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91. "The Evil Quartet" of biodiversity loss includes which of the following?

- (1) Over-exploitation; Alien species invasions; Air pollution; Co-extinctions
- (2) Habitat loss and fragmentation; Over-exploitation; Alien species invasions; Co-extinctions
- (3) Habitat loss and fragmentation; Air pollution; Water pollution; Co-extinctions
- (4) Over-exploitation; Alien species invasions; Soil pollution; Co-extinctions

92. Which one of the following is the site for active ribosomal RNA synthesis?

- (1) Nucleolus
- (2) Chromatin
- (3) Centrosome
- (4) Kinetochore

93. Match List I with List II:

	List-I (Phase of cell cycle)		List-II (Activity)
A	G <sub>1</sub> phase	I	Actual cell division occurs
B	S phase	II	Cell is metabolically active and continuously grows but does not replicate its DNA
C	G <sub>2</sub> phase	III	Synthesis of DNA occurs and the amount of DNA per cell doubles
D	M phase	IV	Proteins are synthesized while cell growth continues

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) A-II, B-III, C-IV, D-I
- (2) A-III, B-IV, C-I, D-II
- (3) A-I, B-II, C-III, D-IV
- (4) A-IV, B-I, C-II, D-III

94. Match List I with List II:

	List-I		List-II
A	Productivity	I	Gross primary productivity minus respiration losses
B	Net primary productivity	II	Rate of formation of new organic matter by consumers
C	Gross primary productivity	III	Rate of biomass production
D	Secondary productivity	IV	Rate of production of organic matter during photosynthesis

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) A-I, B-II, C-III, D-IV
- (2) A-III, B-I, C-IV, D-II
- (3) A-III, B-I, C-II, D-IV
- (4) A-I, B-III, C-IV, D-II

95. Which of the following statements are correct?

- A. The Amazon rainforest being cut and cleared for cultivation of soyabeans is an example of habitat loss.
- B. Steller's sea cow and passenger pigeon became extinct due to over-exploitation by humans.
- C. The Nile perch introduced into Lake Victoria in East Africa helped in population growth of cichlid fish in the lake.
- D. Water hyacinth is an invasive species.
- E. When a species becomes extinct, the plant and animal species associated with it are not affected.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) B, C and D only (2) A, B and D only
- (3) A, B and D only (4) C, D and E only

96. Identify the correct statements about biomolecules:

- A. Lipids are generally water soluble.
- B. Proteins are polypeptides.
- C. Polysaccharides are long chains of sugars.
- D. Adenine and guanine are substituted pyrimidines.
- E. Almost all enzymes are proteins.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) C, D and E only (2) B, C and E only
- (3) B, D and E only (4) A, B and C only

97. How many ATP and NADPH molecules are required to make one molecule of glucose through the Calvin pathway?

- (1) 18 ATP and 12 NADPH
- (2) 6 ATP and 12 NADPH
- (3) 24 ATP and 18 NADPH
- (4) 12 ATP and 18 NADPH

98. Which of the following statements are not true regarding restriction endonucleases?

- A. They are called molecular scissors.
- B. These are the enzymes responsible for restricting the growth of bacteriophages in *E. coli*.
- C. They cut the DNA only at the centre of the palindromic sites.
- D. They remove nucleotides only from the ends of DNA fragments.
- E. They recognise specific palindromic base-pair sequences.

Choose the answer from the options given below:

- (1) A and B only (2) D and E only
- (3) C and D only (4) A and E only

99. Match List I with List II:

	List-I		List-II
A	Decomposition	I	Accumulation of dark coloured amorphous colloidal substance
B	Detritus	II	Release of inorganic nutrients by the activity of microbes in soil
C	Mineralisation	III	Breaking down of complex organic matter into inorganic substances
D	Humification	IV	Dead remains of plants and animals including fecal matter

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) A-I, B-II, C-III, D-IV
- (2) A-IV, B-III, C-I, D-II
- (3) A-III, B-IV, C-II, D-I
- (4) A-III, B-II, C-I, D-IV

100. In which one of the following, the ovules are not enclosed by an ovary wall and remain exposed?

- (1) Selaginella      (2) Funaria
- (3) Pinus            (4) Wolffia

101. Match List I with List II:

	List I (Placentation)		List II (Example)
A	Marginal	I	Mustard
B	Axile	II	Pea
C	Parietal	III	Marigold
D	Basal	IV	Lemon

