Disease Detectives - Division B - Holt Invitational

Part 1. Match the following terms on the left with the definitions on the right. Each term will be used only once.

1	 Attack rate	A)	Study that follows a group of subjects who received a specific exposure in order to examine the differences in incidence of a specific disease or other outcome of interest.
2	 Case-control	B)	A histogram showing the course of a disease or outbreak.
3	 Cohort	C)	An inanimate object that is laden with disease-causing agents.
4	 Endemic	D)	The rate that a group experienced an outcome or illness.
5	 Epidemic	E)	Disease or infectious agent that is habitually present in a community, geographic area, or population group.
6	 Epidemic curve	F)	Measure of association between frequency of exposure and frequency of outcome.
7	 Fecundity	G)	Ratio of the risk of disease or death among the exposed to the risk among the unexposed.
8	 Fertility	H)	Study that compares individuals who have a disease with individuals who do not have the disease in order to examine differences in exposures or risk factors for the disease.
9	 Fomite	I)	An animate, living insect or animal that is involved with transmission of the disease agent.
10	 Incubation period	J)	An epidemic that spans a wide geographic area.
11	 Life expectancy	K)	Occurrence of a disease clearly in excess of normal expectancy.
12	 Life span	L)	More cases of a particular disease than expected in a given area or among a specialized group of people over a particular period of time.
13	 Morbidity	M)	Occurrence of an illness or illnesses in a population.
14	 Mortality	N)	Occurrence of death in a population.
15	 Natural Growth Rate	O)	A disease that can be transmitted to humans from animals.
16	 Odds ratio	P)	Continuous observation of a place, person, group, or ongoing activity in order to gather information.
17	 Outbreak	Q)	A disease that causes death and that spreads quickly to a large number of people.
18	 Pandemic	R)	Time in between when a person comes in contact with a pathogen and when the first symptoms are shown.
19	 Pathogen	S)	Something that causes a disease.
20	 Plague	T)	Birth rate - death rate + immigration - emigration rate.
21	 Population Growth Rate	U)	Difference between the birth and death rate.
22	 Relative risk	V)	The average age that an individual is expected to live in a particular time and place.
23	 Surveillance	W)	The max number of years a species can survive (120-130 years).
24	 Vector	X)	The physical ability to reproduce.
25	 Zoonosis	Y)	The number of offspring produced per female in a population.

Part 2. Read the following excerpts taken from the article "7 Devastating Infectious Diseases" by Wynne Parry and answer the questions that follow. (Taken from: <u>https://shar.es/14uGpg</u> on 2/9/16)



Smallpox

Credit: CDC/ World Health Organization; Stanley O. Foster/ Pierre Claquin

A photo taken in 1975 shows the village cemetery in the Bangladesh countryside where smallpox victims were buried. The disease was believed to have killed 46 percent of its victims at a hospital in the Dacca, Bangladesh and to have ravaged the country for centuries. A disease marked by lesions on the skin, smallpox is believed to have emerged about 3,000 years ago in India or Egypt before sweeping

across continents. The variola virus, which causes smallpox, killed as many as a third of those it infected and left others scarred and blinded, according to the World Health Organization. In 1980, the WHO declared the disease officially eradicated, after a decade-long vaccination campaign. The last known remaining samples of the virus are being held in facilities in the U.S. and Russia.

