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**CS/B.Tech (BT)/SEM-3/BT-302/2009-10**

**2009**

**MICROBIOLOGY**

Time Allotted : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 70

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

**GROUP - A**  
**( Multiple Choice Type Questions )**

1. Choose the correct alternatives for any *ten* the following :

10 × 1 = 10

- i) The following substances are used in Gram staining *except*
- |            |                   |
|------------|-------------------|
| a) iodine  | b) crystal violet |
| c) alcohol | d) congo red.     |
- ii) Fungi differ from bacteria in that the former
- |                           |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| a) are eukaryotic         | b) contain cell walls |
| c) can reproduce sexually | d) can form spores.   |
- iii) Which can often live in extreme environment ?
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|-----------|----------------|
| a) Archae | b) Molds       |
| c) Yeast  | d) Eubacteria. |





xi) A bacterium which can grow only in the total absence of oxygen is described as

- a) facultative anaerobes    b) anaerobes  
c) obligate aerobe            d) obligate anaerobe.

xii) Anaerobic respiration of nitrate is the example of

- a) assimilatory nitrate reduction  
b) dissimilatory nitrate reduction  
c) nitrogen fixation  
d) none of these.

**GROUP – B**

**( Short Answer Type Questions )**

Answer any *three* of the following.             $3 \times 5 = 15$

2. What are the extremophile microorganisms ? Why are they important in biotechnological applications ? What is the evolutionary status of Archaea ?             $1 + 2 + 2$
3. What is peptidoglycan ? What is teichoic acid ? Write their presence and origins in Gram positive and Gram negative bacteria.             $1 + 1 + 3$
4. What is 16 s r RNA sequencing ? How is it helpful in taxonomy ?
5. What is enrichment of culture ? Differentiate between psychrophiles and thermophiles with example.             $2 + 3$
6. Give example of homofermentative and heterofermentative lactic acid bacteria. Write short notes on phosphoketolase.             $2 + 3$



**GROUP – C**

**( Long Answer Type Questions )**

Answer any *three* of the following.  $3 \times 15 = 45$

7. Describe asexual and sexual process of reproduction of yeast with exception. Write down the use of common yeast *S.cerevisae* in different biotechnology and research ( at least *five* ).  $5 + 10$
8. Briefly discuss and illustrate with suitable diagram the process of non-symbiotic nitrogen fixation. What role does leghemoglobin play in nitrogen fixation ? What is heterocysts ? What is the function of heterocysts ?  $7 + 3 + 2 + 3$
9. a) State at least two categories of sulphur oxidizing bacteria.
- b) State at least two categories of sulphur reducing bacteria.
- c) What happens when sulphate acts as terminal electron acceptor ?
- d) Why do some bacteria follow Entner-Doudoroff pathway ?
- e) What is mixed acid fermentation ?  $2 + 2 + 4 + 3 + 4$
10. Write a note on cyclic photophosphorylation. Give examples of purple sulphur, purple non-sulphur, green sulphur and green non-sulphur bacteria. What is nitrification ? Give examples of nitrifying bacteria. What is substrate level phosphorylation ? Give examples.  $4 + 4 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 1$
11. Explain the glyoxylate cycle in detail with a specific example of bacteria that follows it.  $15$