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) A-I, B-III, C-II, D-IV
- (2) A-IV, B-II, C-I, D-III
- (3) A-II, B-IV, C-I, D-III
- (4) A-III, B-I, C-IV, D-II

102. In angiosperms, root hairs arise from which one of the following regions of the root?

- (1) The root cap zone
- (2) The region of meristematic activity
- (3) The region of elongation
- (4) The region of maturation

103. Which one of the following is not a characteristic of plant cells in the phase of elongation?

- (1) Increased vacuolation
- (2) Large conspicuous nuclei
- (3) Cell enlargement
- (4) New cell wall deposition

104. Which of the following statements are correct with reference to a transcription unit?

- A. A transcription unit in DNA is defined primarily by three regions: promoter, structural gene and terminator.
- B. The promoter is said to be located towards the 5'-end of the structural gene.
- C. The promoter is a DNA sequence that provides binding site for RNA polymerase.
- D. The promoter defines the template and coding strands.
- E. The terminator is located towards the 3'-end of the coding strand and it defines the end of the process of transcription.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) A, B, C, D and E
- (2) B, C, D and E only
- (3) A, C, D and E only
- (4) A, B, C and D only

105. Alpha-helix is found in which level of protein structure?

- (1) Quaternary structure
- (2) Tertiary structure
- (3) Primary structure
- (4) Secondary structure

106. Which of the following statements are correct regarding amino acids?

- A. They are substituted methanes.
- B. Serine is an aromatic amino acid.
- C. Valine is a neutral amino acid.
- D. Lysine is an acidic amino acid.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) C and D only      (2) A and B only
- (3) A and C only      (4) B and C only

107. The main function of bulliform cells in grasses is:

- (1) to make the leaf impermeable to fungal spores
- (2) to perform photosynthesis
- (3) to transport water
- (4) to minimize water loss during water stress

108. Find the incorrect statement(s) about photosynthesis from the following:

- A. The water splitting complex is associated with PS I.
- B.  $C_4$  plants use the  $C_3$  pathway of  $CO_2$  fixation as the main biosynthetic pathway.
- C. In  $C_4$  plants, photorespiration does not occur.
- D.  $C_3$  plants exhibit Kranz anatomy.
- E. ATP synthesis in chloroplast occurs through chemiosmosis.

Choose the answer from the options given below:

- (1) B only
- (2) A and D only
- (3) B and C only
- (4) B and E only

109. Match List I with List II:

	List I		List II
A	Conjunctive tissue	I	Specialised cells in the vicinity of guard cells
B	Casparian strips	II	Endodermal cells rich in starch
C	Subsidiary cells	III	Tissue between xylem and phloem
D	Starch sheath	IV	Endodermal cells with

			suberin deposition
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Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) A-IV, B-III, C-I, D-II
- (2) A-III, B-IV, C-II, D-I
- (3) A-III, B-IV, C-I, D-II
- (4) A-IV, B-III, C-II, D-I

110. Match List I with List II:

	List I		List II
A	Genetically modified organism	I	Agrobacterium tumefaciens
B	Thermostable DNA polymerase	II	Bt cotton
C	Ti plasmid	III	Thermus aquaticus
D	pBR322	IV	Escherichia coli

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) A-I, B-III, C-II, D-IV
- (2) A-I, B-IV, C-III, D-II
- (3) A-II, B-I, C-IV, D-III
- (4) A-I, B-II, C-IV, D-III

111. Heterophyllous development in response to environment is an example of which of the following phenomena?

- (1) Dedifferentiation
- (2) Elasticity
- (3) Redifferentiation
- (4) Plasticity

112. In racemose inflorescence:

- (1) the main axis terminates in a flower
- (2) the growth is limited
- (3) flowers are borne in an acropetal succession
- (4) flowers are solitary

113. Which one of the following disorders is caused by the substitution of Glutamic acid (Glu) by Valine (Val) at the sixth position of the beta globin chain of the haemoglobin molecule?