- 26. Using the surrounding text, what is the best definition for the word eradicate?
 - a. to make widely known or apparent
 - b. to eliminate or destroy
 - c. to make permanent
 - d. to decrease in quantity

27. A smallpox breakout just began and is estimated to continue over a course of 2 years where the population will decline due to deaths from the disease. The future population is predicted to drop to 15,000 from a growth rate at 0.1. Calculate the present population (rounded to the nearest person) given the following formula: Pop_{Future} = Pop_{Present} x $(1 - i)^{An}$

Pop_{Future} = Future Population Pop_{Present} = Present Population i = Growth Rate (unknown) n = Number of Years

- a. 19,252
- b. 16,667
- c. 12,150
- d. 18,519

28. A vaccine contains antigens that cause the host to react to the agent responsible for causing the virus.

- a. True
- b. False



Plague

Credit: Janice Haney Carr

Unlike smallpox, this ancient killer is still with us. Plague, which is caused by a _____ carried by fleas — like the one shown left — has been blamed for decimating societies including 14th century Europe during the Black Death, when it wiped out roughly a third of the population. The disease comes in three forms, but the best known is bubonic plague, which is marked by buboes, or painfully swollen lymph nodes. Plague is now found in animals throughout the world, particularly in the western U.S. and Africa. In 2009, the World Health Organization reported 958 cases worldwide.

- 29. Which word goes in the blank above? In other words, what causes the plague?
 - a. bacteria
- b. virus
- c. parasite
- d. malaria
- **30.** What is the percent of incidence rate of the plague in 1914 if there were 552 new cases and 18,400 people who were susceptible to getting it, given the following formula?

Incident rate = $\frac{new\ cases\ occurring\ during\ a\ given\ time\ period}{population\ at\ risk\ during\ the\ same\ time\ period}$

- a. 30%
- b. 33%
- c. 3%
- d. 0.03%

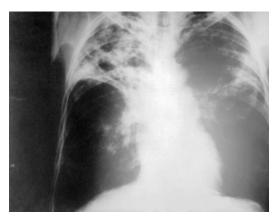


Malaria

Credit: Jim Gathany, CDC.

Although it is preventable and curable, malaria has a devastating effect in Africa, where the disease accounts for 20 percent of all childhood deaths, according to the World Health Organization. It is present on other continents as well. A parasite carried by blood-sucking mosquitoes causes the disease, which is first characterized by fever, chills and flu-like symptoms before progressing on to more serious complications. By 1951, the disease was eliminated from the U.S. with the help of the pesticide DDT. A subsequent WHO campaign to eradicate malaria was successful only in some places, and the goal was downgraded to reducing transmission of disease, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

- 31. Which continent would you infer to be the least at risk for death from malaria?
 - a. South America
 - b. Asia
 - c. Africa
 - d. United States



Tuberculosis

Credit: CDC

Potentially fatal "TB" is caused by the bacterium Mycobacterium tuberculosis, which usually attacks the lungs causing the signature bloody coughs. The x-ray above shows the chest of a patient suffering from far-advanced tuberculosis. The bacterium does not make everyone it infects sick, and up to one third of the world's population currently carries the bacterium. And among people infected with TB, but not HIV, 5 to 10 percent become sick or infectious at some time during their lifetimes. A full-blown TB

infection is more common among those also infected with HIV. The TB bacterium has formed a deadly alliance with the immune-system-destroying HIV, with each disease worsening the other, according to the World Health Organization.

32. Up to what percent of the world population carries the bacterium for Tuberculosis?

- a. 5%
- b. 33%
- C. $\frac{1}{3}\%$
- d. 10%

33. Calculate the odds ratio using the following formula and table:

		Diseased	Healthy
$OR = \frac{a_{/c}}{b_{/c}}$	Exposed	а	b
/ d	Not exposed	С	d

- Where a = number of exposed cases = 256
 - b = number of exposed non-cases = 575
 - c = number of unexposed cases = 64
 - d = number of unexposed non-cases = 23
 - a. 11.1
 - b. 6.25
 - c. 0.16
 - d. 0.42

Part 3: Circle True or False for each of the following statements.

