## **BT-303** (Biochemical Engineering)

## Quiz-1

Q1: Assume that experimental measurements for a certain organism have shown that cells can convert two-thirds (wt/wt) of the substrate carbon (alkane or glucose) to biomass.

(a) Calculate the stoichiometric coefficients for the following biological reactions:

$$Hexadecane: C_{16}H_{34} + aO_2 + bNH_3 \rightarrow c(C_{4.4}H_{7.3}N_{0.86}O_{1.2}) + dH_2O + eCO_2$$

$$Glucose: C_6H_{12}O_6 + aO_2 + bNH_3 \rightarrow c(C_{4.4}H_{7.3}N_{0.86}O_{1.2}) + dH_2O + eCO_2$$

(b) Calculate the yield coefficients  $Y_{X/S}$  and  $Y_{X/O2}$  for both reactions. Comment on the differences.

Marks: 6+4