



# Faculty of Science

## End Semester Examination May 2025

### FS3EL07 Forensic Serology

<b>Programme</b>	: B. Sc. (Hons.)	<b>Branch/Specialisation</b>	: FS
<b>Duration</b>	: 3 hours	<b>Maximum Marks</b>	: 60

**Note:** All questions are compulsory. Internal choices, if any, are indicated. Assume suitable data if necessary. Notations and symbols have their usual meaning.

#### Section 1 (Answer all question(s))

Marks CO BL

**Q1.** What is the primary role of forensic serology

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Rubric	Marks
DNA sequencing	1

- ☒ DNA sequencing  
☐ Crime scene photography

☐ Evidence recognition and preservation  
☐ Fingerprint analysis

**Q2.** Which of the following is not a step in forensic serology

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Rubric	Marks
Digital encryption	1

- ☐ Collection of evidence  
☐ Forwarding evidence to lab

☐ Preservation of serological exhibit  
☒ Digital encryption

**Q3.** The structure of antibodies is

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Rubric	Marks
Protein with a Y-shaped structure	1

- ☐ Single-stranded DNA  
☐ Lipid membrane

☒ Protein with a Y-shaped structure  
☐ Carbohydrate chain

**Q4.** Which term describes the binding strength between an antigen and antibody

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Rubric	Marks
Immunogenicity	1

- ☐ Affinity  
☐ Antigenicity

☐ Specificity  
☒ Immunogenicity

**Q5.** Which blood group system is most commonly used in forensic serology

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Rubric	Marks
ABO system	1

- ☐ MNS system  
☐ Rh system

☒ ABO system  
☐ P system

**Q6.** The Rh blood group system is important because

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Rubric	Marks
It influences blood compatibility in transfusions	1

- ☒ It influences blood compatibility in transfusions
 ☐ It determines blood clotting ability  
☐ It detects bacterial infections
 ☐ It affects blood sugar levels

**Q7.** Centrifugation in forensic serology is used to

1 1 2

Rubric	Marks
Separate blood components	1

- ☒ Separate blood components
 ☐ Amplify DNA  
☐ Detect bacterial pathogens
 ☐ Analyze hair fibers

**Q8.** Electrophoresis is used to

1 2 1

Rubric	Marks
Separate proteins based on size and charge	1

- ☐ Separate DNA fragments
 ☒ Separate proteins based on size and charge  
☐ Detect blood group antigens
 ☐ Amplify genetic material

**Q9.** Capillary electrophoresis is characterized by

1 2 2

Rubric	Marks
Separation in a gel matrix	1

- ☐ Separation in a thin capillary tube
 ☒ Separation in a gel matrix  
☐ Use of magnetic fields
 ☐ Use of radioactive labels

**Q10.** What is the principle behind electrophoresis

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Rubric	Marks
Movement of charged molecules in an electric field	1

- ☒ Movement of charged molecules in an electric field
 ☐ Separation based on magnetic properties  
☐ DNA hybridization
 ☐ Protein digestion

## Section 2 (Answer any 2 question(s))

Marks CO BL

**Q11.** Discuss the role of serological techniques in linking evidence to suspects and victims.

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Rubric	Marks
Five examples with explanation (5 marks)	5

**Q12.** Describe the significance of serology in establishing blood type and other biological markers.

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Rubric	Marks
Five points on the significance of serology in establishing blood type and other biological markers.	5

**Q13.** Explain the process of collecting and preserving serological evidence from a crime scene.

5 2 3

Rubric	Marks
Collection & preservation methods of serological samples.	5

**Section 3 (Answer all question(s))**

Marks CO BL

**Q14.** What is the role of adjuvants in immune response?

2 1 1

Rubric	Marks
Two roles of adjuvants in immune response	2

**Q15. (a)** Discuss the structure and function of antibodies and their role in forensic investigations

8 2 1

Rubric	Marks
structure and function of antibodies 4 marks and a role in forensic investigations (4 marks)	8

(OR)

**(b)** Discuss the serological techniques of antigen-antibody reactions and also explain their forensic application.

Rubric	Marks
Precipitation Agglutination Complement dependent test immunofluorescence (2 marks each) process and application	8

**Section 4 (Answer all question(s))**

Marks CO BL

**Q16.** Explain the significance of Rh blood group in forensic investigations.

3 2 2

Rubric	Marks
significance of Rh blood group in forensic investigations	3

**Q17. (a)** Discuss polymorphic enzymes such as PGM and ESD. Also explain their forensic application.

7 2 3

Rubric	Marks
PGM & ESD- process and forensic application	7

(OR)

**(b)** Elaborate the ABO blood grouping method Absorption-inhibition method and absorption-elution method from bloodstain.

Rubric	Marks
Absorption-inhibition method 3.5 Marks Absorption-elution method 3.5 Marks (Process + Application)	7

**Section 5 (Answer all question(s))**

Marks CO BL

**Q18.** Discuss ELISA. How is it used in forensic serology?

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Rubric	Marks
Process of ELISA and forensic importance. 5 MARKS	5

**Q19. (a)** Explain the different types of agglutination-based assays used in forensic science.

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Rubric	Marks
Direct agglutination- 1.5 marks, Passive agglutination- 1.5 marks, & agglutination inhibition methods—2 marks	5

(OR)

**(b)** Write a note on immunochromatographic assay.

Rubric	Marks
Process and application- 5 Marks	5

**Section 6 (Answer any 2 question(s))**

Marks CO BL

**Q20.** Give the difference between vertical and horizontal electrophoresis.

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Rubric	Marks
5 points each- 5 marks	5

**Q21.** Discuss electrophoresis techniques and their types with their forensic applications.

5 3 1

Rubric	Marks
electrophoresis techniques- 2 marks types- 2 marks application- 1 marks	5

**Q22.** Give a detailed note on PAGE electrophoresis with their forensic application.

5 3 2

Rubric	Marks
process/principle 3 marks application- 2 marks	5

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