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Chapter 1 The Microbial World

1.1 Multiple Choice Questions

1) Which of the following statements is FALSE?

- A) Microbial cells can exist as single cells.
- B) Microbial cells carry out their life processes of growth independently.
- C) Microbial cells include both bacteria and viruses.
- D) Microbial cells are surrounded by a plasma membrane.

2) Which of the following statements is correct?

- A) Microorganisms are significant contributors to the total biomass on Earth.
- B) Microorganisms represent a much smaller amount of Earth's biomass than plants.
- C) Microorganisms represent a much smaller amount of Earth's biomass than animals.
- D) Microorganisms are significant in number, but not in overall biomass.

3) Differential selection and reproduction of phenotypes occurs during a process called

- A) cellular differentiation.
- B) evolution.
- C) growth.
- D) transformation.

4) In what/which domain(s) of life is/are microorganisms represented?

- A) Archaea
- B) Bacteria
- C) Eukarya
- D) Archaea, Bacteria, and Eukarya

5) Biological catalysts involved in the acceleration of the rate of chemical reactions are called

- A) catalytic converters.
- B) growth agents.
- C) evolutionary molecules.
- D) enzymes.

6) Regarding early life on Earth

- A) microbial life existed for billions of years before plant and animal life.
- B) microbial life existed long before animals but has been around for about the same amount of time as plants.
- C) microbial life, plant life, and animal life all appeared at about the same time.
- D) it is impossible to determine which type of life first appeared.

- 7) The person who described the “wee animalcules” was
- A) Robert Hooke.
  - B) Antoni van Leeuwenhoek.
  - C) Louis Pasteur.
  - D) Ferdinand Cohn.

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- 8) Walther Hesse and \_\_\_\_\_ pioneered the use of agar as a solidifying agent.
- A) Louis Pasteur
  - B) Ferdinand Cohn
  - C) Robert Koch
  - D) Sergei Winogradsky

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- 9) Which of the following is/are characteristic of all cellular organisms?
- A) communication
  - B) evolution
  - C) motility
  - D) communication, evolution, and motility

- 10) Deduce why viruses are excluded from the ribosomal RNA—based tree of life.
- A) Some viruses contain multiple strands of RNA.
  - B) Their genetic elements cannot be sequenced.
  - C) They can infect other organisms, which complicates the genetic comparisons.
  - D) They lack ribosomal RNA (rRNA).

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- 11) Louis Pasteur developed the vaccine(s) for
- A) anthrax only.
  - B) fowl cholera only.
  - C) rabies only.
  - D) anthrax, fowl cholera, and rabies.

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- 12) The discovery of antibiotics and other important chemicals led to the field of
- A) industrial microbiology.
  - B) agricultural microbiology.
  - C) marine microbiology.
  - D) aquatic microbiology.

- 13) Microbial sterilization is used to
- A) decrease the possibility of contaminants growing in a culture.
  - B) kill bacteria but not necessarily viruses or other microbes.
  - C) kill all microbes in or on objects.
  - D) clean a work area.

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14) Transparent double-sided dishes used for growing microbes are most commonly called

- A) Petri dishes.
- B) baker dishes.
- C) sterilization plates.
- D) culture medium plates.

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15) Microbes playing a role in nitrogen fixation in plants live in \_\_\_\_\_, while those playing a role in the digestive tract of certain herbivores live in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) rumens / nodules
- B) nodules / rumens
- C) nodules / fortrans
- D) fortrans / rumens

16) Which of the following is NOT an accomplishment of Louis Pasteur?

- A) determined that the alcohol-making process was mediated by microbial fermentation and thus refuted the theory of spontaneous generation
- B) developed enrichment culture techniques
- C) developed heat sterilization techniques that involved the creation of a specialized swan-necked flask
- D) developed the first rabies vaccine and treated thousands of individuals

Chapter Section: 1.9

17) The theory of spontaneous generation was refuted by the work of

- A) Louis Pasteur.
- B) Robert Koch.
- C) Robert Hooke.
- D) Antoni van Leeuwenhoek.

