



Chapter 1: Sexual Reproduction in Flowering Plants

QUICK REVISION: ONE-LINER QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. What is the reproductive part of a flowering plant? **- The flower.**
2. What is the male part of a flower called? **- The Androecium.**
3. The androecium is made of what units? **- Stamens.**
4. A stamen has which two parts? **- The anther and the filament.**
5. What part of the anther makes pollen? **- The microsporangium (or pollen sac).**
6. What is the ploidy of a microspore mother cell? **- Diploid (2n).**
7. How do microspore mother cells form microspores? **- Through meiosis.**
8. What is the ploidy of a pollen grain? **- Haploid (n).**
9. What is the hard outer layer of pollen? **- The exine.**
10. What tough material makes the exine? **- Sporopollenin.**
11. What is the thin inner layer of pollen? **- The intine.**
12. Name the two cells in a mature pollen grain. **- The vegetative cell and generative cell.**
13. Which pollen cell is larger and forms the pollen tube? **- The vegetative cell.**
14. Which pollen cell forms the two male gametes? **- The generative cell.**
15. What is the female part of a flower called? **- The Gynoecium (or pistil).**
16. A pistil has which three parts? **- Stigma, style, and ovary.**
17. Which part of the pistil catches pollen? **- The stigma.**
18. What structure is found inside the ovary? **- The ovule.**
19. After fertilization, what does the ovule become? **- The seed.**
20. What sac inside the ovule holds the egg cell? **- The embryo sac.**
21. What is the ploidy of a megasporangium? **- Diploid (2n).**
22. Meiosis of a megasporangium produces how many megasporangia? **- Four.**
23. How many of the four megasporangia usually survive? **- Only one.**
24. A typical embryo sac has how many cells and nuclei? **- 7 cells, 8 nuclei.**
25. Name the three cells at the micropylar end. **- One egg cell and two synergids.**
26. What do we call the egg cell and its two synergids? **- The egg apparatus.**
27. Name the three cells at the opposite (chalazal) end. **- The antipodal cells.**
28. What is the large cell in the middle of the embryo sac? **- The central cell.**
29. What two nuclei are in the central cell? **- The two polar nuclei.**
30. What is the transfer of pollen to a stigma called? **- Pollination.**
31. Pollination within the same flower is called what? **- Autogamy.**
32. Pollination between flowers on the same plant is called what? **- Geitonogamy.**
33. Pollination between flowers on different plants is called what? **- Xenogamy.**
34. What is pollination by wind called? **- Anemophily.**
35. What is pollination by insects called? **- Entomophily.**
36. What is pollination by water called? **- Hydrophily.**
37. Can the male gametes in flowering plants swim? **- No, they are non-motile.**
38. What tube grows from the pollen grain to the ovule? **- The pollen tube.**
39. How many male gametes does the pollen tube deliver? **- Two.**
40. What is the fusion of a male gamete and the egg cell? **- Syngamy (fertilization).**
41. Syngamy results in what new cell? **- The zygote.**
42. What is a zygote's ploidy? **- Diploid (2n).**
43. What is the second fertilization event in angiosperms? **- Triple fusion.**
44. What three nuclei fuse during triple fusion? **- One male gamete and two polar nuclei.**
45. Triple fusion forms what special nucleus? **- The Primary Endosperm Nucleus (PEN).**
46. What is the endosperm's ploidy? **- Triploid (3n).**
47. What do we call syngamy and triple fusion happening together? **- Double fertilization.**
48. What is the main job of the endosperm? **- To feed the growing embryo.**
49. The zygote grows into what structure? **- The embryo.**
50. What part of the ovule becomes the seed coat? **- The integuments.**
51. After fertilization, what does the ovary become? **- The fruit.**
52. What do we call a fruit that forms without fertilization? **- A parthenocarpic fruit.**
53. The banana is a natural example of what? **- Parthenocarpy.**
54. A fruit that develops only from the ovary is a what? **- A true fruit.**
55. A fruit that develops from more than the ovary is a what? **- A false fruit.**
56. The apple is a common example of what kind of fruit? **- A false fruit.**
57. An embryo developing from an unfertilized egg is called what? **- Parthenogenesis.**
58. What is it called when seeds form without any fertilization? **- Apomixis.**
59. What do we call it when a single seed has multiple embryos? **- Polyembryony.**
60. Polyembryony is common in which type of fruit? **- Citrus fruits.**

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Chapter 2: Human Reproduction

