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NOIDA INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY, GREATER NOIDA

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B.Tech

SEM: V - THEORY EXAMINATION (2024-2025)

Subject: Bioprocess Engineering

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks:100

General Instructions:**IMP:** Verify that you have received question paper with correct course, code, branch etc.

1. This Question paper comprises of three Sections -A, B, & C. It consists of Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ's) & Subjective type questions.
2. Maximum marks for each question are indicated on right hand side of each question.
3. Illustrate your answers with neat sketches wherever necessary.
4. Assume suitable data if necessary.
5. Preferably, write the answers in sequential order.
6. No sheet should be left blank. Any written material after a blank sheet will not be evaluated/checked.

SECTION – A

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1. Attempt all parts:-

- 1-a. Which phase has the condition of specific growth rate " $\mu = 0$ "? (CO1, K2) 1
- (a) Log Phase
 - (b) Death Phase
 - (c) Stationary Phase
 - (d) Lag Phase
- 1-b. Calculate the stoichiometric coefficients of the following biological reaction: 1
- Glucose: $C_6H_{12}O_6 + aO_2 + bNH_3 = c(C_{4.4}H_{7.3}N_{0.86}O_{1.2}) + dH_2O + eCO_2$ (CO1, K2)
- (a) $a = 1.573, b = 0.685, c = 0.470, d = 2.564, e = 2$
 - (b) $a = 2.789, b = 1.896, c = 0.438, d = 1.395, e = 1$
 - (c) $a = 1.473, b = 0.782, c = 0.909, d = 3.854, e = 2$
 - (d) $a = 2.390, b = 1.295, c = 0.943, d = 2.564, e = 1$
- 1-c. The catalytic efficiency of two distinct enzymes can be compared based on which of the following factor? (CO2, K2) 1
- (a) K_m
 - (b) Product formation
 - (c) Size of the enzymes
 - (d) pH of optimum value

- 1-d. Which of the following matrix is not used while immobilizing the enzyme by covalent binding? (CO2, K1) 1
- (a) Agarose
 - (b) Cellulose
 - (c) Calcium alginate
 - (d) Glutaraldehyde
- 1-e. Impeller flooding signifies..... (CO3, K1) 1
- (a) The flooding of an impeller
 - (b) Gas handling is greater than the amount introduced
 - (c) Gas handling is smaller than the amount introduced
 - (d) None of the above
- 1-f. What do you mean by “ k_{La} ”? (CO3, K1) 1
- (a) Volumetric mass transfer coefficient
 - (b) Henry’s law coefficient
 - (c) Volumetric oxygen transfer coefficient
 - (d) None of these
- 1-g. Which type of fermenter and process does Penicillin production requires? (CO4, K1) 1
- (a) Batch fermenter and fed-batch process
 - (b) Batch fermenter and batch process
 - (c) Continuous fermenter and fed-batch process
 - (d) Continuous fermenter and batch process
- 1-h. _____ species are used for acetone–butanol production. (CO4, K1) 1
- (a) *Clostridium*
 - (b) *Bacillus*
 - (c) *Streptomyces*
 - (d) *Acetobacter*
- 1-i. Are these statements about the sterilization true? 1
- Statement 1: Sterilization process consists of 3 phases.
- Statement 2: Phase 2 in sterilization process is known as holding phase. (CO5, K1)
- (a) True, False
 - (b) True, True
 - (c) False, True
 - (d) False, False

- 1-j. Which of the following is an advantage of continuous sterilization over batch sterilization? (CO5, K1) 1
- (a) Solid matter can be used in media
 - (b) Reduction of fermenter corrosion
 - (c) Lower risk of contamination
 - (d) Easier control

2. Attempt all parts:-

- 2.a. What is bacterial growth rate? How it differs from specific growth rate? (CO1, K2) 2
- 2.b. State the advantages of fed-batch bioreactor over batch reactor. (CO2, K1) 2
- 2.c. Discuss why baffles are installed in the side wall of the bioreactor leaving a small gap. (CO3, K1) 2
- 2.d. What type of difficulties one can face during the downstream processing of proteins? (CO4, K1) 2
- 2.e. What do you understand by decimal reduction time in context to sterilization? (CO5, K1) 2

SECTION – B 30

3. Answer any five of the following-

- 3-a. Describe any two indirect methods of quantifying microbial growth. (CO1, K2) 6
- 3-b. The growth of *S. cerevisiae* on glucose under anaerobic conditions can be described by the following overall reaction: 6
- $$\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6 + b \text{NH}_3 \rightarrow 0.59 \text{CH}_{1.74}\text{N}_{0.2}\text{O}_{0.45} \text{ (biomass)} + 0.43 \text{C}_3\text{H}_8\text{O}_3 + 1.54\text{CO}_2 + 1.3 \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH} + 0.036 \text{H}_2\text{O}$$
- a. Determine the biomass yield coefficient $Y_{X/S}$.
- b. Determine the product yield coefficients $Y_{\text{EtOH}/S}$, $Y_{\text{CO}_2/S}$, $Y_{\text{C}_3\text{H}_8\text{O}_3}$. (CO1, K2)
- 3-c. Describe the significance of K_m , V_{max} and K_{cat} in enzyme kinetics. (CO2, K2, K3) 6
- 3-d. Explain any two enzyme immobilization method. What are the advantages and disadvantages of that method? (CO2, K1) 6
- 3-e. Using appropriate example discuss solid-state fermentation. (CO3, K1) 6
- 3-f. Discuss any case study involving the production of insulin. (CO4, K2) 6
- 3-g. Elaborate the advantages of continuous sterilization over batch sterilization. (CO5, K1) 6

SECTION – C 50

4. Answer any one of the following-

- 4-a. Discuss the kinetics of microbial growth and substrate utilization. (CO1, K2) 10
- 4-b. Using appropriate example elaborate the stoichiometry of microbial product formation. (CO1, K2) 10

5. Answer any one of the following-

- 5-a. Discuss in detail construction and working of a continuous bioreactor. (CO2, K1) 10
- 5-b. Explain the characteristic features of immobilized enzymes. What do you understand by cross-linked enzymes? (CO2, K2) 10

6. Answer any one of the following-
- 6-a. Illustrate various parameters that need to be checked during scale up of a bioreactor and also give mathematical equations corresponding to them. (CO3, K1) 10
- 6-b. Elaborate the operation and control of a bioreactor with respect to aeration and heat transfer. (CO3, K1) 10
7. Answer any one of the following-
- 7-a. Describe the process for high fructose corn syrup production. (CO4, K1) 10
- 7-b. With appropriate discussion elaborate the production process of bio-ethanol. (CO4, K1) 10
8. Answer any one of the following-
- 8-a. Elaborate various heat based and radiation based methods of sterilization. (CO5, K1) 10
- 8-b. Discuss mathematical modelling used in bioprocess engineering in context to dynamic mass balance equations. (CO5, K1) 10