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18) A Pasteur flask has a(n)

- A) swan neck to prevent particulate matter from getting into the main body of the flask.
- B) double neck so two substances may be added at the same time.
- C) secondary opening at the base to allow for drainage.
- D) inverted upper edge to prevent spillage while swirling.

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19) Predict how Pasteur's conclusions on spontaneous generation with swan flasks would have changed if he worked with and maintained the flasks in a sterile laminar flow hood.

- A) Sterilization of the swan flask solutions would not have been necessary to reject spontaneous generation. If he did sterilize the flasks, the spontaneous generation hypothesis would have been supported.
- B) His incubation times would not have been sufficient to refute spontaneous generation.
- C) Pasteur's flasks never would have putrefied, and the experiment would not have refuted spontaneous generation.
- D) Viruses would have still been present, and his conclusion would have been unchanged.

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20) A pure culture

- A) is sterile.
- B) is a population of identical cells.
- C) is made of a clearly defined chemical medium.
- D) contains one microbial cell.

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21) Martinus Beijerinck was the first to isolate

- A) green algae.
- B) certain nitrogen-fixing root nodule bacteria.
- C) certain sulfate-reducing bacteria.
- D) green algae, certain nitrogen-fixing root nodule bacteria, and certain sulfate-reducing bacteria.

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22) Chemolithotrophy involves

- A) oxidation of organic compounds.
- B) oxidation of inorganic compounds.
- C) reduction of organic compounds.
- D) metabolic autotrophy.

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23) Developments in the fields of immunology and medical microbiology were practical extensions of the work of

- A) Sergei Winogradsky.
- B) Antoni van Leeuwenhoek.
- C) Joseph Lister.
- D) Robert Koch.

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24) Microbial control in wastewaters would most logically be a part of

- A) microbial genetics.
- B) aquatic microbiology.
- C) medical microbiology.
- D) bacterial energetics.

25) Robert Koch contributed to the field of microbiology by being the first person to

- A) develop the tuberculin test only.
- B) formulate four postulates for definitively linking a specific microorganism to a specific disease only.
- C) use agar as a solidifying agent in growth media only.
- D) develop the tuberculin test, formulate four postulates for definitively linking a specific microorganism to a specific disease, and use agar as a solidifying agent in growth media.

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26) *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* is very difficult to stain because of the

- A) presence of ribosomes in the cytoplasm.
- B) location of the DNA within the cell.
- C) large amounts of a waxlike lipids present in its cell wall.
- D) lack of a cell wall.

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27) Louis Pasteur's most famous success was his work on

- A) *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*.
- B) the rabies vaccine.
- C) optical isomers.
- D) cultivation of *coli*.

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28) Microorganisms play key roles in the cycling of important nutrients in plant nutrition, particularly those of

- A) carbon only.
- B) nitrogen only.
- C) sulfur only.
- D) carbon, nitrogen, and sulfur.

29) Microbial ecology is the study of

- A) microbial processes in the rhizosphere that benefit plant growth.
- B) the diversity and activities of microorganisms.
- C) the grouping and classifying of microorganisms.
- D) microorganisms in their natural environments.

30) The structure that confers structural strength on the cell is known as the

- A) cytoplasmic membrane.
- B) cell wall.
- C) ribosome.
- D) cytoplasm.

31) A microbial cell's membrane is considered \_\_\_\_\_, because its internal constituents are maintained within the cell. However, it also imports and exports other molecules in response to its environment.

- A) differential
- B) microselective
- C) rigid
- D) semipermeable

32) Some microorganisms can undergo \_\_\_\_\_ in which various cell types can become specialized and arise from one parent cell type.

