Student Review Questions, Chapter 13, Oral Biofilms

- 1. A single microscopic organism is termed:
- A. Bacteria
- B. Bacterium
- C. Nucleoli
- D. Aerobic

2. Bacteria that have double cell membranes and that do not stain purple with crystal violet are called:

- A. Aerobic
- B. Anaerobic
- C. Gram positive
- D. Gram negative

3. A well-organized community of bacteria that adheres to surfaces and is embedded in an extracellular slime layer is termed:

- A. Aerobic
- B. Anaerobic
- C. Biofilm
- D. Bacterial microcolony

4. Which structure of a biofilm protects the bacterial microcolonies from systemic antibiotics and the body's immune system?

- A. Acquired pellicle
- B. Extracellular slime layer
- C. Fluid channels
- D. Primitive communication system

5. Which structure of a biofilm facilitates the movement of nutrients to the bacteria?

- A. Acquired pellicle
- B. Extracellular slime layer
- C. Fluid channels
- D. Primitive communication system

6. Which of the following would be most effective in controlling the bacteria in a dental plaque biofilm?

- A. Systemic antibiotic (an antibiotic pill)
- B. Antimicrobial agent
- C. Very high doses of an antibiotic
- D. Toothbrush and floss

7. Why is frequent periodontal instrumentation important in the control of dental plaque biofilms located in periodontal pockets?

- A. A toothbrush and floss cannot clean root surfaces within a periodontal pocket
- B. Few patients take the time for self-care at home

8. Current perspective on the etiology of periodontal disease states plaque biofilm is necessary for initial inflammation, and plaque biofilm alone is not sufficient for periodontal destruction.

A. The first phrase is true, second phrase is false

B. The first phrase is false, second phrase is true

C. Both phrases are true

D. Both phrases are false