- (1) Haemophilia
- (2) Thalassemia
- (3) Sickle-cell anaemia
- (4) Phenylketonuria

114. Match List I with List II:

	List I		List II
A	Incomplete dominance	I	Human skin colour
B	Co-dominance	II	Inheritance of flower colour in <i>Antirrhinum</i> sp.
C	Pleiotropy	III	Phenylketonuria disease in humans
D	Polygenic inheritance	IV	ABO blood groups

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) A-II, B-IV, C-III, D-I
- (2) A-I, B-III, C-II, D-IV
- (3) A-II, B-I, C-III, D-IV
- (4) A-I, B-IV, C-III, D-II

115. Arrange the following in the correct developmental sequence related to microsporogenesis:

- A. Microspore tetrads
- B. Sporogenous tissue
- C. Pollen grains
- D. Pollen mother cells

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) D, A, C, B
- (2) B, D, C, A
- (3) B, D, A, C
- (4) A, D, C, B

116. Arrange the following steps of DNA fingerprinting in a correct sequence:

- A. Isolation of DNA and its digestion by restriction endonucleases
- B. Hybridisation using a labelled VNTR probe
- C. Transferring of separated DNA fragments to synthetic membranes
- D. Detection of hybridised DNA fragments by autoradiography
- E. Separation of DNA fragments by electrophoresis

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) A, E, B, C, D
- (2) A, E, C, B, D
- (3) A, B, D, C, E
- (4) A, D, B, E, C

117. Exploring molecular, genetic and species-level diversity for products of economic importance is called:

- (1) Biomagnification
- (2) Biofortification
- (3) Bioremediation
- (4) Bioprospecting

118. Which of the following statements are true with reference to the sex-determination in honeybees?

- A. An offspring formed from the union of a sperm and an egg develops as a female (queen or worker).
- B. An unfertilized egg develops as a male by parthenogenesis.
- C. A male has half the number of chromosomes than that of a female.
- D. Males produce sperms by meiosis.
- E. Honeybees have a haplodiploid sex-determination system.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) B, C, D and E only
- (2) A, B, C and D only

- (3) A, B, D and E only  
(4) A, B, C and E only

**119. Identify the correct sequence of steps in each cycle of Polymerase Chain Reaction:**

- (1) Denaturation → Annealing → Extension  
(2) Denaturation → Extension → Annealing  
(3) Extension → Annealing → Denaturation  
(4) Annealing → Denaturation → Extension

**120. Which of the following statements are correct with respect to DNA separation, isolation and visualization?**

- A. The cutting of DNA is done by molecular scissors.  
B. The DNA fragments separate according to their size in an agarose gel, upon electrophoresis.  
C. The separated DNA fragments can be seen without staining when exposed to UV light.  
D. The separated DNA fragments, when stained with ethidium bromide, can be seen in visible light.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) A and D only    (2) B and D only  
(3) B and C only    (4) A and B only

**121. The main criteria used for Five Kingdom Classification proposed by R.H. Whittaker (1969) included:**

- A. Cell structure  
B. Body organization  
C. Presence of flagellum  
D. Reproduction  
E. Phylogenetic relationships

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) A, B, D and E only  
(2) A, B, C, D and E  
(3) A, B and E only

- (4) B, C and D only

**122. Which one of the following is a triploid cell?**

- (1) Central cell  
(2) Primary endosperm cell  
(3) Zygote  
(4) Synergid

**123. Which of the following statements are correct with reference to packaging of DNA helix?**

- A. Histones are organized to form a unit of eight molecules called histone octamer.  
B. Histones are negatively charged basic proteins.  
C. Histones are rich in the basic amino acid residues - lysine and arginine.  
D. The positively charged DNA is wrapped around the histone octamer to form nucleosome.  
E. The packaging of chromatin at higher levels requires an additional set of proteins called non-histone chromosomal proteins.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) A, B and D only  
(2) A, C and E only  
(3) C, D and E only  
(4) B, D and E only

**124. Which of the following is an *in situ* conservation method?**

- (1) Sacred Groves  
(2) Wildlife Safari Parks  
(3) Botanical Gardens  
(4) Seed Banks

125. In the lac operon, the z gene codes for:

- (1) transacetylase
- (2) the repressor of lac operon
- (3) permease
- (4) beta-galactosidase

126. Match List I with List II:

	List I (Growth Regulator)		List II (Function/Effect)
A	2, 4-D	I	Brewing industry
B	GA <sub>3</sub>	II	Stimulation of stomatal closure
C	Kinetin	III	Herbicide
D	ABA	IV	Nutrient mobilisation

