q. 55 carry two marks each.

- 26) Birds that are brood parasites lay eggs in the nests of other birds. This is a successful strategy for the brood parasite when
 - a) the host bird and the brood parasite bird species are similar in size
 - b) the host bird lays fewer eggs than the brood parasite
 - c) host birds cannot discriminate between their eggs and those of the parasite
 - d) the parasite chicks are much smaller than those of the host bird species

(*GATE EY* 2014)

- 27) What should be the sound frequency ranges used for acoustic communication between two herds of elephants living far apart in isolated forests, domestic dogs in neighbouring streets, and insect feeding bats catching prey above the tree canopy?
 - a) High frequency, low frequency and ultrasonic, respectively
 - b) High frequency, human hearing range and ultrasonic, respectively
 - c) Low frequency, human hearing range and ultrasonic, respectively
 - d) Ultrasonic, high frequency and high frequency, respectively

(GATE EY 2014)

28) A student grows a bacterial culture in a container starting with a small population size and high resource levels. To estimate population growth, the student puts the container on a weighing machine after air-tight sealing of the container to avoid contamination. Which of the following graphs is the most likely result obtained in the experiment?

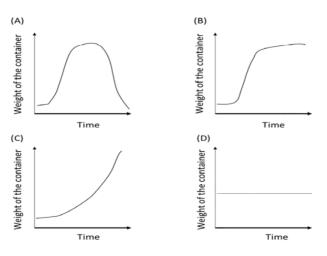


Fig. 28.1

29) Birds show much variation in sexual size dimorphism (body size differences between males and females), which is hypothesized to be associated with their mating system. Match the two groups below to reflect the expected pattern in mating system and sexual size dimorphism in birds.

Mating system

- i. Monogamy (1 male and 1 female)
- ii. Polygyny (1 male and many females)
- iii. Polyandry (1 female and many males)

Size dimorphism

- P. Males larger than females
- Q. Females larger than males
- R. Males and females similar in size

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30) Consider the following frequency distribution of an ecological variable:

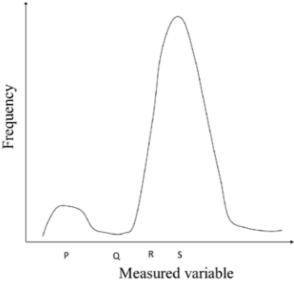


Fig. 30.1

Such a distribution with two peaks is called a bi-modal distribution. Here, the peak with the higher frequency is called the major mode and the one with the lower

frequency is called the minor mode. A student has marked four points on the x-axis, i.e., P, Q, R and S. Match the points with the most appropriate statistic: Mean, Median, Major mode, and Minor mode

- a) P-Major mode, Q-Mean, R-Median, S-Minor mode
- b) P-Major mode, Q-Median, S-Minor mode
- c) P-Minor mode, R-Mean, S-Major mode
- d) Q-Median, S-Major mode, S-Mean

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31) In blackbuck, it has been hypothesized that the reproductive fitness of an individual depends on the group size as given below. Two groups of unrelated individuals, labelled as G1 and G2, encounter each other. Note that G2 is at the optimal group size. Individuals from each group can decide whether to stay in their group, or join the other group. Individuals cannot prevent others from leaving or joining any group. Under these circumstances, which of the following is most likely?

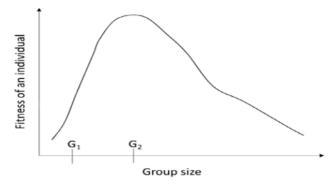


Fig. 31.1

- a) Individuals of G1 will choose not to merge with G2 because the fitness of individuals of G2will decrease
- b) Individuals of G1 will choose to merge with G2 because it will increase their own fitness
- c) Individuals of G2 will choose to merge with G1 because it will increase their own fitness
- d) Individuals of G2 will choose to merge with G1 because the fitness of individuals of G1 will increase

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32) In certain cases, a critical group size of organisms is required before a certain action, such as secretion of an enzyme, is taken by individuals of the group. This can be graphically represented as shown below.

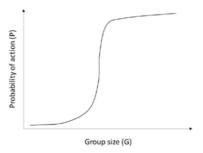


Fig. 32.1

A student conducts experiments and collects data to study this behaviour in her favourite system. Instead of plotting P vs. G, the student plots G (*on the* y - axis) vs. P (*on the* x - axis). Assuming that her system did indeed exhibit the group behaviour of the type shown above, how will her modified plot look?

