

# Australian Dental Council (ADC)

The ADC Examination is a Screening Examination to establish that Dentists have the necessary knowledge and clinical competence to practice dentistry in Australia







Microbiology

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### **GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY**

#### Introduction

#### 1. Karl Landsteiner

- Gave the theory of "blood grouping" in 1900.
- Discovered the rhesus factor

#### 2. Alexander Fleming

• "Discovered the 1st antibiotic "penicillin" in 1928

#### 3. Ronald Ross

Discovered the transmission of malarial parasite by female anopheles mosquito.

#### 4. Louis Pasteur

- Introduced different techniques of sterilization and developed steam sterilizers.
- Invented pasteurization of milk and urine.
- Coined the term vaccine.
- Discovered anthrax vaccine in 1881, and developed anti-rabies vaccine.

#### 5. Robert Koch

- First introduced solid media
- Introduced staining technique and methods of obtaining bacteria in pure cultures using solid media
- First person to do hanging drop operation.
- Discovered TUBERCLE BACILLUS and VIBRIO CHOLERA
- Proposed "KOCH POSTULATES" by which an organism can be accepted as the causative agent of that particular disease.
- He is considered as "FATHER OF MICROBIOLOGY"
- **6.** Leewenhock gave the tern "ANIMALCULES" to microorganisms
- 7. **Hansen** described LEPROSY BACILLUS, so leprosy is also known as Hansen's disease.
- **8. Niesser** described the GONOCCUS
- **9. Ogston** discovered the STAPHYLOCOCCUS
- 10. Loeffler isolated the DIPTHERIAE BACCILUS
- **11. Schauddin and Hoffman** discovered the spirochaete of syphilis.

- 12. Twort and d'Herelle discovered lytic phenomenon in bacterial cultures.
- 13. The term virus was coined by Beijerinck.
- 14. The first human disease proved to have a viral etiology was yellow fever.
- 15. The possibility that virus infection could lead to malignancy was first put forth by Ellerman and Bang.
- 16. A specific humoral factor or "antibody" was described by Von Behring and Kitasato.
- 17. Metchin Koff discovered the phenomenon of Phagocytosis.
- 18. Bacteria are unicellular and do not show true branching, except in the so-called "higher bacteria" (Actinomycetales).
- 19. Bacteria, blue green algae Prokryotes
  Fungi, other algae, Eukaryotes
  Slime moulds, protozoa

#### 20. Type of staining:

| Supravital          | The cell is killed during staining.                                     |  |
|---------------------|---|--|
| Vital               | The cell is live after staining.  |  |
| Simple staining     | Dyes such as methylene blue or basic fuschin provide colour contrast    |  |
|                     | but impart the same colour to all bacteria.                             |  |
| Negative Staining   | The background is stained against which the unstained bacteria stand-   |  |
|                     | out in contrast. Useful in staining of bacterial capsules, slender      |  |
|                     | bacterial like spirochetes,   |  |
| Impregnation        | Cells and structures that are too thin are thickened by impregnation of |  |
| methods             | silver on the surface.  |  |
|                     | Eg. Bacterial flagella, Spirochete                                      |  |
| Differential stains | Includes Gram stain and Acid fast stain                                 |  |

#### 21. Acid-fast staining: (Ziehl and Ncelson staining)

- i) Discovered by Ehrlich and modified by Ziehl and Neelson.
- ii) The smear is stained by strong solution of carbol fuschin and then decolorized with 20% sulphuric acid and then counter-stained with a contrasting dye such as methylene blue.
- iii) Acid fast bacteria Retains red (fuschin) colour other bacteria takes counter stain (Blue)
- iv) Spores can be stained by acid-fast staining.