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Maximum Marks: 70

Q.1 Select the right answer for the following:

1x8
= 8

(i) Population Selection r & K strategies is derived from following equation

- a. $dx/dt.1/x = r-(r/K *x)$ b. $dx/dt = r-(r/K.x)$
c. $dx/dt.1/x = r-(r/K)$ d. $dt/dx.1/x = r-(r/K.x)$

(ii) FAME analysis is a method to study

- a. Species Diversity b. Ecology
c. Community Diversity d. Community

(iii) Freshwater runoff and ground water seepage interfaces with marine waters is referred as _____.

- a. Wetland b. Estuary c. Salt-marsh Estuary d. None

(iv) Rhizobia synthesize a Nod factor during symbiotic association with legume plant which is chemically a/an _____.

- a. Protein b. Peptide c. Polysaccharide d. Oligosaccharide

(v) Which group of Actinomycetes show N₂ fixation with non leguminous plants

- a. Streptomyces b. Mycorrhizae c. Frankia d. Aspergillus

(vi) The term _____ is applied to the interaction of two or more populations that supply each other's nutritional needs but it is not an obligatory.

- a. Mutualism b. Syntrophism c. Commensalism d. None

(vii) The invertebrate animals show relationship with photosynthetic microorganisms, these microbes are referred as _____.

- a. Endocycano b. Zoic algae c. Endozoic algae d. Endophototrophs

(viii) A common feeding strategy found in aquatic invertebrates which ingest the microbial crust from the submerged surfaces is _____.

- a. Filter Feeding b. Grazing c. Cross-feeding d. None

Q.2. Attempt any seven of the following 2x7
=14

1. Define the role of chemolithotrophs in deepsea thermal vent habitats.
2. Define ecological Niche ? How does a niche differ from a habitat?
3. Give 4 names symbiotic N₂ fixers.
4. Give two applications of alkalophiles.
5. Define three reasons for 16 s r DNA as chronological tool.
6. Draw neat labelled diagram of Nitrogenase.
7. Explain the role of Bdellovibrio as ectoparasitic microbe.
8. Explain the role of ARDRA as a tool for study of microbial community.
9. Define the difference b/w autogenic & allogenic succession.

- Q.3 a. Justify: Biofilm formation is one of the most suitable examples of microbial ecosystem 6
- b. Discuss in brief microbial role in context to fresh water habitat. 6

OR

- b. Define diversity indices. Discuss examples of diversity indices to study structure of microbial communities. 6
- Q.4 a. Define extreme thermophiles. Discuss the physiology & applications of these thermophiles. 6
- b. Explain the method, application & limitation of DGGE as tool to study microbial diversity. 6

OR

- b. Explain mode of adaptation and application of alkalophiles 6
- Q.5 a. Discuss the mechanism of nodulation process in symbiotic nitrogen fixation 6
- b. Many factors can influence N₂ fixation process: Justify. 6

OR

- b. Explain the role of nif & fix genes in regulation of Nitrogenase enzyme 6
- Q.6 a. What is lichen? How can lichens grow on rocks & tree barks? 6
- b. Write a short note on mutualism among microbial population with example. 6

OR

- b. How do microorganisms contribute to the nutrition of ruminant animals? 6

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