- A) differentiation
- B) genetic exchange
- C) maturation
- D) mutagenesis

33) Cyanobacteria and purple sulfur bacteria both obtain energy from light. However, only the \_\_\_\_\_ are capable of releasing \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) cyanobacteria / organic compounds
- B) cyanobacteria / oxygen
- C) purple bacteria / organic compounds
- D) purple bacteria / oxygen

34) The process whereby microorganisms are used to help clean up pollution created by human activities is known as

- A) bioaugmentation.
- B) biodegradation.
- C) bioengineering.
- D) bioremediation.

35) Robert Koch received the 1905 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for

- A) developing a smallpox vaccination.
- B) identifying *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* as the causative agent of tuberculosis.
- C) making an effective rabies vaccine.
- D) developing a smallpox vaccination, identifying *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* as the causative agent of tuberculosis, and making an effective rabies vaccine.

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36) *Bacillus anthracis* deficient in its ability to differentiate would not be able to

- A) chemotax towards growth substrates.
- B) create vesicles.
- C) form endospores.
- D) grow without additional supplemented nutrients.

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37) Microbial biochemistry most specifically involves the discovery of microbial \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ they perform.

- A) organelles / diffusion
- B) enzymes / organelles
- C) reactions / enzymes
- D) biomolecules / functions

38) Microbial cells first evolved on Earth approximately \_\_\_\_\_ billion years ago.

- A) 1.6 to 1.8
- B) 3.8 to 4.3
- C) 5.4 to 5.6
- D) 7.0 to 7.2

39) The disease anthrax is caused by the pathogenic bacterium \_\_\_\_\_, which produces heat-resistant structures known as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) *Azotobacter chroococcum* / endospores
- B) *Azotobacter chroococcum* / plasmids
- C) *Bacillus anthracis* / endospores

D) *Bacillus anthracis* / plasmids

40) The first documented description of a microorganism was of a \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) bacterium / Ferdinand Cohn
- B) fungus / Robert Koch
- C) mold / Robert Hooke
- D) yeast / Martinus Beijerinck

Chapter Section: 1.5

41) \_\_\_\_\_ produced by microbial fermentation of glucose from cellulose or cornstarch is becoming a more important component of biofuels in the United States, and specialized \_\_\_\_\_ are needed to make this a commercially available product.

- A) Biodiesel / biotechnologists
- B) Biodiesel / industrial microbiologists
- C) Ethanol / biotechnologists
- D) Ethanol / industrial microbiologists

42) \_\_\_\_\_ was the first to describe microorganisms, while \_\_\_\_\_ was the first person to see bacteria.

- A) Antoni van Leeuwenhoek / Robert Hook
- B) Antoni van Leeuwenhoek / Robert Koch
- C) Robert Hooke / Antoni van Leeuwenhoek
- D) Robert Koch / Antoni van Leeuwenhoek

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43) The production of human proteins (e.g., insulin) by genetically engineered microorganisms is an example of \_\_\_\_\_, a subdiscipline of microbiology.

- A) applied microbiology
- B) biotechnology
- C) industrial microbiology
- D) molecular microbiology

44) Approximately two billion years ago, \_\_\_\_\_ were primarily responsible for initially oxygenating Earth.

- A) algae
- B) *Archaea*
- C) cyanobacteria
- D) purple sulfur bacteria

45) *Archaea* and *Bacteria* are unified as prokaryotes in lacking \_\_\_\_\_ which *Eukarya* contain, such as mitochondria.

- A) membranes
- B) nuclei
- C) membrane-enclosed organelles
- D) nuclei and membrane-enclosed organelles

46) Bioremediation \_\_\_\_\_ by introducing pollutant-consuming microorganisms or specific nutrients that help microorganisms degrade pollutants.

- A) accelerates the natural cleanup process
- B) exploits genetic exchange mechanisms
- C) invokes microbial evolution
- D) uses chemotaxis of biodegrading microorganisms

47) \_\_\_\_\_ was the first to identify a new form of autotrophy in which energy is obtained from oxidizing inorganic compounds called \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) Martinus Beijerinck / heteroautotrophy
- B) Martinus Beijerinck / chemolithotrophy
- C) Sergei Winogradsky / heteroautotrophy
- D) Sergei Winogradsky / chemolithotrophy

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48) Electron microscopy has greater \_\_\_\_\_ than light microscopy, because the wavelength of visible light is much larger than the wavelength of electrons.

