

Department of Biochemical Engineering & Biotechnology
Major Examination Sem-II: 2008-09, BEL-401 (Bioprocess Technology)

Date 05.05.2009, Time-1 pm - 3 pm, Venue: II-337

Maximum Marks-45

Note: Answer all questions

Q.1 For conversion of glucose syrup to fructose+glucose syrup by immobilized cell pellets:

- (a) Name the intracellular enzyme required for conversion
- (b) Draw the process flow sheet and explain the purpose of each step

(2+4=6 marks)

Q.2 (a) Draw the un-branched metabolic pathway for the biosynthesis of Ornithine from Glutamate by a mutant of *Cornybacterium glutamicum*, and answer the following:

- (b) Name the blocked enzyme.
- (c) The mutant should be lysine-auxotroph (True/False)
- (d) Name the amino acid which will have to be added to the culture for this fermentation.

(4+2+2+2=10 Marks)

Q.3 In production of glutamic acid by *Cornybacterium glutamicum*, name the blocked enzyme. Why excess of dissolved oxygen prevents overproduction of glutamic acid.

(4+4=8 marks)

Q.4 In production of lysine by *Cornybacterium glutamicum*, starting from aspartate:

- (a) draw the metabolic path showing inhibition by products (amino acids), name intermediates and enzymes including the products.
- (b) Which enzyme is blocked
- (c) Name the amino acids required to be added to the culture broth during fermentation
- (d) Name the type of inhibition by the end products.

(4+4+4+4=16 marks)

Q.5 Name the following organisms which can also use the sugar specified below as a carbon source (C-source) in addition to their capacity to use other sugars:

- (a) an yeast which can use xylose
- (b) an yeast which can use lactose
- (c) a bacteria which can use cellobiose
- (d) an yeast which can use both xylose and xylulose
- (e) an yeast which can use maltotriose

(5-Marks)