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1. What is the process of forming gametes called? - **Gametogenesis.**
2. What are the primary male reproductive organs? - **The testes.**
3. Where are the testes located outside the abdominal cavity? - **In the scrotum.**
4. Why is the scrotum located outside the body? - **To maintain a lower temperature for sperm production.**
5. What are the functional units of the testes where sperm are produced? - **The seminiferous tubules.**
6. What are the two main types of cells in the seminiferous tubules? - **Male germ cells (spermatogonia) and Sertoli cells.**
7. What is the function of Sertoli cells? - **To provide nutrition to the developing sperm.**
8. What cells outside the tubules secrete androgens like testosterone? - **Interstitial cells (or Leydig cells).**
9. What hormone directly controls spermatogenesis? - **Androgens (like testosterone).**
10. What is the correct sequence of cells during spermatogenesis? - **Spermatogonia → primary spermatocytes → secondary spermatocytes → spermatids → spermatozoa.**
11. What is the process of sperm formation called? - **Spermatogenesis.**
12. What is the ploidy of spermatogonia and primary spermatocytes? - **Diploid (2n).**
13. What is the ploidy of secondary spermatocytes and spermatids? - **Haploid (n).**
14. What are the three distinct regions of a mature sperm? - **Head, middle piece, and tail.**
15. What cap-like structure covers the anterior part of the sperm head? - **The acrosome.**
16. What is the function of the acrosome? - **It contains enzymes to help fertilize the ovum.**
17. What provides energy for sperm movement and is found in the middle piece? - **Mitochondria.**
18. What are the primary female reproductive organs? - **The ovaries.**
19. What are the two main functions of the ovaries? - **Producing the female gamete (ovum) and secreting female hormones.**
20. What is the process of ovum formation called? - **Oogenesis.**
21. Which female reproductive cell is haploid? - **The secondary oocyte.**
22. What is the ploidy of a human gamete (sperm or ovum)? - **Haploid, containing 23 chromosomes.**
23. What is the ploidy of a human zygote? - **Diploid, containing 46 chromosomes.**
24. Which organelle, essential for cell division, is absent from the ovum's cytoplasm? - **The centrosome.**
25. The female reproductive cycle in primates (humans, monkeys) is called what? - **The menstrual cycle.**
26. What is the term for the first occurrence of menstruation? - **Menarche.**
27. In which uterine layer do the major cyclic changes occur? - **The endometrium.**
28. Which three hormones are the primary regulators of the menstrual cycle? - **LH, FSH, and Estrogen.**
29. What is the release of an ovum from the ovary called? - **Ovulation.**
30. Which hormone surge is the main trigger for ovulation? - **Luteinizing Hormone (LH).**
31. On approximately which day of the menstrual cycle does ovulation occur? - **The 14th day.**
32. After ovulation, the ovum is surrounded by a layer of cells called what? - **The corona radiata.**
33. After ovulation, what does the ruptured Graafian follicle develop into? - **The corpus luteum.**
34. What is the primary hormone secreted by the corpus luteum? - **Progesterone.**
35. What is the main function of progesterone? - **To maintain the endometrium for pregnancy.**
36. What hormone is secreted by the corpus luteum and placenta to relax pelvic ligaments? - **Relaxin.**
37. In which part of the fallopian tube does fertilization typically occur? - **The ampillary region.**
38. What do we call fertilization that occurs inside the female's body? - **Internal fertilization.**
39. What is fertilization that occurs outside the body, as in jellyfish? - **External fertilization.**
40. The attachment of the blastocyst to the uterine wall is called what? - **Implantation.**
41. What organ connects the developing fetus to the uterine wall? - **The placenta.**
42. What structure forms a pore known as the blastopore during embryonic development? - **The gastrula.**
43. From which primary germ layer does the human heart develop? - **The mesoderm.**
44. After how long is the embryo's heart formed? - **After one month of pregnancy.**
45. When do the limbs and digits of the embryo develop? - **By the end of the second month.**
46. Approximately how many eggs does a healthy human female ovulate in her lifetime? - **About 400.**
47. Which animal is a hermaphrodite (has both male and female organs)? - **The earthworm.**
48. Which common insect is not a hermaphrodite? - **The housefly.**
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- **Reproductive health.**
2. What major problem arises from a rapid increase in population?
- **Overpopulation, leading to scarcity of resources.**
3. What day is celebrated as World Population Day?
- **July 11th.**
4. According to the 2001 census, what was India's population growth rate?
- **Approximately 2%.**
5. What is the legal minimum age for marriage for girls and boys in India?
- **18 years for girls and 21 years for boys.**
6. What are the methods used to prevent unwanted pregnancies called?
- **Contraception or birth control.**
7. How do oral contraceptive pills primarily prevent pregnancy?
- **By inhibiting ovulation and implantation.**
8. What is 'Saheli'?
- **A non-steroidal, 'once-a-week' oral contraceptive pill for females.**
9. What are devices inserted into the uterus to prevent pregnancy called?
- **Intra-Uterine Devices (IUDs).**
10. Which IUD releases hormones?
