

Chapter 01 The Main Themes of Microbiology

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Disease-causing microorganisms are called

- A. decomposers.
- B. prokaryotes.
- C. pathogens.
- D. eukaryotes.
- E. fermenters.

ASM Objective: 05.04 Microorganisms, cellular and viral, can interact with both human and nonhuman hosts in beneficial, neutral or detrimental ways.

ASM Topic: Module 05 Systems

Learning Outcome: 01.07 Review the roles of microorganisms as parasites and pathogens that cause infection and disease.

Topic: Microbial Roles

2. The microorganisms that recycle nutrients by breaking down dead matter and wastes are called

- A. decomposers.
- B. prokaryotes.
- C. pathogens.
- D. eukaryotes.
- E. fermenters.

ASM Objective: 03.02 The interactions of microorganisms among themselves and with their environment are determined by their metabolic abilities (e.g., quorum sensing, oxygen consumption, nitrogen transformations).

ASM Objective: 05.03 Microorganisms and their environment interact with and modify each other.

ASM Objective: 06.01 Microbes are essential for life as we know it and the processes that support life (e.g., in biogeochemical cycles and plant and/or animal microflora).

ASM Topic: Module 05 Systems

ASM Topic: Module 06 Impact of Microorganisms

Learning Outcome: 01.01 Define microbiology and microorganisms, and identify the major organisms included in the science of microbiology.

Learning Outcome: 01.04 State several ways that microbes are involved in the earth's ecosystems.

Topic: Microbial Roles

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3. The microorganisms that do *not* have a nucleus in their cells are called

- A. decomposers.
- B. prokaryotes.**
- C. pathogens.
- D. eukaryotes.
- E. fermenters.

ASM Objective: 02.01 The structure and function of microorganisms have been revealed by the use of microscopy (including bright field, phase contrast, fluorescent, and electron).

ASM Topic: Module 02 Structure and Function

Learning Outcome: 01.03 Describe the basic characteristics of prokaryotic cells and eukaryotic cells and their evolutionary origins.

Learning Outcome: 01.05 Describe the cellular makeup of microorganisms and their size range, and indicate how viruses differ from cellular microbes.

Topic: Cellular Organization

4. When humans manipulate the genes of microorganisms the process is called

- A. bioremediation.
- B. genetic engineering.**
- C. epidemiology.
- D. immunology.
- E. taxonomy.

ASM Objective: 04.05 Cell genomes can be manipulated to alter cell function.

ASM Objective: 06.03 Humans utilize and harness microorganisms and their products.

ASM Topic: Module 04 Information Flow

ASM Topic: Module 06 Impact of Microorganisms

Learning Outcome: 01.06 Discuss the ways microorganisms can be used to create solutions for environmental problems and industrial products.

Topic: Basics of Genetic Engineering

Topic: Recombinant DNA Technology

5. Which of the following are *not* considered microorganisms?

- A. mosquitoes
- B. protozoa
- C. bacteria
- D. viruses
- E. fungi

ASM Objective: 01.05 The evolutionary relatedness of organisms is best reflected in phylogenetic trees.

ASM Topic: Module 01 Evolution

Learning Outcome: 01.01 Define microbiology and microorganisms, and identify the major organisms included in the science of microbiology.

Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

6. All microorganisms are best defined as organisms that

- A. cause human disease.
- B. lack a cell nucleus.
- C. are infectious particles.
- D. are too small to be seen with the unaided eye.
- E. can only be found growing in laboratories.

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Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

7. Which activity is an example of biotechnology?

- A. bacteria in the soil secreting an antibiotic to kill competitors
- B. a microbiologist using the microscope to study bacteria
- C. humans using yeast to make beer and wine
- D. *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* in the lungs causing tuberculosis
- E. public health officials monitoring diseases in a community

ASM Objective: 06.03 Humans utilize and harness microorganisms and their products.

ASM Topic: Module 06 Impact of Microorganisms

Learning Outcome: 01.02 Name and define the primary areas included in microbiological studies.

Topic: Food Microbiology

Topic: Microbial Roles

8. Which of the following is a unique characteristic of viruses that distinguishes them from the other major groups of microorganisms?

- A. cause human disease
- B. lack a nucleus
- C. cannot be seen without a microscope
- D. contain genetic material
- E. lack cell structure**

ASM Objective: 02.01 The structure and function of microorganisms have been revealed by the use of microscopy (including bright field, phase contrast, fluorescent, and electron).