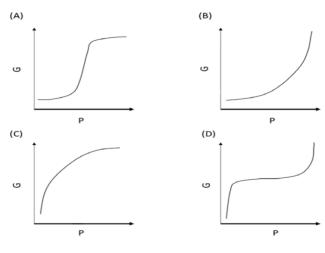


Fig. 32.2

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- 33) All adults of a fish species have bright colour patterns in population P and all adults have dull colour patterns in population Q. Colour patterns in this species are determined early in development. Which of the following study designs is best suited to test whether this colour pattern difference has a genetic basis?
 - a) For each population in its natural habitat, follow 100 eggs to the adult stage and measure the colour patterns of the adults
 - b) Bring 100 adults of population P and 100 adults of population Q to the lab, allow

- them to acclimatize for one day under uniform conditions, and then measure colour patterns of the adults
- c) Bring 100 adults of population P to the habitat of population Q, allow to acclimatize for one day, and measure colour patterns of the adults; similarly move 100 adults of population Q to the habitat of population P and measure colour patterns
- d) Bring 100 eggs of population P and 100 eggs of population Q to the lab, maintain them at uniform conditions, follow them to the adult stage, and then measure colour patterns of the adults

34) The figure below shows how competition among foragers in a resource patch reduces individual foraging rates. According to this figure, the expected foraging rate for a solitary individual is ______

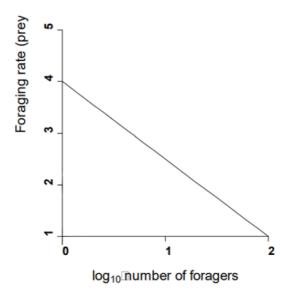


Fig. 34.1

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35) Find the matching triplet

Invasive species	p. Ficusbenghalensis	i. wind-dispersed fruit
Keystone species	q. Lantanacamara	ii. bat-dispersed fruit
Endemic species	r. Tectonagrandis	iii. ant-dispersed fruit
4. Exotic species	s. Partheniumhysterophorus	iv. bird-dispersed fruit

Fig. 35.1

a) 2, r, i

c) 3, s, iii

b) 1, q, iv

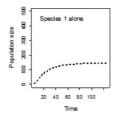
d) 4, p, ii

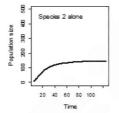
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- 36) In birds that pair during the breeding season, it is hypothesized that males need to aggressively guard their mates against mating with intruder males. To test this hypothesis, a scientist presents a male dummy bird to a male bird on his territory just before the female lays her eggs. The dummy is left on the territory. The male was aggressive towards the dummy before the eggs were laid and this aggression declined after egg-laying. Which additional experiment will NOT provide further information to test this hypothesis?
 - a) Present the dummy to a second set of males in the absence of females
 - b) Present the dummy to a second set of males before the eggs are laid and remove the dummy from the territory
 - c) Use a live male bird instead of the dummy
 - d) Present the dummy to a second set of males only after the eggs are laid

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37) The figure panels below show population growth in two species, when they are grown alone, and also when they are grown together. From the nature of their growth curves, one can infer that the interaction between these species is an example of





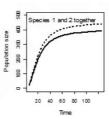


Fig. 37.1

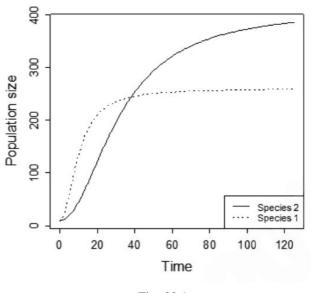
- a) mutualism
- b) commensalism

- c) predator-prey
- d) competition

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38) There are two coins in a bowl. Because of differences in the size of the two coins, the probability of picking the bigger coin is 0.6. The bigger coin is unbiased, whereas the smaller coin has a probability of 0.6 of yielding heads. A blind-folded student picks a coin from the bowl and tosses the coin. The probability((expressed using decimal notation, not as a fraction or percentage) that the coin yields a head is ______ (GATE EY 2014)

39) The accompanying figure shows logistic population growth for two species in the same habitat. Which of the following conclusions hold true?



