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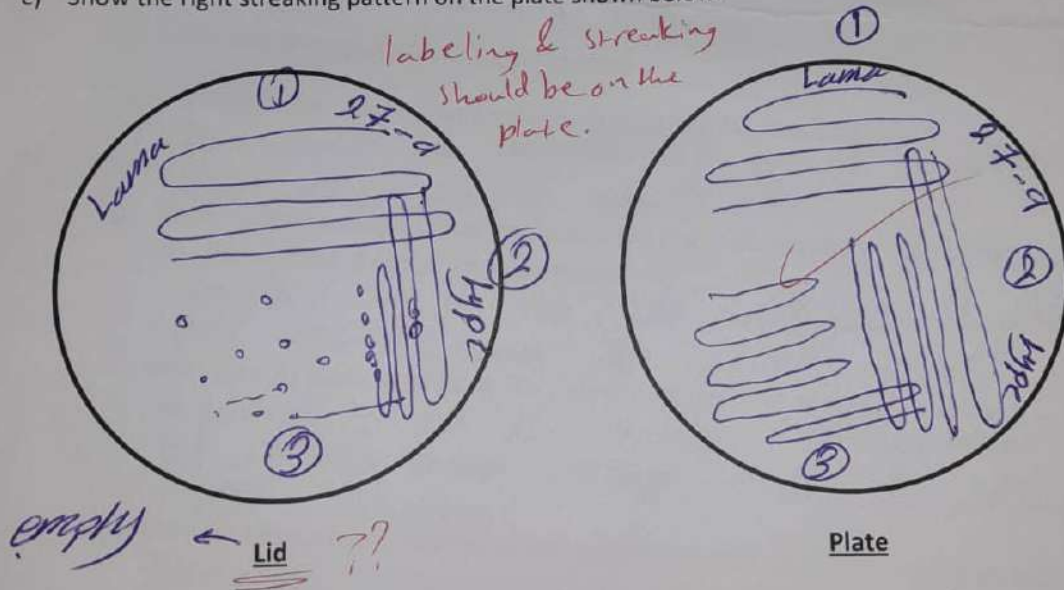
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Choose the correct answer:

- a) The correct species for the genus *Pseudomonas*:
- a. Aeruginosa
 - ☒ b. aeruginosa
 - ☒ c. mirabilis
 - d. Mirabilis
- b) A solid medium to grow bacterial culture:
- a. Broth
 - ☒ b. Agar
 - c. Gelatin

Answer the following questions:

- c) Show the right streaking pattern on the plate shown below:



- d) Why it's important to cool the loop before taking the inoculum?

Because the temperature (high) will kill the microbes and the inoculation will not occur (after waiting no culture will occur)

- e) What is the purpose of using the oil with the oil immersion objective lens?

to increase the ~~total~~ resolution so we can see the objects better (collect the light and focuses it better than without oil) its better to use it while seeing microbes. it decrease the wavelength

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Quiz#2: Simple staining, Gram staining, and bacterial shapes

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Answer with TRUE or FALSE:

- a) T Basic dyes are not attracted to most types of bacteria because of the dye's (-ev) ions are repelled by the (-ev) charged bacterial surfaces.
- b) F Streptococcus bacteria are considered to be multicellular bacteria.
- c) T Gram staining is considered to be a differential staining technique.

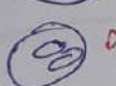
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Answer the following questions:

- d) Mention the three common shapes of bacteria, and draw each one of them:

coccus $\rightarrow$ 

Bacillus $\rightarrow$ 

Spirilla $\rightarrow$  spirilla. spirilla

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- e) Why is it important that the smear should be well fixed on the slide before staining?

so when we put

because if not it will be wash up with the stain procedure

- f) What is the main purpose of a simple stain?

to visualize the microb shapes and basic structures

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Quiz#3: Endospore staining and special staining + Media preparation and evaluation

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Fill in the blank:

polypeptides
polysaccharides
or both

Bacterial capsules are usually composed of ~~polypeptides, polysaccharides, or both~~ polypeptides, polysaccharides, or both

- b) The technique that we use to demonstrate the presence of capsules is ~~endospore staining~~ Negative staining
- c) Mannitol-salt agar is considered to be selective and Differential medium.