- **LNG-20 (Progestasert).**
11. How does a Copper-T IUD work?
- **It releases copper ions that suppress sperm motility and fertilizing capacity.**
12. By what primary mechanism does Copper-T prevent pregnancy?
- **It prevents fertilization.**
13. What is the surgical method of contraception in males called?
- **Vasectomy.**
14. What is surgically cut or tied during a vasectomy?
- **The vas deferens.**
15. What is the surgical method of contraception in females called?
- **Tubectomy.**
16. What is surgically cut or tied during a tubectomy?
- **The fallopian tubes.**
17. Are vasectomy and tubectomy temporary or permanent methods of contraception?
- **They are permanent (sterilization) methods.**
18. What does MTP stand for?
- **Medical Termination of Pregnancy.**
19. What is another term for a voluntary or induced abortion?
- **MTP.**
20. Up to how many weeks of pregnancy is MTP considered relatively safe?
- **Up to 12 weeks (the first trimester).**
21. What are diseases transmitted through sexual intercourse called?
- **Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) or Venereal Diseases (VDs).**
22. Name two common bacterial STDs.
- **Syphilis and Gonorrhoea.**
23. What is the causative pathogen for Syphilis?
- **Treponema pallidum.**
24. What is the inability to conceive or produce children called?
- **Infertility.**
25. What do we call the technologies used to help infertile couples have children?
- **Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART).**
26. What is fertilization that occurs outside the body in a lab setting called?
- **In vitro fertilization (IVF).**
27. A baby conceived through IVF is commonly known as what?
- **A test-tube baby.**
28. What technique involves transferring an embryo (zygote) into the fallopian tube?
- **ZIFT (Zygote Intra-Fallopian Transfer).**
29. At what temperature is semen cryopreserved for long-term storage?
- **In liquid nitrogen (-196°C).**
30. What is the prenatal diagnostic technique used to detect genetic disorders in a fetus?
- **Amniocentesis.**
31. What is analyzed during amniocentesis?
- **The amniotic fluid.**
32. Which condition cannot be detected by amniocentesis?
- **Jaundice.**
33. What is the full form of RCH programs initiated by the government?
- **Reproductive and Child Health Care.**
34. Besides preventing pregnancy, what is another key function of condoms?
- **Protection against Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs).**
35. The "rhythm method," based on avoiding intercourse during the fertile period, is what kind of contraception?
- **A natural method.**
36. What is the term for pills taken after unprotected sex to prevent pregnancy?
- **Emergency contraceptives.**
37. What is the full form of AIDS?
- **Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome.**
38. What virus causes AIDS?
- **Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).**
39. Are all STDs completely curable?
- **No, viral STDs like AIDS and Genital Herpes are not completely curable.**
40. What is the full form of GIFT in the context of ART?
- **Gamete Intra-Fallopian Transfer.**
41. What ART involves directly injecting a sperm into an ovum in the laboratory?
- **ICSI (Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection).**
42. What does the ART technique IUI stand for?
- **Intra-Uterine Insemination.**
43. Why is there a statutory ban on using amniocentesis for sex determination?
- **To prevent female foeticide.**
44. What are the three main categories of contraceptive methods?
- **Natural, Barrier, and Hormonal/Chemical methods.**
45. What is the full form of WHO?
- **World Health Organization.**
46. What is the term for the natural end of the menstrual cycle in women?
- **Menopause.**
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17. What is the phenotypic ratio in the F₂ generation for incomplete dominance? **- 1:2:1.**
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19. Human ABO blood groups are a classic example of which two genetic principles? **- Codominance and Multiple Allelism.**
20. What is it called when a gene exists in more than two allelic forms? **- Multiple Allelism.**
21. Which blood group is the universal donor? **- Blood group O.**
22. Which blood group has no antigens on its red blood cells? **- Blood group O.**
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24. If a child has blood group 'O' and the father has 'B', what must the father's genotype be? **- *I^{sup}Bⁱ* (heterozygous).**
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29. In which stage of meiosis does crossing over occur? **- Pachytene.**
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34. Who created the first recombination maps of chromosomes? **- Alfred Sturtevant.**
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36. What are the sex chromosomes in a human male? **- XY.**
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- **Nucleic acids (DNA and RNA).**
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- **A pentose sugar, a nitrogenous base, and a phosphate group.**
3. The two components of a nucleoside?
- **A pentose sugar and a nitrogenous base.**
4. Pentose sugar found in DNA?
- **Deoxyribose.**
5. Pentose sugar found in RNA?
- **Ribose.**
6. The two types of nitrogenous bases? - **Purines and Pyrimidines.**
7. Which nitrogenous bases are purines?
- **Adenine (A) and Guanine (G).**
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13. Who proposed the double helix model of DNA?
- **Watson and Crick.**
14. How are the two DNA strands oriented?
