LEC 3 Q- EPIDEMIOLOGY

1. **What is the definition of the natural history of disease?**
   A) The study of how diseases are treated.
   B) The progression of a disease in an individual over time without treatment.
   C) The genetic factors influencing disease.
   D) The social factors affecting health.
   Answer: B
2. **Why are carriers of infectious diseases particularly concerning for public health?**
   A) They always exhibit symptoms.
   B) They can transmit infections without showing any symptoms.
   C) They are usually easy to identify.
   D) They are less likely to spread infections.
   Answer: B
3. **Which of the following best describes the term "asymptomatic infection"?**
   A) An infection that is completely harmless.
   B) An infection that does not exhibit symptoms but may still be transmissible.
   C) An infection that is always severe.
   D) An infection that is easy to treat.
   Answer: B
4. **What are the main components of the chain of infection?**
   A) Agent, host, and environment.
   B) Symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment.
   C) Infection, inflammation, and immunity.
   D) Exposure, incubation, and recovery.
   Answer: A
5. **What is a zoonosis?**
   A) A human disease caused by poor hygiene.
   B) An infectious disease that can be transmitted from animals to humans.
   C) A disease that only affects animals.
   D) An infectious disease spread through human contact.
   Answer: B
6. **How does herd immunity contribute to disease control?**
   A) It isolates infected individuals.
   B) It eliminates all diseases in a population.
   C) It reduces the likelihood of disease spread by having a large portion of the population immune.
   D) It only protects those who are vaccinated.
   Answer: C
7. **What is the significance of identifying portals of exit and entry in infectious diseases?**
   A) It allows for more effective treatment options.
   B) It allows for the development of targeted control measures to prevent

transmission.

C) It helps in diagnosing diseases more accurately.

D) It has no significant impact on disease control.

Answer: B

8. **What critical immunization threshold is needed for effective measles control?**

   A) 70%

   B) 85%

   C) 94%

   D) 99%

   Answer: C

9. **Which of the following is a common portal of entry for pathogens?**

   A) Skin

   B) Respiratory tract

   C) Gastrointestinal tract

   D) All of the above

   Answer: D

10. **What role did Mary Mallon (Typhoid Mary) play in understanding disease transmission?**

    A) She was the first to discover a vaccine.

    B) She demonstrated the risks associated with asymptomatic carriers of infectious diseases.

    C) She was an advocate for public health reforms.

    D) She eliminated a major outbreak.

    Answer: B

11. **What is a preclinical disease?**

    A) A disease that has been clinically detected.

    B) A stage where the disease is not yet clinically detected but is expected to progress.

    C) A disease that has been cured.

    D) A stage of recovery.

    Answer: B

12. **Which of the following statements about chronic carriers is true?**

    A) They always exhibit symptoms.

    B) They can transmit pathogens long after recovery from the initial illness.

    C) They are easily identified.

    D) They cannot spread infections.

    Answer: B

13. **How can indirect transmission of infections occur?**

    A) Through direct contact with infected individuals.

    B) Through vectors like mosquitoes.

    C) Via vehicles like food or water.

    D) Through respiratory droplets.

    Answer: C

14. **What role does the environment play in the chain of infection?**
    A) It has no impact on transmission.
    B) It can serve as a reservoir for infectious agents.
    C) It only affects the host's immune response.
    D) It primarily impacts treatment options.
    Answer: B
15. **Which factors can increase host susceptibility to infections?**
    A) Strong immune system
    B) Previous infections
    C) Malnutrition and certain medical conditions
    D) Regular exercise
    Answer: C
16. **What is an example of a portal of exit for infectious agents?**
    A) Skin
    B) Respiratory tract
    C) Gastrointestinal tract
    D) All of the above
    Answer: D
17. **Why is understanding modes of transmission crucial for public health?**
    A) It helps in diagnosing diseases.
    B) It helps in developing effective prevention strategies.
    C) It is important for treatment options.
    D) It has no significance in public health.
    Answer: B
18. **Which of the following diseases requires the highest herd immunity threshold for control?**
    A) Mumps
    B) Rubella
    C) Measles
    D) Chickenpox
    Answer: C
19. **What can be a consequence of a high number of asymptomatic infections in a population?**
    A) Decreased likelihood of outbreaks.
    B) Higher likelihood of outbreaks due to undetected carriers.
    C) Easier disease management.
    D) Increased effectiveness of vaccinations.
    Answer: B
20. **What is the purpose of vaccinations in the context of herd immunity?**
    A) To protect only the vaccinated individuals.
    B) To create a false sense of security.
    C) To protect the entire population by reducing disease spread.
    D) To eliminate all diseases.
    Answer: C