ASM Objective: 02.05 The replication cycles of viruses (lytic and lysogenic) differ among viruses and are determined by their unique structures and genomes.

ASM Topic: Module 02 Structure and Function

General Viral Properties

Learning Outcome: 01.05 Describe the cellular makeup of microorganisms and their size range, and indicate how viruses differ from cellular microbes.

Topic: Viral structure

9. The Dutch merchant who made and used quality magnifying lenses to see and record microorganisms was

- A. Francesco Redi.
- B. Antonie van Leeuwenhoek.**
- C. Louis Pasteur.
- D. Joseph Lister.
- E. Robert Koch.

ASM Objective: 02.01 The structure and function of microorganisms have been revealed by the use of microscopy (including bright field, phase contrast, fluorescent, and electron).

ASM Objective: 08.01 Properly prepare and view specimens for examination using microscopy (bright field and, if possible, phase contrast).

ASM Topic: Module 02 Structure and Function

ASM Topic: Module 08 Microbiology Skills

Learning Outcome: 01.09 Outline the major events in the history of microbiology, including the major contributors to the early development of microscopy, medical advances, aseptic techniques, and the germ theory of disease.

Topic: History of Microbiology

10. Pasteur used swan-neck flasks in his experiments to prove that
- A. air had "vital forces" capable of spontaneous generation.
 - B. microbial fermentation could be used to make wine.
 - C. dust in air was a source of living microorganisms.
 - D. microorganisms could cause disease.
 - E. microorganisms could be grown in laboratory infusions.

ASM Objective: 05.01 Microorganisms are ubiquitous and live in diverse and dynamic ecosystems.

ASM Topic: Module 05 Systems

Learning Outcome: 01.09 Outline the major events in the history of microbiology, including the major contributors to the early development of microscopy, medical advances, aseptic techniques, and the germ theory of disease.

Topic: History of Microbiology

11. Which of the following is *not* a process in the scientific method?
- A. belief in a preconceived idea
 - B. formulate a hypothesis
 - C. systematic observation
 - D. laboratory experimentation
 - E. development of a theory

ASM Objective: 07.01a Ability to apply the process of science: Demonstrate an ability to formulate hypotheses and design experiments based on the scientific method.

ASM Topic: Module 07 Scientific Thinking

Learning Outcome: 01.10 Explain the main features of the scientific method, and differentiate between inductive and deductive reasoning and between hypothesis and theory.

Topic: History of Microbiology

12. Spontaneous generation is the belief that
- A. germs cause infectious diseases.
 - B. microbes are diverse and ubiquitous.
 - C. microbes placed in an infusion can grow in it.
 - D. aseptic techniques reduce microbes in medical settings.
 - E. living things arise from nonliving matter.

ASM Objective: 03.04 The growth of microorganisms can be controlled by physical, chemical, mechanical, or biological means.

ASM Topic: Module 07 Scientific Thinking

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Topic: History of Microbiology

13. Koch's postulates are criteria used to establish that

- A. microbes are found on dust particles.
- B. a specific microbe is the cause of a specific disease.**
- C. life forms can only arise from preexisting life forms.
- D. a specific microbe should be classified in a specific kingdom.
- E. microbes can be used to clean up toxic spills.

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ASM Topic: Module 05 Systems

ASM Topic: Module 06 Impact of Microorganisms

Learning Outcome: 01.07 Review the roles of microorganisms as parasites and pathogens that cause infection and disease.

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Topic: History of Microbiology

Topic: Microbial Roles

14. Which of the following is a taxon that contains all the other taxa listed?

- A. Species
- B. Phylum
- C. Kingdom**
- D. Genus
- E. Family

ASM Objective: 01.04 The traditional concept of species is not readily applicable to microbes due to asexual reproduction and the frequent occurrence of horizontal gene transfer.

ASM Objective: 01.05 The evolutionary relatedness of organisms is best reflected in phylogenetic trees.

ASM Topic: Module 01 Evolution

Learning Outcome: 01.11 Define taxonomy and its supporting terms classification, nomenclature, and identification.

Learning Outcome: 01.12 Explain how the levels of a taxonomic scheme relate to each other. Give the names of the levels, and place them in a hierarchy.

Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

15. Which of the following is a scientific name?

- A. bacteria
- B. Protista
- C. species
- D. *Bacillus subtilis***
- E. bacilli

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Learning Outcome: 01.13 Describe the goals of nomenclature and how the binomial system is structured. Know how to correctly write a scientific name.

Learning Outcome: 01.17 Recall the order of taxa and the system of notation used in creating scientific name

Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

16. Taxonomy does *not* involve

- A. nomenclature.
- B. classification.
- C. taxa.
- D. identification.
- E. Koch's postulates.**

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Learning Outcome: 01.16 Explain the bases for classification, taxonomy, and nomenclature.

Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

17. The smallest and most significant taxon is

- A. Genus.
- B. Species.**
- C. Kingdom.
- D. Family.
- E. Phylum.

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Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

18. The study of evolutionary relationships among organisms is called

- A. biotechnology.
- B. genetics.
- C. recombinant DNA.
- D. phylogeny.**
- E. taxonomy.

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ASM Topic: Module 01 Evolution

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Learning Outcome: 01.14 Discuss the fundamentals of evolution, evidence used to verify evolutionary trends, and its use in studying organisms.

Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

19. A scientist studying the sequence of nucleotides in the rRNA of a bacterial species is working on

- A. determining evolutionary relatedness.**
- B. bioremediation.
- C. recombinant DNA.
- D. nomenclature.
- E. determining if that species is the cause of a new disease.

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ASM Topic: Module 01 Evolution

Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

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20. A scientist discovers a new microbial species. It is a single-celled eukaryote without cell walls. In which kingdom will it likely be classified?

- A. Monera
- B. Protista**
- C. Fungi
- D. Animalia
- E. Plantae

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ASM Topic: Module 02 Structure and Function

Learning Outcome: 01.16 Explain the bases for classification, taxonomy, and nomenclature.

Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

21. A scientist collects grass clippings to find the source of an outbreak of tularemia is an example of working in the field of

- A. food microbiology.
- B. epidemiology.**
- C. agricultural microbiology.
- D. genetic engineering.
- E. biotechnology.

ASM Objective: 05.04 Microorganisms, cellular and viral, can interact with both human and nonhuman hosts in beneficial, neutral or detrimental ways.

ASM Objective: 08.03 Use appropriate methods to identify microorganisms (media-based, molecular and serological).

ASM Topic: Module 05 Systems

ASM Topic: Module 08 Microbiology Skills

Learning Outcome: 01.02 Name and define the primary areas included in microbiological studies.

Topic: Epidemiology

22. Helminths are

- A. bacteria.
- B. protozoa.
- C. molds.
- D. parasitic worms.**
- E. infectious particles.

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ASM Topic: Module 02 Structure and Function

ASM Topic: Module 05 Systems

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Topic: Helminths

23. All of the following pertain to photosynthesis, *except*

- A. it occurs only in members of the kingdom Plantae.**
- B. carbon dioxide is converted to organic material.
- C. it contributes to the oxygen content in the atmosphere.
- D. it is fueled by light.
- E. it is important to each ecosystem's flow of energy and food.

ASM Objective: 03.02 The interactions of microorganisms among themselves and with their environment are determined by their metabolic abilities (e.g., quorum sensing, oxygen consumption, nitrogen transformations).

ASM Topic: Module 03 Metabolic Pathways

Learning Outcome: 01.04 State several ways that microbes are involved in the earth's ecosystems.

Learning Outcome: 01.15 Explain the concepts behind the organization of the two main trees of life, and indicate where the major groups of microorganisms fall on these trees.

Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

24. Organisms called parasites are
- A. always classified in the kingdom Monera.
 - B. always harmful to their host.**
 - C. the decomposers in ecosystems.
 - D. always viruses.
 - E. free-living.

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Topic: Microbial Roles

25. The surgeon who advocated using disinfectants on hands and in the air prior to surgery was
- A. Joseph Lister.**
 - B. Ignaz Semmelweis.
 - C. Robert Koch.
 - D. Louis Pasteur.
 - E. Antonie van Leeuwenhoek.