- **Antiparallel and complementary.**
15. What bond holds the two DNA strands together?
- **Hydrogen bonds.**
16. In DNA, Adenine (A) always pairs with what?
- **Thymine (T).**
17. Guanine (G) always pairs with what?
- **Cytosine (C).**
18. What is Chargaff's rule?
- **The amount of A equals T, and the amount of G equals C.**
19. If DNA has 18% Cytosine, what is Adenine's percentage?
- **32%.**
20. Why is the distance between DNA strands uniform?
- **Because a purine always pairs with a pyrimidine.**
21. How many base pairs are in one turn of the B-DNA helix?
- **Ten.**
22. Whose experiment demonstrated transformation?
- **Frederick Griffith.**
23. Whose experiment proved DNA is the genetic material?
- **Hershey and Chase.**
24. In the Hershey-Chase experiment, what was the bacteriophage's genetic material?
- **DNA.**
25. The process of making an identical copy of DNA is called?
- **Replication.**
26. In which direction does DNA replication always occur?
- **The 5' to 3' direction.**
27. Why is DNA replication called semi-conservative?
- **Because each new molecule has one old strand and one new strand.**
28. Short DNA fragments on the lagging strand are called?
- **Okazaki fragments.**
29. What is the main enzyme for DNA replication?
- **DNA polymerase.**
30. What is the central dogma of molecular biology?
- **DNA → RNA → Protein.**
31. Synthesizing RNA from a DNA template is called?
- **Transcription.**
32. What is the primary enzyme required for transcription?
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33. Where does transcription occur in eukaryotes?
- **In the nucleus.**
34. In eukaryotes, which enzyme transcribes tRNA and 5S rRNA?
- **RNA polymerase III.**
35. The transcriptionally active region of a chromosome is called?
- **Euchromatin.**
36. Non-coding sequences within a eukaryotic gene are called?
- **Introns (or Junk DNA).**
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38. The flow of information from RNA back to DNA is called?
- **Reverse transcription.**
39. A three-base mRNA sequence for an amino acid is a?
- **Codon.**
40. How many codons are in the genetic code?
- **64.**
41. What property means one amino acid can have multiple codons?
- **Degeneracy.**
42. What is the universal start codon?
- **AUG.**
43. Name one of the three termination (stop) codons.
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- **It is commaless.**
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- **Beadle and Tatum.**
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- **Translation.**
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- **Transfer RNA (tRNA).**
48. What is the three-base sequence on tRNA called?
- **An anticodon.**
49. What does the "charging" of tRNA refer to?
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- **An operon.**
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- **Reptiles and Mammals.**
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- **Fishes.**
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- **Dryopithecus.**
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4. What virus causes the common cold? **- Rhinovirus.**
5. Diphtheria is caused by a pathogen from which group? **- Bacteria.**
6. The BCG vaccine is administered to prevent which disease? **- Tuberculosis (TB).**
7. Tuberculosis is primarily transmitted through what medium? **- The air.**
8. Which mosquito is the vector for malaria? **- The female *Anopheles mosquito*.**
9. What is the infective stage of the malarial parasite (Plasmodium) for humans? **- The sporozoite.**
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13. Chickenpox is caused by which virus? **- The Varicella-zoster virus.**
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17. A foreign substance that elicits an immune response is called an? **- Antigen.**
18. Y-shaped proteins produced in response to antigens are called? **- Antibodies.**
19. Human antibodies are made of what type of molecule? **- Glycoproteins.**
20. The immunity present from birth is called? **- Innate immunity.**
21. Immunity acquired after birth is called? **- Acquired immunity.**
22. Who discovered the principle of passive immunity? **- Emil von Behring.**
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24. Which antibody is abundantly found in colostrum? **- IgA.**
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42. Which specific cells does HIV primarily attack and destroy? **- Helper T-cells.**
43. Which screening test is widely used for detecting AIDS? **- ELISA (Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay).**
44. The study of cancer is called? **- Oncology.**
45. Genes that can cause cancer are called? **- Oncogenes.**
46. The spread of malignant tumor cells to distant sites is called? **- Metastasis.**
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48. From which plant is opium obtained? **- Papaver somniferum (the poppy plant).**
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50. Morphine is classified as what type of drug? **- An opiate narcotic.**
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- **Vitamin B12.**
3. Which microbe is used to make dough for idli, dosa, and bread?
- **Yeast (specifically Saccharomyces cerevisiae).**
4. The yeast Saccharomyces cerevisiae is commonly known as what?
- **Brewer's yeast.**
5. Yeast is primarily used in the industrial production of what?
- **Ethyl alcohol (ethanol).**
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- **Through budding.**
