



Faculty of Science

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BT3CO11 Bioanalytical Tools

Programme	:	B. Sc.	Branch/Specialisation	:	BT
Duration	:	3 hours	Maximum Marks	:	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.	Resolving power of a microscope depends on which of the following factors?				1	1	1
	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Numerical aperture and wavelength of light used <input type="radio"/> Type of stain used <input type="radio"/> Size of the specimen <input type="radio"/> Intensity of light						
Q2.	Phase contrast microscopy is particularly useful for:				1	1	1
	<input type="radio"/> Observing fluorescent-tagged structures <input checked="" type="radio"/> Examining live, unstained cells <input type="radio"/> Viewing ultrastructure of cells <input type="radio"/> Imaging metal surfaces						
Q3.	Which of the following techniques is commonly used for isolating and studying membrane-bound organelles, such as the endoplasmic reticulum or Golgi apparatus, during cell fractionation?				1	1	1
	<input type="radio"/> Fluorescence microscopy <input type="radio"/> Electrophoretic mobility shift assay (EMSA) <input type="radio"/> Differential centrifugation <input checked="" type="radio"/> Isopycnic centrifugation						
Q4.	In colorimetry, the Beer-Lambert law relates the absorption of light to:				1	1	1
	<input type="radio"/> The wavelength of light reflected by the sample <input type="radio"/> The intensity of light scattered by the sample <input checked="" type="radio"/> The concentration of the sample and the molar absorption coefficient <input type="radio"/> The refractive index of the sample						
Q5.	Gel filtration chromatography typically separates compounds based on:				1	1	1
	<input type="radio"/> Their ability to bind to the column material <input type="radio"/> Their pH <input checked="" type="radio"/> Their size <input type="radio"/> Their boiling points						
Q6.	In affinity chromatography, the stationary phase is specially designed to:				1	1	1
	<input type="radio"/> Bind non-specifically to all molecules <input checked="" type="radio"/> Bind specifically to the target molecule <input type="radio"/> Allow molecules to pass without interaction <input type="radio"/> Act like a filter for larger molecules						
Q7.	What is the main purpose of adding SDS in SDS-PAGE?				1	1	1
	<input type="radio"/> To preserve protein structure <input type="radio"/> To separate proteins by their isoelectric point <input checked="" type="radio"/> To give proteins a uniform negative charge <input type="radio"/> To stain proteins						
Q8.	Immunoelectrophoresis is a technique that involves:				1	1	1
	<input type="radio"/> Only size separation <input type="radio"/> Only pH gradient separation <input checked="" type="radio"/> Antigen-antibody interaction <input type="radio"/> Only electric field strength measurement						
Q9.	The main difference between PCR and Real-Time PCR (qPCR) is:				1	1	1
	<input type="radio"/> qPCR does not require primers <input checked="" type="radio"/> qPCR monitors DNA amplification as it happens <input type="radio"/> PCR can detect RNA directly <input type="radio"/> PCR uses fluorescent probes						

Q10. In Sanger DNA sequencing, chain termination is caused by:

1 1 1

- ☐ Normal deoxynucleotides (dNTPs)
 ☒ Dideoxynucleotides (ddNTPs)
 ☐ Radioactive labels
 ☐ Fluorescent dyes

Section 2 (Answer all question(s))

Marks CO BL

Q11. Define resolving power of a microscope. What is the role of refractive index in microscopy?

2 2 1

Rubric	Marks
Resolving Power-1mk; refractive index 1 mk.	2

Q12. (a) Describe the body structure and working of a compound microscope.

8 2 1

Rubric	Marks
body structure:4 and working of a compound microscope: 4	8

(OR)

(b) What is fluorescence microscopy? Explain its principle and uses in biology.

Rubric	Marks
What is fluorescence microscopy: 1 Explain its principle: 5 and uses in biology:2	8

Section 3 (Answer all question(s))

Marks CO BL

Q13. Mention two applications of centrifugation in biological research. Name any two sub-cellular organelles that can be isolated using differential centrifugation.

2 1 1

Rubric	Marks
Mention two applications of centrifugation in biological research: 1 Name any two sub-cellular organelles that can be isolated using differential centrifugation:1	2

Q14. (a) Differentiate between infrared, UV, and visible spectrophotometry with suitable applications.

8 2 1

Rubric	Marks
Differentiate between infrared, UV, and visible spectrophotometry: 6 with suitable applications: 2	8

(OR)

(b) How are sub-cellular organelles isolated using differential and density gradient centrifugation? Explain.

Rubric	Marks
differential: 4 density gradient centrifugation:4	8

Section 4 (Answer all question(s))

Marks CO BL

Q15. Define retention time in HPLC. Give two applications of HPLC.

2 2 1

Rubric	Marks
Define retention time in HPLC.: 1 Give 2 applications of HPLC.: 1	2

Q16. (a) Compare gel filtration and ion exchange chromatography with their principles and applications.

8 3 1

Rubric	Marks
principles: 5.5 and applications: 2.5	8

(OR)

(b) Discuss the principle, instrumentation, and applications of gas chromatography.

Rubric	Marks
Discuss the principle: 2 instrumentation: 4 applications of gas chromatography:2	8

Section 5 (Answer all question(s))

Marks CO BL

Q17. How does SDS-PAGE differ from native PAGE? Give one application of each.

2 2 1

Rubric	Marks
How does SDS-PAGE differ from native PAGE:1 Give one application of each:1	2

Q18. (a) What is 2D electrophoresis? Discuss its working and significance in proteomics.

8 2 1

Rubric	Marks
What is 2D electrophoresis?:1 Discuss its working and :5 significance in proteomics.:2	8

(OR)

(b) Explain the principle and steps involved in immuno-electrophoresis.

Rubric	Marks
Explain the principle:4 steps involved in immuno-electrophoresis:4	8

Section 6 (Answer all question(s))

Marks CO BL

Q19. Describe the role of primers in a PCR reaction.

2 2 1

Rubric	Marks
Describe the role of primers in a PCR reaction:2	2

Q20. (a) Describe the technique of Southern blotting and its applications.

8 2 1

Rubric	Marks
Describe the technique of Southern blotting: 6 its applications: 2	8

(OR)

(b) Write a detailed note on DNA sequencing methods and their significance.

Rubric	Marks
Write a detailed note on DNA sequencing methods:6 their significance.: 2	8