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Topic: History of Microbiology

26. Which scientist showed that anthrax was caused by the bacterium *Bacillus anthracis*?
- A. Joseph Lister
 - B. Ignaz Semmelweis
 - C. Robert Koch**
 - D. Louis Pasteur
 - E. Antonie van Leeuwenhoek

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Topic: History of Microbiology

27. Select the correct descending taxonomic hierarchy (left to right):

- A. family, order, class
- B. family, genus, species**
- C. genus, species, family
- D. class, phylum, order
- E. kingdom, domain, phylum

ASM Objective: 01.05 The evolutionary relatedness of organisms is best reflected in phylogenetic trees.

ASM Topic: Module 01 Evolution

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Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

28. When assigning a scientific name to an organism,

- A. the species name is capitalized.
- B. the species name is placed first.
- C. the species name can be abbreviated.
- D. both genus and species names are capitalized.
- E. both genus and species names are italicized or underlined.**

ASM Objective: 07.03a Ability to communicate and collaborate with other disciplines: Effectively communicate fundamental concepts of microbiology in written and oral format.

ASM Topic: Module 07 Scientific Thinking

Learning Outcome: 01.13 Describe the goals of nomenclature and how the binomial system is structured. Know how to correctly write a scientific name.

Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

29. The scientist(s) that proposed assigning organisms to one of three domains is(are):

- A. Robert Koch and Louis Pasteur.
- B. Antonie van Leeuwenhoek.
- C. Carl Woese and George Fox.**
- D. Robert Whittaker.
- E. Francesco Redi.

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Learning Outcome: 01.15 Explain the concepts behind the organization of the two main trees of life, and indicate where the major groups of microorganisms fall on these trees.

Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

30. In Whittaker's system, the protozoa and algae are classified in the kingdom

- A. Monera.
- B. Protista.**
- C. Mycetae.
- D. Plantae.
- E. Animalia.

ASM Objective: 01.05 The evolutionary relatedness of organisms is best reflected in phylogenetic trees.

ASM Objective: 02.04 While microscopic eukaryotes (for example, fungi, protozoa, and algae) carry out some of the same processes as bacteria, many of the cellular properties are fundamentally different.

ASM Topic: Module 01 Evolution

ASM Topic: Module 02 Structure and Function

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Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

31. Which kingdom does *not* contain any eukaryotes?

- A. Monera**
- B. Protista
- C. Mycetae
- D. Plantae
- E. Animalia

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Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

32. Which of the following are the main decomposers of the earth?

- A. bacteria and fungi
- B. bacteria and viruses
- C. algae and viruses
- D. protists and fungi
- E. all organisms are decomposers

ASM Objective: 03.02 The interactions of microorganisms among themselves and with their environment are determined by their metabolic abilities (e.g., quorum sensing, oxygen consumption, nitrogen transformations).

ASM Objective: 05.03 Microorganisms and their environment interact with and modify each other.

ASM Topic: Module 03 Metabolic Pathways

ASM Topic: Module 05 Systems

Learning Outcome: 01.04 State several ways that microbes are involved in the earth's ecosystems.

Topic: Microbial Roles

33. The most common infectious cause of death worldwide is

- A. HIV/AIDS.
- B. stroke.
- C. heart disease.
- D. cancer.
- E. malaria.

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ASM Topic: Module 05 Systems

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Topic: Microbial Roles

34. Which of the following diseases is transmitted by mosquitoes?

A. diarrheal diseases

B. tuberculosis

C. malaria

D. septicemia

E. influenza

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ASM Topic: Module 02 Structure and Function

ASM Topic: Module 05 Systems

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Topic: Microbial Roles

35. All of the following are correct about prokaryotes, *except*

A. they are smaller than eukaryotes.

B. they lack a nucleus.

C. they are less complex than eukaryotes.

D. they have organelles.

E. they are found nearly everywhere.

ASM Objective: 02.02 Bacteria have unique cell structures that can be targets for antibiotics, immunity, and phage infection.

ASM Objective: 02.03 Bacteria and Archaea have specialized structures (e.g., flagella, endospores, and pili) that often confer critical capabilities.

ASM Topic: Module 02 Structure and Function

Learning Outcome: 01.03 Describe the basic characteristics of prokaryotic cells and eukaryotic cells and their evolutionary origins.

Topic: Cellular Organization

36. All of the following contribute to the rise of emerging diseases, *except*

A. the decrease in drug resistant bacteria.

B. human encroachment on wild habitats.

C. changes in agricultural practices.

D. populations are more mobile.

ASM Objective: 05.04 Microorganisms, cellular and viral, can interact with both human and nonhuman hosts in beneficial, neutral or detrimental ways.