7. Chemicals produced by microbes that can kill or retard the growth of other microbes are called?
- **Antibiotics.**
8. Who discovered the first antibiotic, penicillin?
- **Alexander Fleming.**
9. Fleming discovered penicillin while working on which bacterium?
- **Staphylococcus.**
10. Penicillin is produced by which fungus?
- **The fungus Penicillium notatum.**
11. Who confirmed penicillin's effectiveness as an antibiotic?
- **Ernest Chain and Howard Florey.**
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13. Which fungus produces citric acid?
- **Aspergillus niger.**
14. Which microbe is used to produce statins?
- **The yeast Monascus purpureus.**
15. What is the primary function of statins?
- **They inhibit cholesterol synthesis.**
16. The enzyme streptokinase is used for what purpose?
- **As a 'clot-buster' for removing clots from blood vessels.**
17. Cyclosporin A is used for what medical purpose?
- **As an immunosuppressant agent in organ transplants.**
18. Municipal wastewater is also known as what?
- **Sewage.**
19. What does BOD stand for?
- **Biochemical Oxygen Demand.**
20. A higher BOD indicates what about a water body?
- **Higher pollution levels.**
21. In sewage treatment, the mesh-like structures of bacteria and fungi are called?
- **Flocs.**
22. The production of biogas involves which group of bacteria?
- **Methanogens.**
23. What is the main component of biogas?
- **Methane (CH₄).**
24. Methanogens produce methane but do NOT produce what gas?
- **Oxygen (O₂).**
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- **Biocontrol agents.**
26. Which bacterium is widely used as a biocontrol agent for insect pests?
- **Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt).**
27. Which free-living fungus is an effective biocontrol agent for plant pathogens?
- **Trichoderma.**
28. Organisms used to enrich the nutrient quality of the soil are called?
- **Biofertilizers.**
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- **Nitrogen fixation.**
30. Rhizobium is a famous bacterium that performs what function?
- **Symbiotic nitrogen fixation.**
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- **In the root nodules of leguminous plants.**
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- **Anabaena and Nostoc.**
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36. Which of these is NOT a biofertilizer: Azotobacter or Bacillus thuringiensis?
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37. What are live microbial food supplements called?
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- **Single Cell Protein (SCP).**
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- **Apiculture or beekeeping.**
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- **The worker honeybees.**
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- **Sericulture.**
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46. The cultivation of flowering plants is called?
- **Floriculture.**
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- **Genetic engineering.**
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- **Recombinant DNA technology.**
4. Enzymes that cut DNA at specific sites are called?
- **Restriction enzymes (endonucleases).**
5. Restriction enzymes are also famously known as what?
- **'Molecular scissors'.**
6. The first restriction endonuclease to be isolated was?
- **Hind II.**
7. Restriction enzymes recognize and cut what specific type of DNA sequence?
- **A palindromic nucleotide sequence.**
8. The restriction enzyme EcoRI is isolated from which bacterium?
- **Escherichia coli (E. coli).**
9. The recognition site for the restriction enzyme EcoRI is?
- **GAATTC.**
10. Which enzyme is used to join or paste DNA fragments together?
- **DNA ligase.**
11. A DNA molecule used to carry foreign genetic material into another cell is a?
- **Vector.**
12. Small, circular, extrachromosomal DNA molecules found in bacteria are called?
- **Plasmids.**
13. Which feature is NOT part of the pBR322 plasmid: ori, T-DNA, or antibiotic resistance genes?
- **T-DNA.**
14. Which bacterium is known as a "natural genetic engineer" for plants?
- **Agrobacterium tumefaciens.**
15. The tumor-inducing plasmid found in Agrobacterium tumefaciens is called?
- **The Ti-plasmid.**
16. Which of these is NOT a cloning vector for bacteria: Plasmid, Bacteriophage, or T-DNA?
- **T-DNA (used for plants).**
17. To isolate DNA from a bacterial cell, which enzyme is used?
- **Lysozyme.**
18. To isolate DNA from a fungal cell, which enzyme is used?
- **Chitinase.**
19. A technique to separate DNA fragments based on size is called?
- **Gel electrophoresis.**
20. From what is the agarose gel for electrophoresis extracted?
- **Seaweed.**
21. Why do DNA fragments move towards the anode in gel electrophoresis?
- **Because DNA is negatively charged.**
22. What does PCR stand for?
- **Polymerase Chain Reaction.**
23. What is the primary purpose of the PCR technique?
- **DNA amplification (making multiple copies of a gene).**
24. Which heat-stable DNA polymerase is used in PCR?
- **Taq polymerase.**
25. From which bacterium is Taq polymerase isolated?
- **Thermus aquaticus.**
26. Which of these is used to introduce DNA into a host cell: a gene gun or a micropipette?
- **Both can be used.**
27. The method of directly injecting recombinant DNA into an animal cell's nucleus is called?
- **Microinjection.**
28. The biolistic or gene gun method is most suitable for transforming which type of cells?
- **Plant cells.**
