

1. 考生請注意：本試題不可使用計算機。請於答案卷(卡)作答，於本試題紙上作答者，不予計分。

請閱讀以下短文並回答問題一以及問題二

*Staphylococcus aureus* USA300, the clonal type associated with epidemic community-acquired methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA) infections, displays the giant protein Ehb on its surface. Mutations that disrupt the ehb reading frame increase the volume of staphylococcal cells and alter the cross wall, a membrane-enclosed peptidoglycan synthesis and assembly compartment. *S. aureus* ehb variants display increased sensitivity to oxacillin (methicillin) as well as susceptibility to complement-mediated killing. Mutations in ehb are associated with reduced survival of mutant staphylococci in blood and diminished virulence in mice. We propose that Ehb, following its secretion into the cross wall, contributes to the characteristic cell growth and envelope assembly pathways of *S. aureus*, thereby enabling complement resistance and the pathogenesis of staphylococcal infections.

1. Based on the information given above, please propose one way scientists can develop novel anti-MRSA treatments or prevention methods to combat MRSA. (30%)
2. Explain why MRSA is considered a very dangerous bacterial pathogen. Please describe its general characteristics, diseases that it may cause, and what separates it from other less harmful *S. aureus*. (20%)
3. 請就 a) DNA 病毒其複製過程在細胞質中進行; b) RNA 病毒其複製過程在細胞核內進行, 各列舉一例說明該病毒之名稱、分類、特徵、臨床病徵、傳播途徑以及預防與治療的方法。(25%)
4. 新興病毒(emerging virus)近年來成為威脅人類生命的主要病原微生物。請針對目前流行之中東呼吸症候群(middle east respiratory syndrome; MERS), 敘述病毒之名稱、分類、特徵、臨床病徵、傳播途徑以及該病毒興起爆發之可能原因。(25%)