Answer the following questions:

- d) What is the main purpose of special stains? to determine the presence of some bacterial structures like endospores and flagella

- e) Give two examples of environmental conditions where some bacteria may differentiate into the endospore state. higher concentration of salt higher pH lack of nutrients

- f) Can we consider MacConkey agar as a selective medium? Explain your answer.

yes, because only the gram - bacteria live in it so and it inhibit the gram + bacteria the growth.

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Quiz#4: Effects of physical agents on bacterial growth +
Biochemical activities of bacteria

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Q.1: Choose the correct answer:

- 1) Which of the following falls under the dry heat dependent methods of microbial growth control?
- a. Autoclave ~~X~~
 - b. Boiling water ~~X~~
 - c. Incineration ☒
 - d. Pasteurization ~~X~~
- 2) Both ionizing and nonionizing radiation tend to effect what?
- a. DNA ☒
 - b. Proteins
 - c. Cell wall
 - d. Cell membrane
- 3) Which of the following solutions is preferred to be used in food preservation?
- a. 0.1% NaCl
 - b. 0.9% NaCl ~~X~~
 - c. 10% NaCl ☒
 - d. None of the above

Q.2: Answer with true or false:

1. (~~F~~) Indole is a chemical group that results from the catalytic break down of citrate.
2. (~~F~~) The most cidal wavelength of UV light is 270 - 400 nm.
3. (T) Freezing at -10°C is considered to be a useful method to kill microorganisms and to keep food fresh for several months.

inhibit growth of Microorganisms

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Sheet#1: Microscopes & streaking technique +

Environmental plate for growth

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Fill in the blanks:

- a) The scientific name of the bacteria that you have used for streaking is:

Enterococcus coli

- b) The type of media that you have used for streaking was agar.

- c) The method of preventing unwanted microorganisms from gaining access is termed autoclave.

- d) We use the loop to transfer an wire loop of growing organisms from a pure culture to a sterile medium.

- e) Microorganisms that can be found living inside or on the surfaces of our bodies are known to be called Microb flora.

Answer the following questions: (Short Answers)

- f) What is the purpose of performing such a pattern for streaking?

to increase the number of specific culture and to study it (pure culture)

- g) What was the purpose of keeping one of the plates closed all the time during the "microbial content of the air" experiment?

control → to see the difference between the pure media and the microbes media gained from

- h) What was the purpose of using "six different plates" for the microbial content of the air experiment?

to see the increasing of number of cultures when leaving it for a different times

- i) What are the expected sources of microorganisms that could be found in the air?

sneezing, coughing, air population from smoking and cars.

- j) Why do we use the saline solution during the environmental plate experiment?

to help us take the microbes that planted in a solid agar (help the microbes to connect)

- k) Mention two types of microorganisms that may grow on your plates during the environmental plate experiment:

S. aureus
M. luteus
microb flora

Bacteria

Can other organisms (other than bacteria) grow?

to loop to plant it in plate (cotton swab)

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Sheet#2: Media preparation and evaluation

Name a _____

Q.1: According to these two tables, answer the following questions: (4 points)

Medium for Escherichia coli	Amount (g/liter)
Glucose	1.0
Na ₂ HPO ₄	16.4
KH ₂ PO ₄	1.5
(NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄	2.0
MgSO ₄ · 7H ₂ O	200.0 mg
CaCl ₂	10.0 mg
FeSO ₄ · 7H ₂ O	0.5 mg
Final pH 6.8-7.0	

Medium (A)

MacConkey Agar	Amount (g/liter)
Pancreatic digest of gelatin	17.0
Pancreatic digest of casein	1.5
Peptic digest of animal tissue	1.5
Lactose	10.0
Bile salts	1.5
Sodium chloride	5.0
Neutral red	0.03
Crystal violet	0.001
Agar	13.5

Medium (B)

- a) Which of these two media is considered to be a liquid medium?