- A) contrast
- B) magnification
- C) resolution
- D) penetration

Chapter Section: 1.8

49) Which of the following types of microscopy is especially effective for viewing details of internal structures within live cells?

- A) phase-contrast microscopy
- B) transmission electron microscopy
- C) bright-field microscopy
- D) scanning electron microscopy

Chapter Section: 1.6

50) Which of the following types of microscopy could be used to visualize the layers of the cell membrane and the cell wall?

- A) phase-contrast microscopy
- B) transmission electron microscopy
- C) bright-field microscopy
- D) confocal microscopy

Chapter Section: 1.8

51) Who was the first researcher to provide direct experimental data that supported the germ theory to explain infectious disease?

- A) Pasteur
- B) Winogradsky
- C) Lister
- D) Koch

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52) When medical devices are left in the body, bacteria may grow on them as \_\_\_\_\_, which makes them especially resistant to treatment.

- A) biofilms

- B) liquids
- C) populations
- D) communities

53) Microbes that live at high temperatures in hot springs are \_\_\_\_\_.

- A) always Archaea.
- B) also able to thrive at low temperatures.
- C) called extremophiles.
- D) rarely found.

54) What field focuses specifically on the use of microbes to make products, such as antibiotics, on a large scale?

- A) microbial ecology
- B) biotechnology
- C) industrial ecology
- D) medical microbiology

55) Which statement about the relationship between microbes and humans is FALSE?

- A) Most microbes are pathogenic.
- B) Infectious disease is an important public health concern.
- C) Bacteria in the digestive tract are important for digestion.
- D) Microbes in root nodules fix nitrogen and allow plants to make nitrogen-rich products.

56) Why is ribosomal RNA especially useful for the study of phylogenetic relationships?

- A) It is only found in some species, helping to distinguish them from others.
- B) It is highly conserved.
- C) It is highly variable.
- D) It is extremely short.

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57) Why is it important to use cultivation-independent methods to help understand microbial diversity?

- A) It allows researchers to identify species that cannot be grown in culture.
- B) It is the only way that phylogenetic trees can be constructed.
- C) It must be used after bacteria are cultured to more fully sequence their DNA.
- D) It is necessary to be able to examine ribosomal RNA.

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## 1.2 True/False Questions

1) Most microorganisms are pathogenic.

2) All microorganisms require molecular oxygen to carry on life functions.

3) Metabolism is a unifying characteristic of all cellular organisms.

4) According to our present understanding, each of the three major domains has what is known as its own universal ancestor.

5) Both environmental conditions and nutrient resources strongly influence the composition of a microbial community.

6) The environment in which a microbial population lives is called its habitat.

7) Differentiation occurs only in multicellular organisms.

8) The discipline of microbiology is intimately associated with biochemistry and genetics, because cells are both biochemical catalysts and genetic coding devices.

9) Today, the enrichment culture technique developed over a century ago by Martinus Beijerinck remains a feasible approach to discovering bacteria capable of degrading pollutants.

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10) Sergei Winogradsky worked with bacteria involved in cycling nitrogen and sulfur.

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11) *Treponema pallidum*, a bacterium associated with syphilis, is not considered a pathogen because to date it remains unculturable in the lab, and, therefore, Koch's postulates are unable to be fulfilled.

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12) Not only do some microorganisms tolerate extremely hot temperatures, some actually require high temperatures for optimal growth.

13) Electron microscopes have less resolving power (resolution) than light microscopes.