21. **What is the primary significance of understanding the natural history of a disease in public health?**
    A) It allows for early detection and timely intervention strategies.
    B) It only focuses on treatment options.
    C) It ignores social factors.
    D) It has no impact on disease prevention.
    Answer: A
22. **Which group of individuals is often more likely to spread infections unknowingly?**
    A) Individuals with strong immune systems.
    B) Asymptomatic carriers.
    C) Symptomatic individuals.
    D) Individuals who are quarantined.
    Answer: B
23. **In the context of disease transmission, what role do portals of exit and entry play?**
    A) They are irrelevant to transmission.
    B) They are crucial for understanding how infections spread and how to interrupt transmission.
    C) They only affect treatment outcomes.
    D) They only impact recovery time.
    Answer: B
24. **Which of the following best defines "zoonosis"?**
    A) A human disease caused by poor hygiene.
    B) An infectious disease that can be transmitted from animals to humans.
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    Answer: B
25. **What is the major challenge posed by asymptomatic infections during an outbreak, such as Covid-19?**
    A) They are easily identifiable.
    B) They increase the likelihood of unnoticed transmission.
    C) They reduce the overall severity of the outbreak.
    D) They do not affect public health responses.
    Answer: B
26. **How do vaccinations contribute to herd immunity?**
    A) They only protect those who are vaccinated.
    B) They reduce the overall number of susceptible individuals, lowering disease transmission.
    C) They have no impact on community health.
    D) They only work during outbreaks.
    Answer: B
27. **What is the key difference between direct and indirect transmission?**
    A) Direct transmission involves physical contact; indirect transmission does

not.

B) Indirect transmission is always more dangerous.

C) Direct transmission requires a vector.

D) There is no difference.

Answer: A

28. **What is the importance of a disease's incubation period in public health?**

A) It is irrelevant to transmission.

B) It helps in determining the appropriate quarantine duration.

C) It is only important for clinical treatment.

D) It helps in identifying disease severity.

Answer: B

29. **Which of the following statements about outbreaks is true?**

A) They only occur in developing countries.

B) They can be managed effectively with proper public health strategies.

C) They are always severe.

D) They can be ignored if not in densely populated areas.

Answer: B

30. **What is the potential consequence of increased antibiotic resistance?**

A) Increased disease susceptibility and severity.

B) Reduced transmission rates.

C) Enhanced recovery from infections.

D) Increased treatment options.

Answer: A

31. **What is the most effective method of controlling vector-borne diseases?**

A) Treating infected individuals only.

B) Reducing the vector population and minimizing contact.

C) Relying on natural immunity.

D) Using antibiotics on vectors.

Answer: B

32. **Which of the following best describes the 'critical immunization threshold'?**

A) The percentage of the population that is immune needed to prevent outbreaks.

B) The number of vaccines available.

C) The effectiveness of a single vaccine.

D) The cost of vaccination programs.

Answer: A

33. **Why is vaccination important in preventing outbreaks?**

A) It is only effective for certain diseases.

B) It protects individuals and contributes to herd immunity.

C) It is too costly to implement widely.

D) It only benefits high-risk groups.