~~Not~~ Medium A (For Escherichia coli)

- b) What is the function of bile salt and crystal violet in Medium (B)?

It inhibits the growth of Gram + bacteria so we can use the medium as a differentiated medium

- c) Which medium is considered undefined? Explain your answer.

Medium B because it employs digests from animal or plant products such as ~~casein~~ casein (derived from milk) and peptic digest of animal tissue

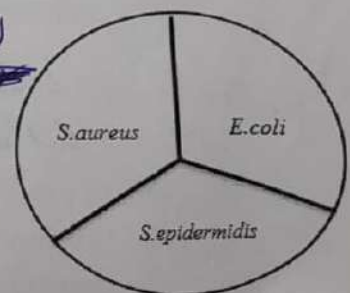
Q.2: On MSA agar you have streaked three genera of bacteria as shown in the figure below, answer the following question: (4 points)

- a) Which of the three genera is expected to grow on this media? Why?

E. coli will not grow (it will be inhibited)
S. aureus will grow and do fermentation
~~fermentation~~
S. epidermidis will grow but won't do fermentation
~~fermentation~~
contains high conc. of salt 7.5%

- b) What is the source of carbohydrates in this media?

carbohydrates mannitol



c) What is the purpose of the pH indicator in this media?

indicates the production of acid after fermentation takes place (shows which colonies can ferment monosaccharides)

Q.3: Answer the following about Blood Agar (BA) media: (4 points)

a) You have streaked the following types of bacteria on a (BA) media, according to your results complete the table below:

Type of bacteria	Type of hemolysis	Appearance on (BA) media
<i>B. subtilis</i>	Alpha hemolysis	colorless green
<i>S. aureus</i>	Beta II	colorless
<i>E. faecalis</i>	Gamma I	green red

b) Can we consider Blood Agar (BA) as an enriched media? Why?

yes, because it's an environment ingredient that allows the cultivation of fastidious microbes (rich of nutrients)

Q.4: On EMB agar you have streaked four types of bacteria as shown in the figure below, answer the following question: (8 points)

a) T/F EMB is a selective medium?

True

b) Explain your answer in (a).

based on the fact that the medium contains blue that inhibits the growth of Gram +ve. allow the detection of production of lactose fermentation.

c) Which of these genera's growth is inhibited by this medium?

A. *K. pneumoniae*

B. *E. coli*

C. *S. aureus* inhibited

D. *P. mirabilis*

E. None of them



d) T/F EMB is a deferential medium?

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e) Explain your answer in (d).

distinguish between enteric bacteria that can ferment lactose

f) One of these organisms is known to produce a metallic green color on this media.

According to your results, what is this organism? And what is the explanation of this appearance? *E. coli* (*Escherichia coli*) it appear blue-black which do fermentation to lactose change eosin from colorless to black in acid

g) If you are working in a microbiology lab and you need to use an EMB media.

However, this media were not available in the lab, what is the alternative media that can be used for the same purpose in this case?

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Sheet#3: Chemical effects on bacterial growth

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Q.1: You have tested the effects of different disinfectants and antiseptics (Dettol, Listerine, 95% ethanol, and 70% ethanol) on the growth of two bacterial genera (*E. coli* and *S. aureus*), answer the following question:

- a) Listerine is considered a disinfectant. True or False? Explain your answer.
yes, because it's used to disinfect inanimate objects but generally too toxic to use on human tissue.
- b) What are the expected differences between using 95% ethanol and 70% ethanol as antimicrobial agents?
70% is kill the bacteria better than 95% because it has a high conc. of H₂O
- c) What is the mechanism of action that most of these agents use to kill or inhibit the growth of microorganisms?
Antimicrobial chemotherapy → selectively toxic (kill)
- d) According to your results fill the following table:

Antimicrobial agent	Zone of Inhibition (mm)	
	<i>E. coli</i>	<i>S. aureus</i>
Dettol		
Listerine		
95% ethanol		
70% ethanol		

According to the table that you have filled above, what is the most effective antimicrobial agent against each of the two bacterial genera that you have used?