### 1.3 Essay Questions

- 1) Explain the nature and function of an enrichment culture.
- 2) Why is it incorrect to say that an object is partially sterile?
- 3) Microbes were first formally observed during the mid-1600s, but the cell theory was not
- 4) List three contributions of Ferdinand Cohn to the development of microbiology.
- 5) Compare and contrast the works of Louis Pasteur and Robert Koch in terms of both applied techniques and basic science.
- 6) Explain why microbial cells are excellent models for understanding cell function in higher
- 7) Compare and contrast the leading causes of death in 1900 with the leading causes of death today. What roles have microbiologists played in the dramatic changes that are evident?
- 8) Explain how you would use Robert Koch's postulates to determine that *Streptococcus*
- 9) The text states that antibiotics are derived from microorganisms. What is the benefit to an antibiotic-producing microorganism of producing an antibiotic in its natural habitat?
- 10) Describe beneficial and harmful ways in which microorganisms interact with agricultural crops.
- 11) Provide evidence supporting the statement that an "ecosystem is controlled by microbial activities."
- 12) Explain why only anaerobic bacteria inhabited Earth for the first two billion years of its existence.
- 13) How would the presence of endospores in Louis Pasteur's nutrient solutions have affected his conclusions about spontaneous generation?
- 14) Using specific examples, explain why it is sometimes impossible to satisfy Robert Koch's postulates.
- 15) Explain why infectious diseases are much less lethal in developed countries than in underdeveloped countries.
- 16) Describe two capabilities of microbes that exemplify their dynamic nature in interacting with their environment.
- 17) Compare and contrast the functions microbes serve in the digestive systems of both humans and ruminants (e.g., cattle).
- 18) The explosive chemical trinitrotoluene (TNT) can remain in soils after use and is hazardous to humans. Propose an experiment in which TNT-degrading microorganisms could be isolated for purposes of bioremediation. Also indicate what experimental evidence would be useful to isolate TNT-degrading microorganisms.
- 19) What type of microscope would you use to visualize the internal structures of a chloroplast? Support your answer with evidence based on the size of the structures you want to see and the resolution and magnification power of different types of microscopes.

## 2.1 Multiple Choice Questions

- 1) An organism of the genus *Staphylococcus* is \_\_\_\_\_, while an organism of the genus *Spirochaeta* is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) spherical / rod shaped
  - B) rod shaped / coiled
  - C) spherical / coiled
  - D) coiled / spherical

Chapter Section: 2.1

- 2) Bacteria with type IV pili
- A) possess tubular or stalk-like extensions of their cells.
  - B) likely exhibit twitching motility.
  - C) have capsules that promote dehydration.
  - D) live in aquatic environments.

Chapter Section: 2.7

- 3) The terms “run” and “tumble” are generally associated with
- A) eukaryotic cells.
  - B) nutrient transport.
  - C) chemotaxis.
  - D) clustering of certain rod-shaped bacteria.

Chapter Section: 2.13

- 4) The morphology of a cell influences its
- A) motility.
  - B) metabolism.
  - C) surface-to-volume ratio.
  - D) motility and surface-to-volume ratio.

Chapter Section: 2.1

- 5) Compared to Eukaryotes, *Bacteria* and *Archaea* have \_\_\_\_\_ surface-to-volume ratios, causing \_\_\_\_\_ nutrient exchange.
- A) lower / lower
  - B) lower / higher
  - C) higher / lower
  - D) higher / higher

Chapter Section: 2.2

- 6) The cytoplasmic membrane could best be described as
- A) an impermeable barrier.
  - B) a passive conduit for intracellular transport.
  - C) a highly selective permeability barrier.
  - D) a rigid structure that protects the cell.

Chapter Section: 2.3

- 7) The use of the Gram stain in microbiology is important because it differentiates
- A) *Bacteria* from
  - B) prokaryotic from eukaryotic cells.
  - C) bacterial cells with different types of cell walls.
  - D) archaeal cells with different types of metabolism.

- 8) Some archaea have unique phospholipids in their cytoplasmic membrane that
- A) form a monolayer due to the presence of diglycerol tetraethers.
  - B) form a bilayer due to the presence of sterols.
  - C) form a stable ring structure due to the presence of crenarchaeol.
  - D) form a bilayer due to the presence of phosphatidylethanolamine.