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

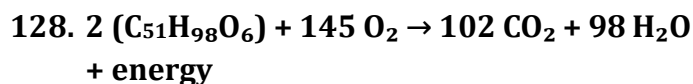
- (1) A-IV, B-III, C-II, D-I
- (2) A-I, B-II, C-IV, D-III
- (3) A-II, B-I, C-IV, D-III
- (4) A-I, B-IV, C-III, D-I

127. Arrange the following steps of somatic hybridisation in a correct sequence:

- A. Digestion of cell walls
- B. Isolation of naked protoplasts
- C. Fusion of protoplasts to get hybrid protoplast
- D. Isolation of single cells from two different varieties of plants
- E. Growing of hybrid protoplast to form a new plant

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) A, B, C, D
- (2) D, A, B, C, E
- (3) E, B, A, D, C
- (4) D, B, A, E, C



The Respiratory Quotient (RQ) of a biomolecule used for respiration, as per the above equation, would be:

- (1) Less than 0.5
- (2) Between 0.5 and 0.95
- (3) Between 1.25 and 2
- (4) 1.0

129. Since the origin and diversification of life on Earth, there have been five episodes of mass extinction of species. How is the sixth extinction, which is in progress, different from the previous episodes?

- (1) The current species extinction rates are far lower than those in previous episodes.
- (2) The present species extinction rates are 100 to 1000 times faster than in the pre-human times.
- (3) The present net species extinction rate is zero
- (4) The current species extinction rate is nearly 10 times faster than that in previous episodes.

130. Match List I with List II:

	List I		List II
A	Trypsin	I	Intercellular ground substance
B	Morphine	II	Lectin
C	Concanavalin	III	Enzyme
D	Collagen	IV	Alkaloid

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) A-II, B-IV, C-II, D-I
- (2) A-I, B-II, C-III, D-IV
- (3) A-III, B-IV, C-II, D-I
- (4) A-IV, B-III, C-II, D-I

131. Which one of the following statements is not true about the universal rules of binomial nomenclature?

- (1) Both the words in a biological name, when handwritten, are separately underlined or printed in italics
- (2) The specific epithet in the biological name starts with a small letter
- (3) The first word in the biological name represents the specific epithet, while the second component denotes the genus.
- (4) Biological names are generally in Latin.

132. The enzyme required for carboxylation in the Calvin cycle is:

- (1) PEP carboxylase
- (2) RuBP carboxylase-oxygenase
- (3) Carboxypeptidase
- (4) Hexokinase

133. Which of the following floral formula is the correct floral formula of Solanaceae family?

- (1)  $\oplus \overset{\text{♂}}{\underset{\text{♀}}{\text{K}}}_{(5)} \overset{\text{♂}}{\underset{\text{♀}}{\text{C}}}_{(5)} \text{A}_5 \underline{\text{G}}_{(2)}$
- (2)  $\oplus \overset{\text{♂}}{\underset{\text{♀}}{\text{K}}}_5 \overset{\text{♂}}{\underset{\text{♀}}{\text{C}}}_{(5)} \text{A}_5 \underline{\text{G}}_{(2)}$
- (3)  $\oplus \overset{\text{♂}}{\underset{\text{♀}}{\text{K}}}_{(5)} \overset{\text{♂}}{\underset{\text{♀}}{\text{C}}}_{(5)} \text{A}_5 \underline{\text{G}}_{(2)}$
- (4)  $\oplus \overset{\text{♂}}{\underset{\text{♀}}{\text{K}}}_5 \text{C}_5 \text{A}_5 \underline{\text{G}}_{(2)}$

134. Which one of the following types of pollination brings genetically different types of pollen grains to the stigma?

- (1) Geitonogamy
- (2) Autogamy
- (3) Xenogamy
- (4) Cleistogamy

135. Match List I with List II:

	List I (Process)		List II (Location)
A	Glycolysis	I	Inner mitochondrial membrane
B	ETS	II	Mitochondrial matrix
C	Accumulation of protons	III	Cytoplasm
D	Krebs' cycle	IV	Intermembrane space

Choose the correct answer from the options given below

- (1) A-I, B-IV, C-III, D-II
- (2) A-III, B-I, C-IV, D-II
- (3) A-IV, B-II, C-I, D-III
- (4) A-II, B-III, C-IV, D-I

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