- Fig. 39.1
- a) (i) Species 1 has higher intrinsic growth rate
- b) (ii) Species 2 has higher intrinsic growth rate
- c) (iii) Carrying capacity for Species 1 is higher
- d) (iv) Carrying capacity for Species 2 is higher
- a) Both (i) and (iii)

c) Both (i) and (ii)

b) Both (i) and (iv)

d) Both (ii) and (iv)

(GATE EY 2014)

- 40) Which of these is true with respect to Batesian mimicry?
 - a) There is a mutualistic relationship between the model and mimic
 - b) There is frequency independent selection on the model and the mimic
 - c) A mimic exploits the signal of a model
 - d) There is positive frequency dependent selection on the mimic

(GATE EY 2014)

41) In the phylogeny below, branch lengths are proportional to the percent sequence divergence. The scale below the phylogeny indicates branch length. Assume that the gene used to reconstruct the phylogeny of the species evolves in a clock-like fashion. It is known that the divergence between Species 4 and Species 5 happened 2 million

years ago. The time of divergence (in million years) between Species 3 and Species 1 is _____

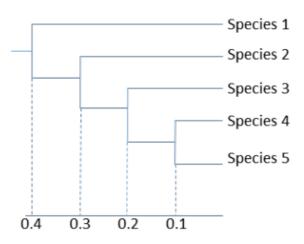


Fig. 41.1

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- 42) Humans have a preference for high calorie foods. Assume a study has shown that (*i*) the life expectancy of human beings has reduced from 85 to 74 years due to increased consumption of high calorie foods, and (*ii*) the maximum reproductive age is 70 years. Given these assumptions, which of the following is most likely to happen in the next 200 years?
 - a) Humans will evolve a preference for low calorie foods
 - b) Humans will evolve the genes to improve life expectancy when feeding on high calorie foods
 - c) Humans will evolve enzymes to extract more energy from low calorie foods
 - d) Humans will still have a preference for high calorie foods

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- 43) A recently discovered fossil contains 3.125% of ¹⁴C found in present day organisms. If the half-life of ¹⁴C is 5730 years, the age of the fossil in years is (GATE EY 2014)
- 44) In the hypothetical scenario below, there are four small islands ((*P*, *Q*, *R* and *S*) near a very large continent. The distances of the islands from the continent, as well as the sizes of the islands, vary as indicated in the diagram. Assume that dispersal happens only between the continent and the islands, but not among islands. The theory of

island biogeography would predict that the number of species in each island will be best represented by which of the following?

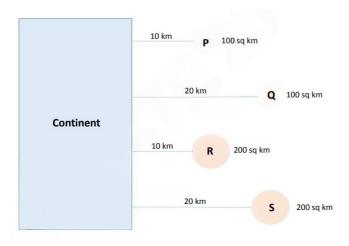


Fig. 44.1

- a) R = S and P = Q
- b) R ¿ Q and R ¿ S

- c) R ¿ Q and Q ¿ P
- d) S ¿ P and Q ¿ S

 $(GATE\ EY\ 2014)$

- 45) There are 19500 ants of a species on a small island of area 400 sq m. A student collects 1500 ants in 30 randomly placed pit-fall traps. She marks all of them with blue paint and releases them. Due to unusually low temperatures the following night, the ant population on the island experiences 10% mortality. The next day the student lays out another series of randomly placed pit-fall traps and collects 1183 ants. Assuming that (i) mortality is not affected by being painted, (ii) probability of falling into a trap is not affected by being painted, and (iii) probability of falling into a trap is not affected by the density of ants on the island, the expected number of ants with blue marks in the sample is ______ (GATE EY 2014)
- 46) A student wants to test the effect of latitude and longitude on seed size in a plant species. He has the resources to lay a maximum of 9 plots. Which plot design is most appropriate for this question?

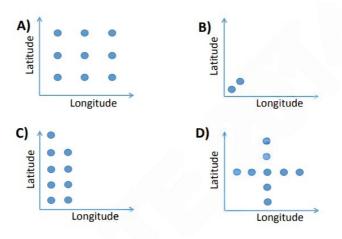


Fig. 46.1

47) In an experiment, cows were allowed to graze in closed pastures either with wild deer or without wild deer. This experiment was done in the rainy and dry seasons. The results for weight gain in the cows (mean and 95% confidence interval) are shown in the figure below. Based on these results which of the following statements is true?