Chapter Section: 2.3

- 9) Transport proteins located in the cytoplasmic membrane are necessary when
- A) diffusion will not allow adequate amounts of a substance to enter the cell.
  - B) movement into the cell is against a concentration gradient.
  - C) the level of nutrients in nature is very low.
  - D) nutrient concentration is very low in the environment, is higher inside of the cell, or diffusion is not possible.

Chapter Section: 2.3

- 10) Cells move polar molecules across the cell membrane against a concentration gradient using
- A) energy and transport proteins.
  - B) simple diffusion.
  - C) modifications to membrane lipids.
  - D) random molecular movement.

Chapter Section: 2.3

- 11) You have discovered a new microorganism and would like to classify it as a eukaryote or a prokaryote. To investigate this question you prepare a slide with a simple stain and view it with a light microscope with a 40X objective lens and 10X ocular lens. You also prepare a control slide using *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (a unicellular eukaryote). You can see the cells on your control slide, but you don't see cells when you look at your unknown microorganism. What can you conclude from this experiment?
- A) The experiment failed to visualize the organism because the stain killed it.
  - B) Your new unknown microorganism is probably a virus.
  - C) The cells of the new unknown microorganism may be too small to see with the objective and ocular lenses you used.
  - D) The new unknown microorganism is probably an archaeon.

Chapter Section: 2.2

- 12) *Bacteria* stain as gram-positive or gram-negative because of differences in the cell
- A) wall.
  - B) cytoplasm.
  - C) nucleus.
  - D) chromosome.

- 13) You are given an electron micrograph of a bacterial cell. In the micrograph you can clearly see three thin layers of different densities surrounding the cell. Based on the micrograph, you can infer that this cell is \_\_\_\_\_ and would appear \_\_\_\_\_ after application of the Gram stain procedure.
- A) gram-positive / purple
  - B) gram-negative / pink
  - C) gram-positive / pink
  - D) gram-negative / purple

14) The cell wall of a Gram-positive bacterium is composed of a thick \_\_\_\_\_ layer.

- A) protein
- B) poly- $\beta$ -hydroxybutyric acid (PHB)
- C) lipopolysaccharides (LPS)
- D) peptidoglycan

15) You have discovered a new coccoid-shaped microorganism with no nucleus, a rigid cell wall, and a diameter of 2  $\mu\text{m}$ . Chemical tests reveal that its cell wall does NOT contain peptidoglycan. The new microorganism is

- A) most likely a bacterium.
- B) most likely a eukaryote.
- C) most likely an archaeon.
- D) either a bacterium or an archaeon.

Chapter Section: 2.6

16) The lipopolysaccharide (LPS) layer is found ONLY in the cell walls of

- A) gram-positive *Bacteria*.
- B) gram-negative *Bacteria*.
- C) *Archaea*.
- D) *Eukarya*.

Chapter Section: 2.5

17) An endotoxin is

- A) the toxic portion of the LPS.
- B) a toxin produced within archaeal cells.
- C) a toxin known for its primary attack on the epidermis of mammals.
- D) a toxin produced in the periplasm of most bacteria.

Chapter Section: 2.5

18) Hydrolytic enzymes function in the

- A) initial degradation of nutrients.
- B) transport of substrates within the cell.
- C) chemotactic response, particularly in gram-negative *Bacteria*.
- D) regeneration of the periplasm.

Chapter Section: 2.5

19) Using phase contrast microscopy on a wet mount of live cells, you observe motile bacilli moving rapidly and randomly through the field of view, changing directions after a brief tumble and taking off in a different direction. These cells are exhibiting \_\_\_\_\_ motility.

- A) twitching
- B) swimming
- C) gliding
- D) twitching or gliding

Chapter Section: 2.11

20) Which of the following statements is FALSE?

- A) A flagellar protein subunit is flagellin.
- B) In flagellar motion, the basal body acts as a motor.