29. A gene used to help identify transformed cells is called a?
- **Selectable marker.**
30. In plasmids like pBR322, what is the role of the ampR gene?
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31. If a foreign gene is inserted into the tetracycline resistance gene, what happens to the recombinant plasmid?
- **It will lose its resistance to tetracycline.**
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- **Bioreactors.**
33. The process of growing cells or tissues in a sterile, nutrient-rich medium is called?
- **Tissue culture.**
34. The entire series of processes after the biosynthetic stage to obtain a finished product is called?
- **Downstream processing.**
35. The plasmid from which bacterium was used to construct the first recombinant DNA?
- **Salmonella typhimurium.**
36. Which chemicals are known to induce protoplast fusion?
- **Polyethylene glycol (PEG) and sodium nitrate.**
37. What is the term for enzymes that cut DNA from the ends?
- **Exonucleases.**
38. What is the function of the 'ori' site in a plasmid vector?
- **It is the Origin of Replication, where DNA copying begins.**
39. What are the three main steps of a single PCR cycle?
- **Denaturation, Annealing, and Extension.**
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- **The two strands of the DNA helix are separated by heating.**
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- **Ethidium bromide.**
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- **Transformation.**
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- **A single-stranded DNA or RNA fragment used to detect a specific complementary sequence.**
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- **Bacillus thuringiensis.**
3. The toxic insecticidal protein produced by Bacillus thuringiensis is called?
- **Bt toxin (or Cry protein).**
4. The Bt toxin exists as an inactive protoxin but becomes active at what pH?
- **An alkaline pH (found in the insect's gut).**
5. Which crop is famously protected from bollworms by the Cry gene?
- **Cotton (creating Bt cotton).**
6. The genes crylAc and crylAb control which pest?
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- **The corn borer.**
8. The process of silencing a specific gene using double-stranded RNA is called?
- **RNA interference (RNAi).**
9. RNAi is used to protect which plant from the nematode Meloidogyne incognita?
- **Tobacco.**
10. The nematode Meloidogyne incognita infects which part of the tobacco plant?
- **The roots.**
11. 'Golden Rice' is a transgenic crop developed to be rich in what?
- **Vitamin A (due to B-carotene).**
12. The transgenic tomato variety with a longer shelf life is named what?
- **Flavr Savr.**
13. Human insulin produced using biotechnology is often called?
- **Humulin.**
14. Who first determined the molecular structure of insulin?
- **Frederick Sanger.**
15. Which polypeptide chain is removed from proinsulin to form mature, functional insulin?
- **The C-peptide.**
16. The first clinical gene therapy was performed to treat what deficiency?
- **Adenosine Deaminase (ADA) deficiency, which causes SCID.**
17. The use of molecular biology for medical diagnosis is called?
- **Molecular diagnostics.**
18. Which technique is used for early detection of HIV infection?
- **PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction).**
19. Which diagnostic test is based on the principle of antigen-antibody interaction?
- **ELISA (Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay).**
20. Animals that have had their DNA manipulated to express a foreign gene are called?
- **Transgenic animals.**
21. The first transgenic cow, capable of producing human protein-enriched milk, was named?
- **Rosie.**
22. Transgenic mice are often used for what primary purpose?
- **To test the safety of vaccines.**
23. What is the protein alpha-1-antitrypsin used to treat?
- **Emphysema.**
24. The unauthorized use of bio-resources by organizations without proper authorization is called?
- **Biopiracy.**
25. Which Indian organization makes decisions regarding the validity of GM research?
- **GEAC (Genetic Engineering Approval Committee).**
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- **Totipotency.**
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- **Micropropagation.**
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- **Asexual reproduction.**
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- **Somatic embryos.**
30. The chemical used to induce the fusion of protoplasts in culture is?
- **PEG (Polyethylene glycol).**
31. The large-scale culturing of fish and other aquatic animals is called?
- **Pisciculture.**
32. What food source is particularly rich in protein: fish flour or wheat?
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33. A dramatic increase in food production, especially wheat and rice, is known as the?
- **Green Revolution.**
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- **Wheat.**
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36. Developing yellow mosaic virus-resistant mung beans was achieved through what technique?
- **Mutation breeding.**
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- **Cross-breeding.**
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- **A sheep named Dolly.**
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- **Somoclones.**
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10. Trapa (water chestnut) and Hydrilla are examples of what type of plant?
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11. A key characteristic of hydrophytes is the reduction of what tissues?
