

Weekly Lab Quiz Rules

The goal of these weekly quizzes is to emulate the conditions of the lab practical as closely as possible. Do not be frustrated by a TA setting out more specimens and microscopes per station than another whose lab you may have had to attend with the coordinator's permission. Indeed, this hard-working TA is doing you a favor. Easy lab quizzes do not prepare you for the actual practical exam, so it behooves you to encourage your TA to create truly challenging weekly quizzes.

Microscopes

- Do not touch any part of the microscope except for the ocular distance.
- If the image is not focused, raise your hand and get the attention of the TA. With their permission you may use the fine focus only.
- In focusing it yourself, especially with the coarse focus, you may accidentally knock the slide and change the view seen by the next student. Hence do not touch the coarse focus!
- Do not move the slide to see areas other than what is visible through the ocular.

Specimens

- Do not pick up the jarred specimens unless absolutely necessary & if given permission to do so.
- Do not shake or invert the jarred specimens.
- Never unscrew the lid of a jarred specimen. The contents (the preservative bathing solution) may be hazardous to your health.
- Do not touch any dissected specimen – reason as above regarding hazardous preservatives.
- Do not move any pinned structures or pins on dissections.
- Do not tamper with labels on the jarred specimens.

Questions

- If the question is not clear, raise your hand to get the attention of the TA.
- Do not ask your TA for the answer!
- Do not look at your neighbor's paper for the answer.
- Quizzes are cumulative. TAs can ask questions on material from any previous lab, and even one or more from the lab you are about to do....so make sure that you are reading ahead.

To be seen doing any of the above underlined activities, or suspected of doing them...or suspected even of any other suspicious acts that could have caused you an unfair advantage or others a disadvantage, will be considered as 'cheating'. Such students will be sent to the Coordinator and dealt with according to the Academic Honors Policy. We do charge students so take this warning seriously!

Answers

- Write legibly
- Spelling is important
 - 1 letter wrong, 0 points deducted
 - 2 letters wrong, ½ point deducted
 - 3 letters wrong, entire point deductedThese rules apply only if the 1 or 2 letters purely indicate misspelling. If they create another word and could indicate that the students gave the wrong answer, the entire point is deducted.
- Multiple response answers – no partial credit is given for such answers. (Only during exam conditions for written responses as opposed to lettered answers does the coordinator reserve the right to change this.)
- Capitalization of taxa is expected. Student will lose points for not doing so. Students who print ENTIRE words in capital letters must have the first letter at least twice the height of the rest of the letters, like THIS or CIRCLE or UNDERLINE the first letter.