ASM Topic: Module 05 Systems

Learning Outcome: 01.08 Define what is meant by emerging and reemerging diseases.

Topic: Microbial Roles

37. Which scientist discovered heat resistant bacterial spores?

- A. Joseph Lister
- B. Ignaz Semmelweis
- C. Robert Koch
- D. Ferdinand Cohn**
- E. Antonie van Leeuwenhoek

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ASM Objective: 02.03 Bacteria and Archaea have specialized structures (e.g., flagella, endospores, and pili) that often confer critical capabilities.

ASM Objective: 03.03 The survival and growth of any microorganism in a given environment depends on its metabolic characteristics.

ASM Topic: Module 02 Structure and Function

ASM Topic: Module 03 Metabolic Pathways

Learning Outcome: 01.09 Outline the major events in the history of microbiology, including the major contributors to the early development of microscopy, medical advances, aseptic techniques, and the germ theory of disease.

Topic: History of Microbiology

38. Which of the following is the correct way to type the scientific name of this bacterium?

- A. Staph Aureus
- B. Staphylococcus Aureus
- C. Staphylococcus aureus**
- D. Staphylococcus Aureus
- E. S. Aureus

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Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

39. Where are you most likely to find bacteria belonging to the domain Archaea?

- A. a human's large intestine
- B. in a hot spring**
- C. a pond
- D. a sewage treatment plant
- E. a beer production facility

ASM Objective: 03.01 Bacteria and Archaea exhibit extensive, and often unique, metabolic diversity (e.g., nitrogen fixation, methane production, anoxygenic photosynthesis).

ASM Objective: 05.01 Microorganisms are ubiquitous and live in diverse and dynamic ecosystems.

ASM Topic: Module 03 Metabolic Pathways

ASM Topic: Module 05 Systems

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Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

40. When microbes are introduced into the environment to restore stability, the process is called

- A. bioremediation.**
- B. genetic engineering.
- C. epidemiology.
- D. immunology.
- E. taxonomy.

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ASM Objective: 06.03 Humans utilize and harness microorganisms and their products.

ASM Topic: Module 05 Systems

ASM Topic: Module 06 Impact of Microorganisms

Learning Outcome: 01.06 Discuss the ways microorganisms can be used to create solutions for environmental problems and industrial products.

Topic: Microbial Roles

41. Which of the following diseases probably involves microbial infection?

- A. gastric ulcers
- B. female infertility
- C. coronary artery disease
- D. cervical cancer
- E.** All of the choices are correct.

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Topic: Microbial Roles

42. Cyanide is a chemical used to dissolve gold and is harmful to the environment and organisms living there. A couple of biochemists came up with the idea of using the bacteria in the genus *Pseudomonas* to break down the cyanide used by a gold mining company. This use of bacteria is a good example of ____.

- A.** Bioremediation
- B. Immunology
- C. Astromicrobiology
- D. British physiology
- E. Epidemiology

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Topic: Microbial Roles

43. Which of the following branches of Microbiology is utilized in diagnosing or treating someone who is broken out in hives and experiencing respiratory distress due to an exposure to a microbial toxin?

- A. Agricultural Microbiology
- B. Epidemiology
- C. Biotechnology
- D. Immunology**
- E. Industrial Microbiology

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ASM Topic: Module 05 Systems

Learning Outcome: 01.02 Name and define the primary areas included in microbiological studies.

Topic: Hypersensitivities

Topic: Microbial Roles

44. Bacteria and fungi are important in bioremediation. These decomposers are also called ____.

- A. Strict aerobes
- B. Strict anaerobes
- C. Saprobies**
- D. Predators
- E. Parasites

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ASM Topic: Module 05 Systems

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Topic: Microbial Roles

True / False Questions

45. Members of the same species share many more characteristics compared to those shared by members of the same kingdom.

TRUE

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Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

46. Viruses are not classified in any of Whittaker's 5 kingdoms.

TRUE

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Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

47. Members of the kingdom Fungi are photosynthetic.

FALSE

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48. A scientist studying helminths is working with bacteria.

FALSE

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ASM Topic: Module 02 Structure and Function

ASM Topic: Module 05 Systems

Learning Outcome: 01.01 Define microbiology and microorganisms, and identify the major organisms included in the science of microbiology.

