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- 1. Name a few statistical analyses that should precede a genuine genetic association analysis
- 2. What are the differences between multiple SNP analysis and haplotype analysis?
- 3. What is population stratification?
- 4. What is the multiple testing problem and how can it be overcome?
- 5. What does HWE mean? How can it be tested? Why is it important to test? Which conclusions can be drawn from the test results and what not?
- 6. What is an "exact test"? When is it appropriate?
- 7. Name a few missing data approaches and list the pros and cons.
- 8. How can missing data jeopardize your analysis? Is it important to find out more about the missing data process itself? Why or why not?
- 9. What is an indirect association?

- 10. What is the common disease common variant problem? Does assuming a different hypothesis have implications for current genetic association designs?
- 11. How are measures of LD related to recombination fraction?
- 12. What is the difference between a candidate gene and a genome wide study?
- 13. How does fine mapping fit into genetic epidemiology?
- 14. Is phasing difficult? Can you name a few approaches/packages that are able to do the haplotype phasing for you?
- 15. What does tagging refer to and what are the main purposes for using tagging SNPs? Does the use of tagging SNPs have consequences for your genetic association analysis testing?
- 16. What is a trend test? Is it a useful test?
- 17. What are the differences between a linear regression analysis and a logistic regression analysis?

- 18. What do structured association methods refer to? Under which circumstances is it useful? Can you give pros and cons?
- 19. What is genomic control? Under which circumstances is it useful? Can you give pros and cons?
- 20. What are spurious associations? In which contexts is the term generally used?
- 21. What are null SNPs?
- 22. Is a haplotype test always more powerful than a single marker test?
- 23. What are the problems with using a Bonferroni correction?
- 24. What is FDR?
- 25. To what extent are frequentist and Bayesian approaches different?
- 26. What is a good genomewide significance level?
- 27. Given what you know about single markers and haplotypes, would you first try a haplotype analysis or a multimarker analysis (for instance,

- adopting a multiple linear (or logistic) regression analysis)?
- 28. What is a haplotype block and how can this information be used in a genetic association analysis?
- 29. What are the advantages / disadvantages of targeting epistatic effects directly?
- 30. What is ascertainment? Is it important to have a closer look at this?