- E. coli: Gram -*
- S. aureus: Gram +*

Q.2: You have tested the effects of different chemotherapeutic agents (Different antibiotics) on the growth of two bacterial genera (*E. coli* and *S. aureus*), answer the following questions:

- a) What are chemotherapeutic agents?
are synthetic chemicals that can be used therapeutically to inhibit or kill microorganisms in or on the host
- b) What is the purpose of using two bacterial genera in these tests?
to test selective toxicity, it interact with some microbial function or molecular structure that is either not present or is substantially different from that of the host
(to determine the type of Gram + or -)

c) In this experiment we used (0.5) McFarland standard for a certain reason. Can you explain its role?

we want the minimum inhibitory conc. of each anti microbial agent

d) When do we say that a bacterium is: (In general)

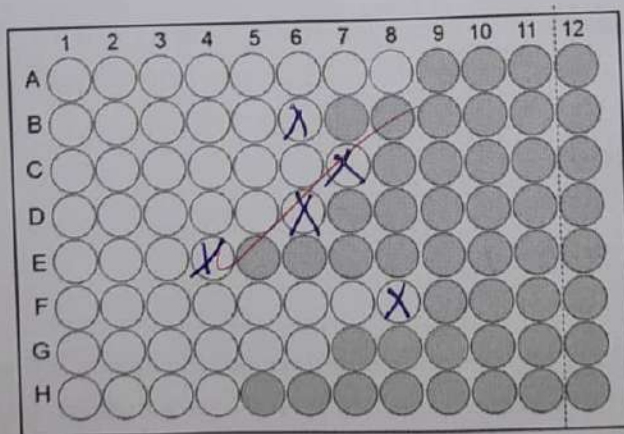
- Resistant: *has a low zone of growth inhibition*
- Intermediate: *the result is inconclusive for that drug-organisms combination*
- Susceptible: *has higher zone of growth inhibition*

Q.3: A 96 wells plate was used to determine the effects of the antibiotics erythromycin and ciprofloxacin on to genera of bacteria (*E. coli* and *S. aureus*), answer the following questions:

a) A serial dilution was done for both antibiotics to determine the MIC and MBC values for each antibiotic, what is the meaning of MIC and MBC? They stand for what?

- MIC (*Minimum inhibitory conc.*)
- MBC (*Minimum bacterial conc.*)

b) According to the figure below, add (X) mark over the wells that are expected to be MIC?



☐ No growth

☒ Growth

c) If the above wells plate was used to determine the MBC value and it was found that for one of the antibiotics the MIC is (7.8 $\mu\text{g/ml}$) and the MBC is (15.62 $\mu\text{g/ml}$). Is this antibiotic bacteriostatic or is it bactericidal?

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Sheet #4: Biochemical activities of bacteria

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Q.1: In TSI test you got the following results, according to them answer the questions below:

- E. coli: A/A *fermentation of glucose only*
- P. mirabilis: K/A
- P. aeruginosa: K/K *no fermentation for any sugar*

- a. Explain what each result means with respect to fermentation.
E. coli: acid/acid → gas positive (yellow/yellow) the bacteria can ferment the 3 sugars (Lactose, sucrose, glucose)
P. mirabilis;
- b. How could you indicate the positive result for H₂S production, and which bacteria gave this result?
When peptone is utilized aerobically it produce ammonia gas. H₂S react with iron and form ferric sulfide (black ppt)
P. mirabilis + E. coli - P. aeruginosa -
- c. Which bacteria indicated a positive result for gas production?
E. coli
ferroves ammonium sulfate and sodium thiosulfate serve as indicator for H₂S