Topic: Helminths

Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

49. The fossil record has established that prokaryotes existed on earth for approximately 2 billion years before eukaryotes appeared.

TRUE

ASM Objective: 01.01 Cells, organelles (e.g., mitochondria and chloroplasts) and all major metabolic pathways evolved from early prokaryotic cells.

ASM Topic: Module 01 Evolution

Learning Outcome: 01.14 Discuss the fundamentals of evolution, evidence used to verify evolutionary trends, and its use in studying organisms.

Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

50. It has been over 25 years since a new infectious disease has emerged in the world.

FALSE

ASM Objective: 05.04 Microorganisms, cellular and viral, can interact with both human and nonhuman hosts in beneficial, neutral or detrimental ways.

ASM Topic: Module 05 Systems

Learning Outcome: 01.08 Define what is meant by emerging and reemerging diseases.

Topic: Epidemiology

Topic: Microbial Roles

51. The term sterile means free of all life forms.

TRUE

ASM Objective: 03.04 The growth of microorganisms can be controlled by physical, chemical, mechanical, or biological means.

ASM Topic: Module 03 Metabolic Pathways

Learning Outcome: 01.01 Define microbiology and microorganisms, and identify the major organisms included in the science of microbiology.

Topic: Microbial Roles

52. All microorganisms are parasites.

FALSE

ASM Objective: 05.04 Microorganisms, cellular and viral, can interact with both human and nonhuman hosts in beneficial, neutral or detrimental ways.

ASM Topic: Module 05 Systems

Learning Outcome: 01.07 Review the roles of microorganisms as parasites and pathogens that cause infection and disease.

Topic: Microbial Roles

53. During a scientific experiment, the control group is used to directly test or measure the consequences of a variable in the study.

FALSE

ASM Objective: 07.01a Ability to apply the process of science: Demonstrate an ability to formulate hypotheses and design experiments based on the scientific method.

ASM Topic: Module 07 Scientific Thinking

Learning Outcome: 01.10 Explain the main features of the scientific method, and differentiate between inductive and deductive reasoning and between hypothesis and theory.

Topic: History of Microbiology

54. The scientific method involves formulating a tentative explanation, called the hypothesis, to account for what has been observed or measured.

TRUE

ASM Objective: 07.01a Ability to apply the process of science: Demonstrate an ability to formulate hypotheses and design experiments based on the scientific method.

ASM Topic: Module 07 Scientific Thinking

Learning Outcome: 01.10 Explain the main features of the scientific method, and differentiate between inductive and deductive reasoning and between hypothesis and theory.

Topic: History of Microbiology

55. Once an organism is assigned to a particular taxonomic hierarchy, it is permanent and cannot be revised.

FALSE

ASM Objective: 01.05 The evolutionary relatedness of organisms is best reflected in phylogenetic trees.

ASM Topic: Module 01 Evolution

Learning Outcome: 01.12 Explain how the levels of a taxonomic scheme relate to each other: Give the names of the levels, and place them in a hierarchy.

Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

56. A hypothesis must be tested before it can be considered a theory.

TRUE

ASM Objective: 07.01a Ability to apply the process of science: Demonstrate an ability to formulate hypotheses and design experiments based on the scientific method.

ASM Topic: Module 07 Scientific Thinking

Learning Outcome: 01.10 Explain the main features of the scientific method, and differentiate between inductive and deductive reasoning and between hypothesis and theory.

Topic: History of Microbiology

57. The names of the three proposed Domains are: Bacteria, Protista, Eukarya.

FALSE

ASM Objective: 01.05 The evolutionary relatedness of organisms is best reflected in phylogenetic trees.

ASM Topic: Module 01 Evolution

Learning Outcome: 01.16 Explain the bases for classification, taxonomy, and nomenclature.

Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

58. One distinguishing characteristic of the archaeobacteria is that they live in extreme environments.

TRUE

ASM Objective: 03.01 Bacteria and Archaea exhibit extensive, and often unique, metabolic diversity (e.g., nitrogen fixation, methane production, anoxygenic photosynthesis).

ASM Topic: Module 03 Metabolic Pathways

Learning Outcome: 01.01 Define microbiology and microorganisms, and identify the major organisms included in the science of microbiology.

