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Name of the Course : Microbiology

Semester : IV, Part-II

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Maximum Marks : 90

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Attempt any five questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

Attempt all parts of a question together.

1. (a) List various physiological groups of aerobic chemolithotrophic bacteria citing suitable examples. Write the reactions catalysed during the energy generation process by the respective groups. (4+4=8)
- (b) Explain the mechanism of carbon dioxide fixation in green bacteria with the help of a diagram. (7)
- (c) Give an example of the following (any two) : (2×1.5=3)
 - (i) Methylotrophic methanogen
 - (ii) Free living nitrogen fixed
 - (iii) Denitrifier

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2. (a) Differentiate between the following (any *two*) : (2×6=12)
- (i) Cyclic and non-cyclic photophosphorylation
 - (ii) Assimilatory and dissimilatory nitrate reduction
 - (iii) Homo- and hetero-lactate fermentative pathways.
- (b) How does *E. coli* assimilate ammonia at high and low concentrations in the environment ? (6)
3. (a) Write the reactions catalyzed by the following enzymes (any *six*) : (6×2.5=15)
- (i) Transketolase
 - (ii) Phosphoribulokinase
 - (iii) Pyruvate decarboxylase
 - (iv) Phosphopentose epimerase
 - (v) RUBISCO
 - (vi) Fructose 1,6 bis-phosphatase
 - (vii) Acetaldehyde dehydrogenase.
- (b) Differentiate between anaerobic respiration and fermentation. (3)
4. (a) Write short notes on any *two* of the following : (2×6=12)
- (i) Barker's scheme of methanogenesis
 - (ii) Pigment organization in phototrophs
 - (iii) Nitrogenase protection from oxygen toxicity.
- (b) Describe Pasteur effect. Explain its molecular basis. (3+3=6)

5. (a) Explain the mechanism and significance of hydrogenases found in hydrogen oxidizers. (6)
- (b) Describe the mechanism of action and properties of the enzyme nitrogenase. (6)
- (c) Describe the photosynthetic electron transport in cyanobacteria with the help of a suitable diagram. (6)

Or

Write the contributions of the following scientists : (2×3=6)

- (i) R. Hill
- (ii) Carnahan and co-workers
- (iii) S. Winogradsky.
6. (a) A branched fermentation pathway provides an organism with greater thermodynamic efficiency. Justify the statement. (6)
- (b) Describe the significance of absorption and action spectra in understanding the mechanism of photosynthesis. (6)
- (c) Explain the process of reverse electron transport. (3)
- (d) Give an account of alternate nitrogenases or physiological regulation of nitrogenase. (3)