- 34. True or False. Most fungi are single-celled organisms.
- 35. True or False. Viruses can reproduce on their own, independent of a living cell.
- 36. True or False. Bacteria are unicellular and do not have a true nucleus.
- 37. True or False. Bacteria are mostly harmful and disease-causing.
- 38. True or False. Not all protists are microscopic.
- 39. *True or False.* Cholera is a disease caused by a virus.
- 40. True or False. Bacteria were officially discovered before microscopes were invented.
- 41. True or False. Not all protists contain chlorophyll.
- 42. True or False. Fungi are autotrophs, meaning they make their own food.
- 43. True or False. The antibiotic penicillin was derived from bacteria.

Part 4: Using your knowledge and the information listed on the next page, answer the following questions:

Ebola is a rare and deadly disease caused by infection with a strain of Ebola virus. The 2014 Ebola epidemic is the largest in history, affecting multiple countries in West Africa.

- 44. As one of the deadliest viruses on earth, Ebola has a mortality rate of up to ______.
 - a. 22%
 - b. 67%
 - c. 99%
 - d. 90%

45. How many cases of the Ebola virus were identified in 2014 alone?

- a. 729
- b. 1323
- c. 460
- d. 100
- 46. Which country in West Africa recorded the most deaths due to the Ebola virus?
 - a. Senegal
 - b. Sierra Leone
 - c. Guinea
 - d. D.R. Congo

47. Which of the following animals is not a host for the Ebola virus:

- a. antelopes
- b. gorillas
- c. lions
- d. bats

48. The first known case of the Ebola virus appeared in what year?

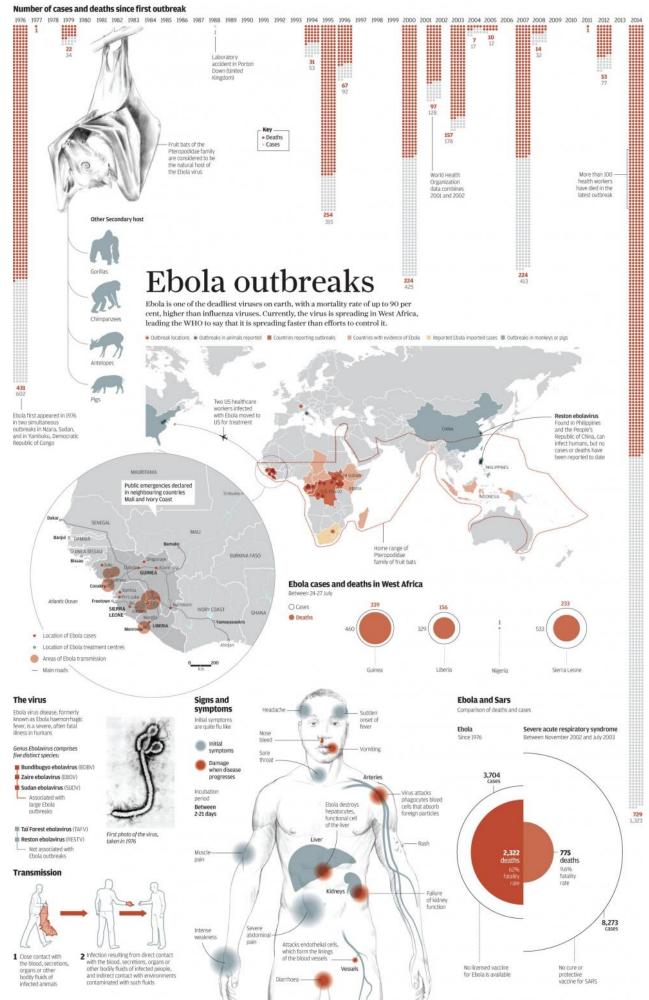
- a. 1976
- b. 1994
- c. 2000
- d. 2014

49. Which of the following is not an initial symptom of the Ebola virus:

- a. muscle pain
- b. vomiting
- c. headache
- d. severe abdominal pain

50. The number of deaths from the Ebola virus is nearly ______ times as many deaths from SARS.

- a. 10
- b. 3
- c. 2
- d. 5



Sources: World Health Organization, School of Veterinary Medicine - University of Calif.

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