- **Vascular and mechanical tissues.**
12. Plants that grow on rocks are called?
- **Lithophytes.**
13. Plants that grow in mangrove areas are called?
- **Halophytes (e.g., Rhizophora).**
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- **Population.**
15. The number of births in a population during a given period is called?
- **Natality.**
16. The number of deaths in a population during a given period is called?
- **Mortality.**
17. The ratio of the birth rate to the death rate in a population is called the?
- **Vital Index.**
18. An age pyramid with a broad base, showing a high number of pre-reproductive individuals, indicates what?
- **An expanding population.**
19. At which level does natural selection operate to evolve desired traits?
- **The population level.**
20. An interaction between two species where both are benefited is called?
- **Mutualism.**
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- **Parasitism.**
25. An obligate root parasite that produces the world's largest flower is?
- **Rafflesia.**
26. An interaction where one species kills and eats another is called?
- **Predation.**
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28. What principle states that two closely related species competing for the same resources cannot coexist indefinitely?
- **Gause's Competitive Exclusion Principle.**
29. The process by which species avoid competition by choosing different resources is called?
- **Resource partitioning.**
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- **Lichens.**
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- **Gemmules.**
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- **Eurythermal.**
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4. Green plants convert what form of energy into chemical energy? **- Light energy.**
5. Organisms that feed on other organisms are called? **- Consumers (or heterotrophs).**
6. Bacteria and fungi that feed on dead organic matter are called? **- Decomposers (or saprotrophs).**
7. A sequence of organisms eating one another is a? **- Food chain.**
8. Which is a correct food chain: "Goat, Cow, Grass" or "Grass, Goat, Lion"? **- Grass, Goat, and Lion.**
9. A network of interconnected food chains is a? **- Food web.**
10. Each step or level in a food chain is a? **- Trophic level.**
11. Green plants belong to which trophic level? **- The first trophic level (T1).**
12. The rate of biomass production by producers is? **- Primary productivity.**
13. The total rate of photosynthesis is called? **- Gross Primary Productivity (GPP).**
14. The rate of biomass formation by consumers is? **- Secondary productivity.**
15. How does energy flow through an ecosystem? **- It is unidirectional.**
16. What percentage of energy is transferred between trophic levels? **- 10 percent.**
17. A graphical representation of trophic structure is an? **- Ecological pyramid.**
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19. The gradual change in species composition of an area is? **- Ecological succession.**
20. The first species to colonize a bare area are? **- Pioneer species.**
21. In a dry succession (xerosere), what are the pioneer species? **- Lichens.**
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24. The nature of a climax community is determined by what? **- The climate.**
25. The process of breaking down dead organic matter is called? **- Decomposition.**
26. Which is NOT a process of decomposition: Leaching or Anabolism? **- Anabolism.**
27. A food chain starting with dead organic matter is a? **- Detritus food chain.**
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29. The cycling of nutrients like carbon and phosphorus is called? **- Nutrient cycling.**
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40. How much PAR do plants capture for photosynthesis? **- About 2-10%.**
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44. Which major nutrient cycle is considered a gaseous cycle? **- The carbon cycle.**
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3. India's share of the world's species diversity is approximately what percentage? **- 8.1%.**
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5. What is a region with very high levels of species richness and endemism called? **- A biodiversity hotspot.**
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7. The complete disappearance of a species from Earth is called? **- Extinction.**
8. The Dodo is an example of what kind of species? **- An extinct species.**
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15. Conservation of species within their natural habitats is called? **- In-situ conservation.**
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22. The Gir National Park is famous for which animal? **- The Asiatic lion.**
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40. Why is Carbon Monoxide (CO) more toxic than Carbon Dioxide (CO₂)? **- It reduces the oxygen-carrying capacity of hemoglobin.**
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Answer: A false fruit, also known as a pseudocarp, is a fruit in which some of the fleshy part is derived not from the ovary but from some adjacent tissue exterior to the carpel. In a true fruit, the entire fruit develops from the ovary. In a false fruit, parts like the thalamus or floral tube become the major fleshy part. A common example is a strawberry, where the fleshy part is the receptacle, and the actual fruits are the tiny achenes on its surface.

