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## GUJARAT TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

BE - SEMESTER-VI(NEW) – EXAMINATION – SUMMER 2019

Subject Code:2160508

Date:18/05/2019

Subject Name:Biochemical Engineering

Time:10:30 AM TO 01:00 PM

Total Marks: 70

### Instructions:

1. Attempt all questions.
2. Understand the question carefully and write in proportion to marks it carries.
3. Provide explanation wherever required.
4. Figures to the right indicate full marks.

- Q.1** (a) State three differences between a chemical reaction and its biochemical counterpart. **03**
- (b) Explain with a diagram various phases of microbial growth. Which phase is the longest? **04**
- (c) Discuss with examples the application of fermentation technology in food and beverage, industrial solvents, and antibiotics production. **07**
- Q.2** (a) Name three industrially important biochemical reactions and mention the name(s) of the microorganism involved therein. **03**
- (b) State and explain different types of solid and liquid media used for microbial growth. **04**
- (c) Discuss various methods of cell disruption to get intracellular products. Give two examples of such intracellular products. **07**
- OR**
- (c) State and briefly explain various steps, either sequential or concurrent, of an integrated bioprocess in general. **07**
- Q.3** (a) State three methods for the measurement of microbial growth. **03**
- (b) Write down Monod equation of microbial growth kinetics. Explain various terms in the same equation. How do you determine the kinetic parameters of the above equation graphically? **04**
- (c) Using substrate and biomass balance derive the design equation for a continuous stirred tank system for biochemical process. State the assumptions. Comment on critical dilution rate and washout factor. **07**
- OR**
- Q.3** (a) What are the temperature, pressure and time conditions for steam sterilization? Name a few methods for sterilization of medium other than using steam. **03**
- (b) Calculate the steady state substrate and biomass concentration in a continuous fermenter which has an operating volume of 25 L. When the sterile feed stream contains limiting substrate at 2000 mg/L and enters the vessel at 8L/h. The values of  $K_s$  and  $\mu_m$  are 10.5 mg/L and 0.45 h<sup>-1</sup> respectively and the yield coefficient may be taken as 0.48. **04**
- (c) Illustrate various probable configurations of fed-batch bioreactors with schematic diagrams. **07**

- Q.4** (a) Write down the differences between prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells with examples. **03**  
(b) How does an enzyme work? Classify enzymes with examples. **04**  
(c) Draw a schematic diagram of a fermenter, label its different parts and state the functions of major parts. **07**

**OR**

- Q.4.** (a) What are different types of controlling system in fermenter? **03**  
(b) Write a note on biosensors for fermentation control. **04**  
(c) Discuss various monitoring and control parameters of an ideal fermenter. **07**
- Q.5** (a) Explain why oxygen needs to be supplied at a sufficient rate during aerobic fermentation. **03**  
(b) Explain various physico-chemical parameters affecting volumetric mass transfer coefficient  $K_{La}$ . **04**  
(c) State various methods of determination of volumetric mass transfer coefficient  $K_{La}$  in a fermenter and explain any one. **07**

**OR**

- Q.5** (a) Name various unit operations used in upstream and down stream processing in fermentation. **03**  
(b) Discuss briefly the rheological behaviour of fermentation broth with appropriate examples. **04**  
(c) Explain differential centrifugation method for separation of cells from fermentation broth. **07**

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