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Semester IV - P.G. Examination - M.Sc. Biotechnology

May - 2024

FOOD BIOTECHNOLOGY

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 70

Note: Draw neat labeled diagrams/schematic sketches/structures wherever necessary.

I. Write short notes on any <u>FIVE</u> of the following:

(5x3=15)

- 1. What is nutrigenomics? What way it relates to health outcomes in individuals?
- 2. How would you apply sensory evaluation techniques to assess the quality of a food product?
- 3. What are the treatment options for food poisoning in humans?
- 4. What are the biochemical changes associated with food during spoilage?
- Discuss the role of preservatives in increasing the shelf life of certain food items.
- 6. Define blanching in the context of food preparation and preservation. Briefly explain the primary purpose of blanching and provide an example of a vegetable commonly blanched before further processing.
- 7. Elaborate on the role of xanthan gum in food processing, highlighting its applications in enhancing viscosity and stabilizing emulsions.
- 8. Identify the steps of Swiss cheese production and depict it in a flow chart.

II. Write explanatory notes on any <u>FIVE</u> of the following: (5x5=25)

- 9. Describe a scenario where compliance with FSSAI regulations is necessary for launching a new food product in India.
- 10. Discuss the economic motivations behind food adulteration and its impact on consumer trust in the food industry.
- 11. How to differentiate the spoilage of food by different microbes?
- 12. Explain toxic effect of bacterial toxins with suitable examples.
- 13. Describe canning as a preservation technique.
- 14. Explain the importance of irradiation method for food preservation.
- 15. Explain the process of cultivation of Spirulina and the factors affecting its growth.
- 16. Compare and contrast the fermentation processes involved in making miso and tempeh.

III. Answer any THREE of the following:

(3x10=30)

- 17. Evaluate the role of governmental agencies and international organizations in setting and enforcing food grades and standards.
- 18. Elaborate on the spoilage of milk and milk products by microorganisms.
- 19. Give a detailed account on the process of pickling and smoking of food.
- 20. Provide a detailed step-by-step guide to the method of making Beer, emphasizing critical fermentation stages.
- 21. Provide a comprehensive overview of the different types of food additives and write a note on E-number.

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MOLECULAR DIAGNOSTICS AND IMMUNOTECHNIQUES

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 70

Note: Draw neat labeled diagrams/schematic sketches/structures wherever necessary.

I. Write short notes on any <u>FIVE</u> of the following:

(5x3=15)

- 1. What are the components of viral transport medium (VTM)?
- 2. How do biosafety measures differ when handling different types of infectious disease specimens?
- Define Von Hippel-Lindau Syndrome (VHL). Mention the cause of VHL.
- 4. Mention the advantages of NGS over other sequencing methods.
- 5. Write short notes on Comet assay.
- 6. List out the different types of staining techniques for fixed cells.
- 7. What do you understand by subunit vaccines?
- 8. What are polyclonal antibodies?

II. Write explanatory notes on any <u>FIVE</u> of the following: (5x5=25)

- Discuss the challenges associated with designing and optimizing multiplex PCR assays for respiratory pathogen detection.
- 10. Evaluate the significance of PCR-based techniques in forensic investigations, highlighting specific examples where STR analysis has been instrumental.
- 11. Evaluate the comparison between Germline Vs Somatic testing.
- 12. What is the Philadelphia chromosome and what specific genetic abnormality does it represent?
- 13. Describe radio immunoassay. Mention its applications.
- 14. Describe surface plasmon resonance. Add a note on its applications.
- 15. Discuss the challenges and limitations associated with plasma therapy.
- 16. Discuss on the transfusion of immunocompetent cells to boost immunity.

III. Answer any <u>THREE</u> of the following: (3x10=30)

- 17. Evaluate the reliability and accuracy of different DNA markers and genetic loci used in paternity testing and human identification, including mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) and Y-chromosomal markers.
- 18. Analyze the role of real-time PCR in early detection and surveillance of H1N1 outbreaks, including its impact on public health response strategies.
- 19. Anaplastic Lymphoma Kinase (ALK) rearrangement detection with immunohistochemistry (IHC).
- 20. Explain BRCA 1/2 mutation detection with DNA sequencing.
- 21. Discuss the various cytokine expression assays.

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CLINICAL RESEARCH, IPR AND PATENTS

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 70

Note: Draw neat labeled diagrams/schematic sketches/structures wherever necessary.

I. Write short notes on any FIVE of the following:

(5x3=15)

- Define the role and responsibilities of Clinical Research Associates (CRAs) in the conduct of clinical trials.
- 2. Explain the principles for ensuring data integrity and traceability in GCP.
- 3. Write a short note on drug development.
- 4. How is safety margin defined and utilized in the context of pharmacodynamics during preclinical research?
- 5. Discuss the concept of novelty and its importance in patent applications.
- Discuss on intellectual property rights.
- 7. What is a Performer's Right?
- 8. Describe the primary objectives of preclinical trials.
- II. Write explanatory notes on any <u>FIVE</u> of the following: (5x5=25)
- Provide an overview of clinical research regulations, focusing on the regulatory frameworks established by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- 10. Investigate the role of WIPO in supporting innovation and technology transfer among member states.
- Evaluate the factors influencing the stability of drug formulations, including environmental factors, formulation components, and packaging materials.
- 12. What are the main criteria for the registration of a new plant variety and how are these criteria evaluated?
- Explain the concept of dose-response relationships in toxicology studies and their implications for establishing safe dosage levels in humans.
- 14. Explain the rationale behind the Kefauver Amendments, including the historical context of drug safety scandals that prompted their enactment.
- Analyze the role of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) in simplifying the international patent application process.
- Describe the process for the ethical review and approval of research protocols involving animal experimentation by IAECs under CCSEA guidelines.

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III. Answer any THREE of the following:

(3x10=30)

17. Discuss the four main processes involved in pharmacokinetics and their significance in drug developmental process.

- 18. Compare and contrast the different types of clinical research methodologies.
- 19. Discuss the criteria and requirements for patent eligibility in the US.
- 20. Discuss the stages involved in grant of a patent. Explain the different types of patent application.
- 21. Illustrate the steps taken to establish and maintain a robust quality management system in a GLP laboratory for preclinical research.
