

2 Once you obtained isolation at a particular dilution, did you continue to have isolation on subsequent dilution plates? Is this what you would expect? Why or why not?

3 What is the consequence of not spreading the inoculum adequately over the agar surface?

If the inoculum doesn't adequately cover the agar surface, it won't isolate well and will be clustered.

4 To get isolated colonies on a plate, only about 300 cells can be in the inoculum. What will happen if the cell density of the inoculum significantly exceeds this number?

There will not be any isolated colonies

5 Suppose you have two organisms in a mixture and Organism A is 1000 times more abundant than Organism B. Will you (without counting on good luck!) be able to isolate Organism B using the spread plate technique? Explain your answer.

No. It would be very difficult, there are 1000 x more of organism A.