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Programme: B.E.

Branch: Chemical Engineering

Course Code: 19CH7DCBCE

Course: Biochemical Engineering

Semester: VII

Duration: 3 hrs.

Max Marks: 100

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Instructions: 1. Answer any FIVE full questions, choosing one full question from each unit.
2. Missing data, if any, may be suitably assumed.

UNIT - I

1. a) Enumerate the advantages and disadvantages of biological process. **04**
- b) Briefly discuss the role of chemical engineers in bioprocess industries. **08**
- c) Explain the Watson –Crick model of DNA and describe the important features of DNA molecules. **08**

UNIT - II

2. a) List out the major classes of enzyme proposed by international Union of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. **04**
- b) Explain the effect of pH on % activity of enzyme. **06**
- c) Describe the steps incorporated in the production and purification of enzyme on commercial scale. **10**

OR

3. a) The following data have been obtained for an enzyme–catalyzed reaction on the substrate removal rate and substrate concentration **10**

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|--------------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| [s] mol | 0.002 | 0.005 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.10 |
| Rate, r mol/min | 0.045 | 0.115 | 0.28 | 0.38 | 0.46 | 0.475 | 0.505 |

Estimate the value of substrate removal rate constant K_m and the value of V_{max} .

- b) Derive the Michaelis-Menten expression for a single substrate biochemical reaction stating the assumption (steady state approximation). **10**

UNIT - III

4. a) Develop the rate expression for reversible competitive inhibition. **10**
- b) What is enzyme inhibition? Briefly explain any three types of inhibitions. **10**

Important Note: Completing your answers, compulsorily draw diagonal cross lines on the remaining blank pages. Revealing of identification, appeal to evaluator will be treated as malpractice.

OR

5. a) Describe the process of a immobilization of enzyme. **08**
- b) Study on the hydrolysis of sucrose at pH = 4.5 and 25 °C using crude invertase obtained from baker's yeast in free and immobilized form. The following initial velocity data (Table 5.1) were obtained with 408 units of crude enzyme (1 unit = quantity of enzyme hydrolyzing 1mmol of sucrose/min when incubated with 0.29 M sucrose in a buffer at pH 4.5 and 25 °C). Determine the K_m and V_m for this reaction using both free and immobilized enzyme. **08**

Table: 5.1 Initial velocity data

| V0(mmol hydrolysed/1-min) | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Free enzyme | Immobilized enzyme | S(mol/l) |
| 0.083 | 0.056 | 0.101 |
| 0.143 | 0.098 | 0.020 |
| 0.188 | 0.127 | 0.030 |
| 0.222 | 0.149 | 0.040 |
| 0.250 | 0.168 | 0.050 |
| 0.330 | 0.227 | 0.100 |
| 0.408 | 0.290 | 0.290 |

- c) What are the uses of Dixon plot . **04**

UNIT - IV

6. a) Explain the growth patterns and kinetics in batch culture. **08**
- b) What are the environmental factors that affect growth kinetics? Explain **06**
- c) Derive an equation to find the Monod's constant. **06**

UNIT - V

7. a) Explain sterilization process used for the control of microorganisms. **10**
- b) Explain in detail the physical methods and chemical methods of cell disruption. **10**