8. Write a short note on asexual reproduction in organisms.

Answer: Asexual reproduction is a mode of reproduction where offspring arise from a single parent, without the fusion of gametes. The offspring produced are genetically identical to the parent and are referred to as clones. This process is common in simpler organisms like bacteria, amoeba, and yeast, as well as in many plants. Common methods of asexual reproduction include binary fission (in Amoeba), budding (in Yeast and Hydra), and vegetative propagation in plants (e.g., through runners or tubers).

9. Explain asexual reproduction in an organism with the help of example.

Answer: Asexual reproduction is a biological process where a single parent produces offspring that are genetically identical to itself. This mode of reproduction does not involve the fusion of gametes. For example, in yeast, a form of asexual reproduction called budding occurs. A small bud or outgrowth forms on the parent yeast cell. The nucleus of the parent cell divides, and one daughter nucleus migrates into the bud. The bud grows and eventually detaches to become a new, independent yeast cell.

10. Define the following: (i) Protozoan endoparasite (ii) Ovule

Answer: (i) **Protozoan endoparasite:** A single-celled eukaryotic organism (protozoan) that lives inside the body of another organism (the host) and derives nourishment from it, often causing disease. An example is **Plasmodium**, which lives inside human red blood cells and causes malaria. (ii) **Ovule:** The ovule is the structure within the ovary of a flowering plant that contains the female gamete (egg cell). After fertilization, the ovule develops into a seed.

11. Define and give one example of each of the following. (i) False fruit (ii) True fruit (iii) Parthenogenic fruits (iv) Polyembryony

Answer: (i) **False Fruit:** A fruit that develops from floral parts other than the ovary, such as the thalamus. **Example:** Apple. (ii) **True Fruit:** A fruit that develops solely from the ripened ovary of a flower. **Example:** Mango. (iii) **Parthenocarpic Fruits:** Fruits that develop without the process of fertilization. These fruits are typically seedless. **Example:** Banana. (iv) **Polyembryony:** The phenomenon of having more than one embryo developing within a single seed. **Example:** Citrus fruits like orange and lemon.

12. What is the importance of embryosac in angiospermic plants?

Answer: The embryo sac (female gametophyte) is of critical importance as it contains all the necessary cells for sexual reproduction in angiosperms. Its primary role is to house the female gamete (the egg cell) for fertilization. Furthermore, it contains the central cell with two polar nuclei, which, after fusion with a male gamete, develops into the endosperm. The endosperm is the nutritive tissue that provides food for the developing embryo, ensuring the survival and growth of the next generation.

13. Show the well labelled diagram of an angiospermic 8-nucleate embryo-sac.

Answer: A diagram of a mature, 8-nucleate embryo sac would show an oval structure with two distinct ends. 1. **Micropylar End:** This end has the **egg apparatus**, which consists of one large central **egg cell** and two flanking **synergid cells**. The synergids have filiform apparatus at their base. 2. **Chalazal End:** This end contains three **antipodal cells**. 3. **Center:** The large **central cell** is in the middle, containing two **polar nuclei**.

14. Define cross-pollination with the help of suitable example.

Answer: Cross-pollination (or xenogamy) is the transfer of pollen grains from the anther of a flower on one plant to the stigma of a flower on another plant of the same species. This process introduces genetic variation. For example, papaya plants are dioecious (having separate male and female plants), so they rely entirely on cross-pollination, typically carried by wind or insects, for reproduction.

15. What do you understand by parthenogenesis ? Explain with example.

Answer: Parthenogenesis is a form of asexual reproduction in which an embryo develops from an unfertilized egg. In this process, the offspring can be haploid or diploid, depending on the species. It occurs naturally in some invertebrates like rotifers and aphids, as well as in some insects. For example, in honey bees, the male drones develop parthenogenetically from unfertilized eggs laid by the queen bee and are therefore haploid.