Topic: Microbial Roles

Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

Fill in the Blank Questions

59. The scientific field called _____ is involved in the identification, classification, and naming of organisms.

taxonomy

ASM Objective: 01.05 The evolutionary relatedness of organisms is best reflected in phylogenetic trees.

ASM Topic: Module 01 Evolution

Learning Outcome: 01.16 Explain the bases for classification, taxonomy, and nomenclature.

Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

60. _____ is the area of biology that states that living things undergo gradual structural and functional changes over long periods of time.

Evolution

ASM Objective: 01.05 The evolutionary relatedness of organisms is best reflected in phylogenetic trees.

ASM Topic: Module 01 Evolution

Learning Outcome: 01.14 Discuss the fundamentals of evolution, evidence used to verify evolutionary trends, and its use in studying organisms.

Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

61. Living things ordinarily too small to be seen with the unaided eye are termed _____.

microorganisms

ASM Objective: 08.01 Properly prepare and view specimens for examination using microscopy (bright field and, if possible, phase contrast).

ASM Topic: Module 08 Microbiology Skills

Learning Outcome: 01.01 Define microbiology and microorganisms, and identify the major organisms included in the science of microbiology.

Learning Outcome: 01.02 Name and define the primary areas included in microbiological studies.

Topic: Taxonomy of Microorganisms

62. _____ are the group of microorganisms composed only of hereditary material wrapped in a protein covering.

Viruses

ASM Objective: 02.05 The replication cycles of viruses (lytic and lysogenic) differ among viruses and are determined by their unique structures and genomes.

ASM Objective: 04.04 The synthesis of viral genetic material and proteins is dependent on host cells.

ASM Topic: Module 02 Structure and Function

Learning Outcome: 01.05 Describe the cellular makeup of microorganisms and their size range, and indicate how viruses differ from cellular microbes.

63. A scientist that constructs a hypothesis and then tests its validity by outlining predicted events of the hypothesis followed by experiments to test for those events is using the _____ approach.

deductive

ASM Objective: 07.01a Ability to apply the process of science: Demonstrate an ability to formulate hypotheses and design experiments based on the scientific method.

ASM Topic: Module 07 Scientific Thinking

Learning Outcome: 01.10 Explain the main features of the scientific method, and differentiate between inductive and deductive reasoning and between hypothesis and theory.

Topic: History of Microbiology

Short Answer Questions

64. Discuss what might be three different beneficial consequences and three different detrimental consequences of killing all microorganisms on the earth.

ASM Objective: 05.03 Microorganisms and their environment interact with and modify each other.

ASM Objective: 05.04 Microorganisms, cellular and viral, can interact with both human and nonhuman hosts in beneficial, neutral or detrimental ways.

ASM Objective: 06.01 Microbes are essential for life as we know it and the processes that support life (e.g., in biogeochemical cycles and plant and/or animal microflora).

ASM Topic: Module 05 Systems

ASM Topic: Module 06 Impact of Microorganisms

Learning Outcome: 01.06 Discuss the ways microorganisms can be used to create solutions for environmental problems and industrial products.

Topic: Microbial Roles

65. Discuss five of the reasons why infectious diseases are increasing in number around the world.

ASM Objective: 05.03 Microorganisms and their environment interact with and modify each other.

ASM Objective: 05.04 Microorganisms, cellular and viral, can interact with both human and nonhuman hosts in beneficial, neutral or detrimental ways.

ASM Topic: Module 05 Systems

Learning Outcome: 01.07 Review the roles of microorganisms as parasites and pathogens that cause infection and disease.

Learning Outcome: 01.08 Define what is meant by emerging and reemerging diseases.

Topic: Microbial Roles

66. Describe the experiment that Louis Pasteur did with swan-necked-shaped tubes to disprove spontaneous generation.

ASM Objective: 07.01a Ability to apply the process of science: Demonstrate an ability to formulate hypotheses and design experiments based on the scientific method.

ASM Objective: 07.01b Ability to apply the process of science: Analyze and interpret results from a variety of microbiological methods and apply these methods to analogous situations.

ASM Topic: Module 07 Scientific Thinking

Learning Outcome: 01.09 Outline the major events in the history of microbiology, including the major contributors to the early development of microscopy, medical advances, aseptic techniques, and the germ theory of disease.

Topic: History of Microbiology