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**CS/B.Tech(CHE)/SEPARATE SUPPLE/SEM-8/CHE-802/2011  
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**BIOTECHNOLOGY AND BIO-MEDICAL ENGINEERING**

Time Allotted : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 70

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words  
as far as practicable.*

**GROUP – A**

**( Multiple Choice Type Questions )**

1. Choose the correct alternatives for any *ten* of the following :

10 × 1 = 10

- i) Immobilization of enzyme can retain its activity
  - a) longer than enzyme in solution
  - b) shorter than enzyme in solution
  - c) equal to enzyme in solution
  - d) any one of the three situations can happen.
- ii) The reactor using external loop for fluid circulation is
  - a) Bubble column reactor
  - b) Fluidized bed reactor
  - c) CSTR
  - d) Air lift fermenter.



- iii) Gradient of catalyst concentration exists in
- a) Fluidized bed reactor
  - b) CSTR
  - c) Bubble column reactor
  - d) Air lift fermenter.
- iv) The typical concentration of microbes in air is
- a)  $10^5$  to  $10^6$  /m<sup>3</sup>
  - b)  $10$  to  $10^2$  /m<sup>3</sup>
  - c)  $10^3$  to  $10^4$  /m<sup>3</sup>
  - d)  $10^7$  to  $10^9$  /m<sup>3</sup> .
- v) Liquid recycle is required for continuous inoculation in case of
- a) CSTR
  - b) PFR
  - c) Fluidized bed reactor
  - d) Bubble column reactor.
- vi) Tracer pulse at the exit will be exactly same as that in the entrance in case of
- a) Ideal PFR
  - b) Ideal CSTR
  - c) Both of these
  - d) None of these.



vii)  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  is

- a) Cofactor
- b) Coenzyme
- c) Prosthetic group
- d) None of these.

viii) ATP stands for

- a) Adenosine tri phosphate
- b) Adenine tri phosphate
- c) Adenosyl tri phosphate
- d) None of these.

ix) Hexokinase belongs to

- a) Oxidoreductases
- b) Transferases
- c) Lyases
- d) Ligases.

x) Identify the Macronutrient

- a)  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$
- b)  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$
- c)  $\text{Mo}^{2+}$
- d)  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$  .

xi) Hemoglobin contains

- a)  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$
- b)  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$
- c)  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$
- d)  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  .



xii) Pyruvate  $\rightarrow$  Lactate is an example of

- a) Alcoholic fermentation
- b) Homolactic fermentation
- c) Both of these
- d) None of these.

**GROUP – B**

**( Short Answer Type Questions )**

Answer any *three* of the following.  $3 \times 5 = 15$

2. What is substrate saturation limit ? Explain how the rate of an enzymatic reaction is depending on pH and temperature.  $1 + 2 + 2$
3. Outline the application of biotechnology in the field of agricultural processes very briefly.
4. What is isoenzyme ? Give the international classification of enzymes.  $2 + 3$
5. What is Reverse Osmosis ( RO ) ? How does industrial reverse osmosis work ?  $2 + 3$
6. What are the major types of bioreactors used in industry as fermenter ?
7. Define specific growth rate (  $\mu$  ) of microbial growth. What is the difference between the specific growth rate (  $\mu$  ) and the rate of cell increase (  $dX/dt$  ) ?  $3 + 2$

**GROUP – C****( Long Answer Type Questions )**Answer any *three* of the following.

3 × 15 = 45

8. Discuss the essential characteristics of mono and poly saccharides. What is steroid ? How can ethanol be produced using immobilized yeast cells ? 4 + 1 + 10
9. The bioconversion of sucrose by the enzyme sucrase at room temperature resulted in the batch reaction data given in the table below :

Cs	m moles/l	1.0	0.84	0.68	0.53	0.38	0.27
t	hr	0	1	2	3	4	5
		0.16	0.09	0.04	0.018	0.006	0.0025
		6	7	8	9	10	11

The initial concentration used was 0.01 m.moles/l. Determine whether these data can reasonably fit the Michaelis-Menten kinetics.

$$-r_A = \frac{k_3 C_3 C_E}{C_s + k_m}$$

where  $k_m$  is the Michaelis-Menten constant. If the fit is reasonable, determine the constants  $k_3$  and  $k_m$ . Use integral methods of analysis. 15



10. Prove that for Reverse Osmosis using diffusion type model, the rejection co-efficient,

$$R = \frac{B (\Delta P - \Delta \pi)}{1 + B (\Delta P - \Delta \pi)} \text{ where symbols stand for usual notations.}$$

It is desired to use Ultrafiltration for 800 kg of a solution containing 0.05 wt% of a protein to obtain a solution of 1.10 wt%. The feed is re-circulated by the membrane with a surface area of  $0.90 \text{ m}^2$ . The permeability of the membrane is  $2.50 \times 10^{-2} \text{ kg/s.m}^2 \cdot \text{atm}$ . Neglecting the effects of concentration polarization, if any, calculate the final amount of solution and the time to perform this using a pressure difference of 0.50 atm.

6 + 9

11. a) What is the difference between chemostat and turbidostat ?
- b) Writing a material balance on the cell concentration around chemostat prove that
- $$\mu_g (\text{specific growth rate}) = D (\text{dilution rate of the reactor}).$$
- c) Writing down the material balance on the limiting substrate  $S$  in absence of endogenous metabolism, prove that

$$X = Y_{x/s} (S_o - S) \text{ at steady state i.e., } ds/dt = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$\mu_g = D$$

where,  $X$  = cell concentration, g/L

$S_o$ ,  $S$  = feed and effluent concentration, g/L

$Y_{x/s}$  = Yield coefficient, gm cell / gm substrate  $S$ .

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12. Write short notes on any *three* of the following : 3 × 5



- a) Apoenzyme
  - b) Cofactor
  - c) Induced fit model
  - d) Classification of enzymes.
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