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M. Sc. Int. Biotechnology, Eighth Semester Examination
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02:30 p.m. - 05:30 p.m.
PS08CIGEB4: Biodegradation and Bioremediation

Note:

1. Figures to the right indicate marks.
2. Draw neat and labeled diagram, wherever necessary.

Q-1 Attempt the followings

[08 X 01 = 08]

1. It is always desirable to treat high organic content waste by
 (a) Aerobic treatment (b) Anaerobic treatment
 (c) Both a & b (d) None
2. Oxidation reaction occurs in _____.
 (a) Aerobic condition (b) Anaerobic condition
 (c) Anoxic condition (d) All
3. Beta oxidation of aliphatic organic molecule requires
 (a) Alpha & beta carbon substitution (b) free alpha carbon
 (c) Both alpha & beta free carbons (d) free beta carbon
4. Removal of methyl moiety from pesticide is referred as
 (a) Hydrolysis (b) Dealkylation
 (c) Hydroxylation (d) Dehalogenation
5. Genetic engineered _____ strain is used for biodegradation of 4-ethylbenzoate contaminants.
 (a) *Pseudomonas putida* (b) *Aspergillus niger*
 (c) *Bacillus subtilis* (d) *Bacillus denitrificans*
6. Bioscrubber used for waste gas purification has _____ stationary.
 (a) Water phase (b) Microorganisms
 (c) Organic phase (d) All
7. Which of the following are nonionic surfactants, (zwitterionic),
 (a) SDS (b) Triton X-100 (c) Lecithin (d) All
8. _____ of following can be used as biofilter media.
 (a) Compost (b) Peat (c) Perlite (d) All of these

Q-2 Answer the following questions (Any seven).

[07 X 02 = 14]

- i. Describe characteristics of aerobic bacteria for degradation of organics.
- ii. Explain briefly degradation of S alkyl and ketone compounds.
- iii. Give an account on gentisate pathway for non heterocyclic aromatic compounds.
- iv. What is epoxidation reactions?

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- v. Discuss the disadvantages of bioremediation technique.
- vi. Enlist the method involved in *Ex-situ* bioremediation strategy.
- vii. State the strategies used for bioremediation of both soil & water.
- viii. Write the role of low molecular weight biosurfactants in bioremediation?
- ix. Define: Biotricking filters ? Give its importance.

- Q-3 (A) Describe principles of bacterial degradation. [06]
 (B) Which are environmental factors that can affect rate of biodegradation? [06]

OR

- (B) Explain degradation of aromatic organic compound under aerobic conditions. [06]

- Q-4 (A) Write a note on oxidative dealkylation. [06]
 (B) Depict on Halogen reactions. [06]

OR

- (B) Elaborate on degradation of wood by insects. [06]

- Q5 (A) How can Bioaugmentation be useful for improvement of bioremediation? [06]

- (B) Mention and explain any two methods used for in-situ Bioremediation. [06]

OR

- (B) Briefly explain Bioreactors used for the treatment of wastewater and slurries. [06]

- Q6 (A) Explain the mechanisms of Biofiltration. [06]

- (B) What are the criteria for the choice of an optimal Biofilter medium? [06]

OR

- (B) Summarize the role of microbial ecology of Biofiltration. [06]
