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(Residential Autonomous College affiliated to University of Calcutta)

FIRST YEAR [BATCH 2016-19]

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Mid-Semester Examination, March 2017

Date : 15/03/2017

MICROBIOLOGY (Honours)

Time : 11 am– 1 pm

Paper : II

Full Marks : 50

1. a) Describe any simple test to differentiate lipids from other biomolecules. [1]
b) How are lipids classified? [2]
c) Write down the structures of : [3×1]
i) Caproic acid
ii) Palmitoleic acid
iii) Any one prostaglandin
2. a) Define 'carrier' and 'tracer'. [1+1]
b) Deduce a relation between decay constant (λ) and half life of a radioactive substance. [3]
c) Define 'average life' of a radioactive molecule. [1]
3. a) What is linking number of a DNA molecule? The linking number is an integer but the twist and writhing number may or may not be an integer. Explain this mathematically. [1+3]
b) In Messelson Stahl's experiment on semiconservative replication of DNA, the intermediate buoyant density of a DNA sample taken after first generation of growth a *E.coli* sample in ^{14}N medium also supports the dispersive mode of replication. How did they present evidence to nullify this mode of replication? [2]
4. a) Mitochondria are termed as 'semi-autonomous' cell organelles. —Explain. [2]
b) Define the term mitochondrial biogenesis. [1]
c) Compare between mitochondrial DNA and chloroplast DNA. [2]
5. Prove that correlation coefficient 'r' lies between -1 and $+1$. [5]
6. a) What do you mean by growth factor? Give an example. [2+1]
b) Write down the differences between microaerophilic and aerotolerant organisms with suitable examples. [3]
7. a) Define exponential phase of bacterial growth. [1.5]
b) Explain what will happen if a bacterial culture at stationary phase is inoculated into a high nutrient media. [1]
c) Derive the bacterial growth equation and define the generation time of growth. [1.5+1]
8. a) Glucose and fructose give the same osazone— Justify the statement. [2]
b) What do you mean by inversion of sugar? [2]
c) How will you convert glucose to glucouonic acid? [2]
9. a) State Lambert's and Beer's Laws. [2]
b) Define the term molar extinction coefficient. [1]
c) What are the factors that can affect the absorption patterns of a protein in solution? [2]