Q.2: Answer the following regarding the catalase test:

- a. In catalase test, H₂O₂ was added directly to the bacterial culture on a microscope slide.
- b. A positive result produced by *S. aureus* is indicated by bubbles.
- c. Why should we perform this test on a blood-free medium?
there's nothing look like the catalase so it give false result

Q.3: Answer the following regarding gelatin liquefaction test:

a. Complete the following table:

Bacteria Used	Tube Result	Explanation
E. coli	Negative	solid in ice bath or refrigerator after 5 min, don't break the peptide bond between amino acids
P. aeruginosa	positive	liquide in ice bath or refrigerator after 5 min break peptide bond between amino acids

- to see which of the bacteria breaks the peptidase bond that will prevent it from turning to solid in low temp.
- b. In order to take the results, the tube must be placed in the refrigerator for 5-10 minutes. Explain because coagulase is semi-solid at room temp and melt at higher temp. where it was put in refrigerator it will protect and do the breaking for the coagulase positive.

Q.4: Regarding starch and lipid hydrolysis tests complete the following table:

Test	Starch hydrolysis	Lipid hydrolysis
Enzyme	exoenzymes. amylase	Lipase
Indicator	I ₂ I	neutral red PH indicator
How could you indicate the positive result?	if there was no change in medium color or a clear zone appear	turns to bright red at low pH
Bacteria that gave positive result	B. subtilis	S. aureus

Q.5: Answer the following regarding the SIM test:

- a. Give an example for the following:
- Positive for Indole, negative for H₂S production and motile:
E. coli
 - Negative for Indole, negative for H₂S and non-motile:
K. pneumonia
 - Negative for Indole, positive for H₂S and motile:
P. mirabilis
- b. The medium contains sulfur, providing a semi-solid structure that allows for the detection of bacterial motility.
- c. The reagent used to identify indole production is Kovacs' reagent and it indicates for the presence of tryptophanase enzyme.

Q.6: Answer the following regarding citrate utilization test:

- a. Why is a chemically defined media necessary for detection of citrate utilization by bacteria? Semmon's citrate agar, it has citrate as the only carbon source and pH indicator bromothymol blue to know which bacteria produce citrate.
- b. The positive result like K. pneumonia bacteria was taken by the development of blue color, and the pH indicator in the media is a bromothymol blue (acidic).

Q.7: Answer the following regarding the oxidase test:

a. Why the bacterial sample should be taken using wood stick?

(Iron oxidase)

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تكون مصفحة الكسفة ما عرفت ان كسفتها بالانجليزية

b. Ali performed the oxidase test; he took the results after 2 minutes of completing the procedure. All the samples tested positive. What errors could've happened?

The use of metal loops to transfer the colonies for the test gives false positive. The test must be interpreted within 10 to 20 sec, many organisms in this family can give delayed false positive.

Q.8: How could urinary tract infection be diagnosed?

some bacteria produce urease, an enzyme capable of breaking down urea and produce alkaline end product. Inoculate the media with a loop and incubate at 37°C for 24 hours (urea utilization)

Q.9: Answer the following regarding the nitrate test

a. Complete the following table, and for each result describe if it is positive or negative:

Bacteria used	The observation after the addition of α -naphthylamine and sulfanilic acid	The observation after the addition of zinc dust
E. coli	+ red	+ red
P. aeruginosa	- no color	+ red
E. faecalis	-	- no color

b. What is the meaning of a positive result after the addition of α -naphthylamine and sulfanilic acid? Explain.

Detection of nitrate reduction which form diazonium compound (red color).

c. What is the meaning of a positive result after the addition of zinc dust?

Explain.

To check the gas production if it red it indicates that nitrate reduction didn't take place.