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SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

**FOR THE DEGREE
OF
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL LABORATORY
SCIENCES**

COURSE CODE: BML 216

COURSE TITLE: BIOSAFETY AND BIOSECURITY

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

SECTION A: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS (MCQs)	20 MARKS
SECTION B: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS	40 MARKS
SECTION C: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS	60 MARKS

TIME: 2 Hours

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SECTION A: MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS (MCQs) [20 MARKS]

1. One of the roles of a biorisk management officer is to
 - A. Ensure sufficient resources are provided to safely work with biological agents
 - B. Discipline employees who refuse to wear protective equipment and follow safety practices
 - C. Conduct background checks on employees to ensure they are suitable for working with biological agents
 - D. Provide guidance on the development of biorisk management procedures
2. PPE is
 - A. Personal Protective Enhancement
 - B. Protective Physical Equipment
 - C. Personal Protective Equipment
 - D. Possible Protective Equipment
3. How should biological materials that need to be transported from the lab to another location be handled?
 - A. Sealed in a secondary, shatterproof container
 - B. Wear gloves and transport carefully in your hands
 - C. In the pocket of a lab coat
 - D. Cells in cell culture flasks and dishes are fine for transport
4. It is okay to wear sandals in the lab as long as you also wear socks
 - A. True
 - B. False
5. Pipet tips and microcentrifuge tubes can be stored in the biological safety cabinet.
 - A. False
 - B. True
6. Which agency is responsible for regulating disinfectants?
 - A. Environmental Protection Agency(EPA)
 - B. Food and Drug Administration(FDA)
 - C. National Institutes of Health(NIH)
 - D. World Health Organisation(WHO)
7. Which of the following practices should be utilized when working in a biological safety cabinet?
 - A. Do not store any items in the BSC
 - B. Disinfect the surface of the BSC before and after work
 - C. Disinfect all equipment which go and come out of the BSC
 - D. All the above
8. You can find all the safety information for your facility's chemical products by viewing the MSDS sheets.
 - A. True
 - B. False
9. Which of the following practices are allowed in the laboratory?
 - A. Applying cosmetics
 - B. Handling contact lenses
 - C. Eating and drinking
 - D. None of the above

10. Which of the following would you not expect to find in a Biosafety Level 1 Lab?
 - A. Non-pathogenic *Escherichia coli*
 - B. West Nile Virus
 - C. Canine Hepatitis
 - D. *S.cerevisiae*
11. Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) is a process which protects the use of information and ideas that are of.
 - A. Ethical value
 - B. Commercial value
 - C. Social value
 - D. Moral value
12. Which of the following can be patented
 - A. .Machine
 - B. Process
 - C. .Composition of matter
 - D. All of the above
13. Biosafety principles guide the conditions for _____; that is, the methods and equipment for safe manipulation of infectious agents in a laboratory.
 - A. Access
 - B. Containment
 - C. Physical protection
 - D. All the above
14. Both biosafety and biosecurity measures seek to minimize risk. When conducting research on pathogenic agents for peaceful purposes, it is necessary to establish what constitutes a(n) _____ level of risk.
 - A. Acceptable
 - B. Intolerable
 - C. High
 - D. None of the above
15. Which of the following would be relatively easy for terrorists to acquire?
 - A. agar and growth media
 - B. equipment to grow and process pathogens for dispersal
 - C. contaminate food or beverages with pathogens or toxins
 - D. disperse an aerosolized virus
16. Which of the following is considered a very worrisome bioweapon because it is easy to acquire, easy to work with, and highly toxic?
 - A. Anthrax
 - B. Botulinum toxin
 - C. Ricin
 - D. All of the above
17. The desire to maintain a safe laboratory environment for all begins with _____?
 - A. prevention
 - B. ubiquity
 - C. microbiology
 - D. accidents

18. Which of the following type(s) of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is frequently used?
- Safety glasses
 - Lab Coats
 - Face Shields
 - Gloves
 - All of the above
19. Good work practices include,
- smelling and tasting chemicals
 - not washing hands before and after lab
 - confining long hair and loose clothing
 - using damaged equipment and glassware
20. What is the name of the procedure performed under sterile conditions to eliminate contamination in hopes to obtain a pure culture of one type of microorganism?
- sterilization technique
 - aseptic technique
 - disinfectant technique
 - pathogen technique

SECTION B: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS [40 MARKS]

21. Describe briefly key highlights of Kenya's Biosafety law. [5 marks]
22. Differentiate between bioethics and biosecurity. [5 Marks]
23. Distinguish between risk assessment and risk management. [5 Marks]
24. Describe any five elements of Good Laboratory Practices (GLP). [5 Marks]
25. State the relationship between Biosecurity and Biosafety? [5 Marks]
26. Explain the factors that modify Biosafety and Biosecurity risks. [5 Marks]
27. Distinguish between the following terms [5 Marks]
- Precautionary principle and Biosafety guidelines
 - Biosafety risk groups and Biosafety levels.
28. Describe the classification of infective microorganisms according to the risk groups. [5 marks]

SECTION C: ESSAY QUESTIONS [60 MARKS]

29. Discuss in details the principles of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the SPS agreements. [20 marks]
30. Discuss two international conventions relevant to biosafety and show how Kenya's commitment to these conventions could impact on healthcare development. [20 marks]
31. Discuss the principles of biosafety [20Marks]