Answer: B

34. **How does an understanding of the social determinants of health influence disease prevention strategies?**
    A) It complicates disease management.
    B) It has no impact on health outcomes.
    C) It allows for more effective and tailored interventions.
    D) It primarily focuses on individual behavior.
    Answer: C
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36. **What is the role of public health surveillance in controlling infectious diseases?**
    A) It is not useful in modern health systems.
    B) It helps identify outbreaks and track disease spread.
    C) It is primarily for academic research.
    D) It complicates disease management.
    Answer: B
37. **What are the benefits of contact tracing during an outbreak?**
    A) It has no significant impact on transmission.
    B) It helps identify and isolate infected individuals quickly.
    C) It complicates public health responses.
    D) It only works for certain diseases.
    Answer: B
38. **Which public health measure is most effective at preventing respiratory infections?**
    A) Quarantine of affected individuals only.
    B) Implementation of mask mandates and physical distancing.
    C) Encouraging natural immunity.
    D) Relying solely on vaccination.
    Answer: B
39. **What is the importance of outbreak investigation?**
    A) It is a waste of resources.
    B) It helps identify the source and implement control measures.
    C) It only serves to document cases.
    D) It is only relevant in developed countries.
    Answer: B
40. **Which of the following factors is most critical in managing antibiotic resistance?**
    A) Increased production of antibiotics.
    B) Over-prescription of antibiotics and lack of public awareness.
    C) Complete eradication of all infections.

D) Ignoring antibiotic stewardship programs.
Answer: B

41. **What is the significance of identifying asymptomatic carriers in public health?**
A) They are easy to treat.
B) They are difficult to identify and may continue to spread infection unknowingly.
C) They are less infectious.
D) They have a lower risk of disease progression.
Answer: B
42. **How does the concept of 'herd immunity' specifically relate to the concept of critical immunization threshold?**
A) It identifies individuals who are most at risk.
B) It identifies the percentage of individuals that must be immune to reduce overall transmission rates to non-susceptible individuals.
C) It indicates when vaccination efforts should stop.
D) It is irrelevant to public health.
Answer: B
43. **Which of the following best describes the significance of identifying a disease's reservoir?**
A) It helps determine treatment options.
B) It allows public health officials to develop strategies to interrupt transmission cycles.
C) It is irrelevant for controlling diseases.
D) It only focuses on individual cases.
Answer: B
44. **What is the impact of malnutrition on an individual's susceptibility to infectious diseases?**
A) It has no significant impact.
B) It makes individuals more resilient.
C) It weakens the immune system, making individuals more susceptible to infections.
D) It only affects chronic diseases.
Answer: C
45. **In the context of public health, what is the most effective intervention to reduce the transmission of an airborne infectious disease?**
A) Increasing personal hygiene practices.
B) Closing schools and workplaces.
C) Implementation of vaccination campaigns.
D) Implementation of ventilation and air filtration systems.
Answer: D
46. **Which characteristic of a pathogen would most likely increase its potential for causing outbreaks?**
A) Rapid mutation rates.

B) Long incubation period with asymptomatic carriers.
C) High lethality in symptomatic individuals.
D) Limited environmental stability.
Answer: B

47. **What are the public health implications of diseases that exhibit both zoonotic transmission and human-to-human transmission?**
A) They are easier to control.
B) They pose complex challenges for control and require a multifaceted approach.
C) They are less severe than other diseases.
D) They primarily affect only certain populations.
Answer: B
48. **Why is understanding the modes of transmission crucial for designing effective public health interventions?**
A) It only helps in academic research.
B) It enables targeted strategies that interrupt specific pathways of infection spread.
C) It is irrelevant to outbreak management.
D) It only focuses on individual behavior.
Answer: B
49. **What is the relationship between the concept of 'chain of infection' and the control measures implemented during an outbreak?**
A) Understanding the chain helps identify critical points for intervention.
B) It complicates public health responses.
C) It has no relevance to outbreak management.
D) It only focuses on treatment.
Answer: A

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