

Course Code: BCH 415

Course Title: Advanced Biochemical methods

Time Allowed: 2 hours

Instruction: Answer all questions

Date: 16/02/2017

1. (a) Briefly describe how you will purify an enzyme with a net positive charge contaminated with other proteins with net negative or neutral charges. *- cation exchange*
- (b) When do you consider an enzyme to be pure? *- when SDI SDI*
- (c) Complete the table below with the correct answer.

Purification Steps	Total Volume(ml)	Total Protein(mg/ml)	Total Activity(u)	Specific Activity(u/mg)	Yield %	Purification fold
Crude enzyme	10	0.504	1.377	2.73	100	1
70% $\text{NH}_4(\text{SO}_4)_2$	5.5	0.090	1.419	15.77	57.6	5.772
Affinity chromatography	1.7	0.012	2.023	168.58	100%	61.695

2. (a) Describe how you will determine the subunit molecular weight of a protein. *- gel electrophoresis*
- (b) Explain the purpose of each of the following chemical reagents that are used for PAGE;
- i. Acrylamide ii. $\text{N,N}'$ -methylene-bisacrylamide iii. TEMED iv. SDS v. Coomassie blue dye
vi. bromophenol blue. *- dye*
3. (a) Explain the advantages of internet facility through the mobile phone as a compliment to the University Library.
- (b) Explain precisely how you would write up your research project, explaining every chapter/part of the entire write up from the cover page to the end.

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SDI - Blue
SDI - ammonium salt
SDI - buffer.

Standard