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DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Write your candidate number on the space provided on top of each page
- 2. Answer **all** questions in sections A on the question paper.
- 3. Answer **all** questions in section B on separate answer sheets provided.
- 4. Answer any **3** questions in section C on separate answer sheets provided
- 5. The mark allocation for each question is indicated at the end of the question
- 6. Credit will be given for logical, systematic and neat presentations in sections B and C

SECTION A: MULTIPLE CHOICE [40 MARKS]

- Answer all questions by encircling the correct response T for TRUE or F for FALSE for each statement in all the questions
- Each correct response is allocated half mark
- 1. Cells involved in phagocytosis production include
 - T F a) Macrophages
 - T F b) Dendritic cells
 - T F c) Endothelial cells
 - T F d) Neutrophils
- 2. Which of the following is associated with active immunity
 - T F a) Exposure to an antigen
 - T F b) Infusion of weakened viruses
 - T F c) Movement of IgG antibodies from a pregnant mother to her fetus
 - T F d) All of the above
- 3. Cells of the humoral immunity include
 - T F a) Macrophages
 - T F b) NK cells
 - T F c) T_h cells
 - T F d) Neutrophils
- 4. The following are key cells of innate immunity
 - T F a) Phagocytes
 - T F b) B cells
 - T F c) Natural killer cells
 - T F d) T helper cells
- 5. Functions of pathogen recognition receptors include
 - T F a) Opsonisation
 - T F b) Complement activation
 - T F c) Antibody production
 - T F d) Trigger cytokine release

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- 6. The following refers to the lymph node and spleen
 - T F a) The lymph node filters antigens out of the blood.
 - T F b) Afferent lymphatic vessels draining the tissue spaces enter the spleen
 - T F c) Both the lymph node and spleen contain germinal centers
 - T F d) The paracortex is rich in T cells
- 7. Methods of antigen-antibody detection include
 - T F a) Precipitation
 - T F b) Radioimmunoassays
 - T F c) Agglutination
 - T F d) PCR
- 8. Helper T cells receive antigens from
 - T F a) Macrophages
 - T F b) MHC II
 - T F c) Viruses
 - T F d) Bacteria
- 9. The following refers to antibodies
 - T F a) IgM participate in antigen trapping
 - T F b) IgG do not activate the complement
 - T F c) IgA participate in phagocytosis
 - T F d) IgD act as antigen receptors on naive B cells
- 10. The following are cell separation techniques
 - T F a) Flow cytometry
 - T F b) Centrifugation
 - T F c) Immunoaffinity
 - T F d) Adherence

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- 11. The interaction between antibody and antigen can be detected by
 - T F a) agglutination
 - T F b) Polymerase chain reaction (PCR)
 - T F c) Rapid plasma reagin
 - T F d) precipitation
- 12. The T Cell Receptor
 - T F a) consists of α and β chains only
 - T F b) can also be secreted
 - T F c) act only as a receptor
 - T F d) doesn't have a constant region
- 13. The following are immunodiffusion methodologies
 - T F a) precipitation
 - T F b) immunoelectrophoresis
 - T F c) Ouchterlony disc assay
 - T F d) PCR
- 14. The following factors affect immunoassays
 - T F a) ionic strength of buffer
 - T F b) gel pore size
 - T F c) incubation temperature
 - T F d) strength of electrical current
 - 15. Regarding the complement
 - T F a) C5a is an important opsonizing molecule
 - T F b) C3b has chemotactic function
 - T F c) C3a may cause mast cell degranulation
 - T F d) cytolysis of bacteria cannot occur in the absence of immune complexes

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- T F a) Fluorescent substances are sometimes used
- T F b) Enzyme label on antibody is reacted with a substrate
- T F c) The direct method of immunohistochemical staining uses one labelled antibody
- T F d) The indirect method of immunohistochemical staining uses one antibody labeled with avidin-biotin complex
- 17. Antibody titer refers to the
 - T F a) Absolute amount of specific antibody.
 - T F b) Affinity of specific antibody.
 - T F c) Avidity of specific antibody.
 - T F d) Concentration of specific antibody.
- 18. Latex particles are commonly used in:
 - T F a) Agglutination tests.
 - T F b) Affinity chromatography
 - T F c) Affinity measurements
 - T F d) Adjuvants
- 19. The following are autoimmune disorders
 - T F a) Multiple sclerosis
 - T F b) SLE
 - T F c) Rheumatoid arthritis
 - T F d) SCID
- 20. The following assay(s) involve(s) separation of antigens by size on a gel, followed by diffusion and precipitation
 - T F a) Indirect immunosorbent assay
 - T F b) Flow cytometry
 - T F c) Double diffusion immunoassay
 - T F d) Immunoelectrophoresis

SECTION B [20 MARKS]

Answer all questions on separate answer sheets provided

- 1. Describe the functions of the following facets of innate immunity
 - a) Opsonisation [2]
 - b) Complement system. [2]
 - c) Inflammation [2]
 - d) Phagocytosis [2]
- 2. What are the differences between acute inflammation and chronic inflammation? [4]
- 3. Write short notes on the following immunoglobulins (Ig)
 - a) IgA [2]
 - b) IgE [2]
 - c) IgM [2]
 - d) IgG [2]

SECTION C [75 marks]

Answer any 3 questions from this section on separate answer sheets provided

- 1. Describe the process of phagocytosis. [25]
- 2. Discuss the differences between acute inflammation and chronic inflammation. [25]
- 3. Describe how endogenous antigens are processed. [25]
- 4. Give an analysis of hypersensitivity reactions. [25]
- 5. Explain the principles of the following immunological techniques
 - a) Immunochromatography. [10]
 - b) ELISA. [15]