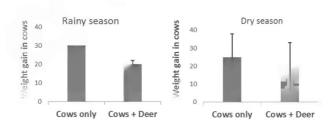


Fig. 47.1

- a) The presence of wild deer does not affect weight gain in cows
- b) The effect of wild deer on weight gain in cows changes with season
- c) The presence of wild deer has an inhibitory effect on weight gain in cows in both seasons
- d) Cows and wild deer have a mutualistic relationship in the dry season

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48) The figure below shows how reproductive fitness varies with tail length in a bird species. Given this pattern, what kind of selection is most likely to act on tail length

in this population?

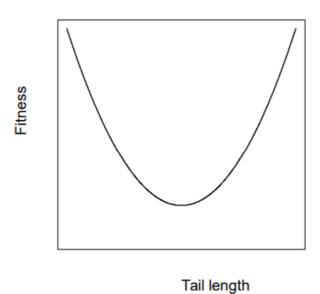


Fig. 48.1

- a) Relaxed
- b) Directional
- c) Disruptive
- d) Stabilizing

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- 49) A study monitored insect abundance and drought stress in trees for a period of 10 years in a tropical dry deciduous forest. This study found a strong, statistically significant, negative relationship between insect abundance and drought stress in trees. Based on these results, what can be inferred about the causal relationship between insect abundance and drought stress in trees?
 - a) Increased insect abundance causes increased drought stress in trees
 - b) Increased drought stress in trees causes increase in insect abundance
 - c) Decreased drought stress in trees causes increase in insect abundance
 - d) No direct causal relationship can be inferred from these data

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50) Assume that a piece of bamboo is a hollow cylinder of negligible wall thickness. The numerical value (in cm) of the ratio of the volume to surface area of such a bamboo, measuring 6 cm in diameter, is ______ (GATE EY 2014)

51) Simpson's index of species diversity is given by

$$D = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n p_i^2}$$

where p_i is the proportion of species i in the total sample of individuals and n is the total number of species. For the species and their abundances given below, the numerical value of Simpson's index is ______

Species	Abundance
Q	50
R	30
S	20
T	40
U	50
V	10

Fig. 51.1

(*GATE EY* 2014)

- 52) Primary succession refers to the sequence of changes in plant communities at a newly formed habitat. Species establishing first at the newly formed habitat (pioneer species) show characteristics that are different from those in species that establish later in the community. Which of the following represents the predicted characteristics of pioneer species?
 - a) Large dispersal distance, high fecundity, low competitive ability, short lifespan
 - b) Short dispersal distance, high fecundity, high competitive ability, short lifespan
 - c) Large dispersal distance, high fecundity, high competitive ability, long lifespan
 - d) Short dispersal distance, low fecundity, high competitive ability, long lifespan

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53) Consider the two phylogenies. Which of the following statements is true?

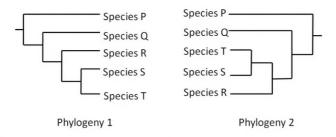


Fig. 53.1

- a) The two phylogenies are the same
- b) The relationship between P and Q is the same in both phylogenies, whereas the relationships among R, S and T differ between the two phylogenies
- c) Q and R are more closely related to each other in phylogeny 1 than in phylogeny 2
- d) R diverged from S and T earlier in phylogeny 1 than in phylogeny 2 (GATE EY 2014)

- 54) Species P and Species Q are respectively self-pollinated and cross-pollinated plants that are closely related. Their flowers are visited by bees. Correctly identify which sets of traits are characteristic of Species P relative to the traits of Species Q.
 - a) larger flowers, scented flowers, and fewer pollen grains per flower
 - b) larger flowers, unscented flowers, and more pollen grains per flower
 - c) smaller flowers, unscented flowers, and fewer pollen grains per flower
 - d) smaller flowers, scented flowers, and more pollen grains per flowers

55) The Venn Diagram below shows numbers of species in three forest types. Which of the following statements is true?

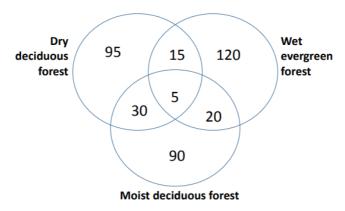


Fig. 55.1

- a) Overlap of species between dry deciduous and moist deciduous ξ overlap between moist deciduous and wet evergreen
- b) Overlap of species between wet evergreen and dry deciduous ¿ overlap between wet evergreen and moist deciduous
- c) Total species in dry deciduous ¿ moist deciduous
- d) Total species in moist deciduous ¿ wet evergreen

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