

Ph.D. IN BIOCHEMISTRY (PHDBC)

Term-End Examination

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**RBC-003 : BIOCHEMICAL AND MOLECULAR
BIOLOGICAL TECHNIQUES**

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

*Note : The question paper consists of three sections, A, B
and C. Answer **all** the questions.*

SECTION A

1. (a) Define the following terms : $5 \times 2 = 10$
- (i) Homogenisation
 - (ii) Distribution Coefficient (K_d)
 - (iii) pH electrode
 - (iv) Gene knockout
 - (v) SDS-PAGE

(b) Write one application for each of the following: 5×1=5

(i) Weighing balance

(ii) pH meter

(iii) Primer

(iv) Liquid Nitrogen

(v) RPMI

(c) Differentiate between Molarity and Normality. How will you prepare a 100 mL solution of 0.5 M glucose ?

(Molecular weight = 180)

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SECTION B

Answer any **five** questions.

5×6=30

2. What is sterilization ? Briefly describe the various sterilization techniques used in cell culture. 6
3. Write the principle and applications of gel filtration chromatography. 6
4. Define pH. Explain the role of biological buffers in maintaining the pH. 6
5. Differentiate between real time PCR and RT-PCR. 3+3=6
6. What is DNA sequencing ? Name different methods for DNA sequencing and briefly describe any one. 6
7. Write the principle of any **two** of the following techniques : 2×3=6
 - (a) ELISA
 - (b) Electrophoresis
 - (c) Gene cloning
8. What is the role of growth medium ? Give two examples each for the growth media used for microbial and animal cell cultures. 6

SECTION C

Answer any **five** questions.

5×10=50

9. Design an experiment for subcellular fractionation from an animal tissue. 10
10. Explain the principle, procedure and applications of Gas Liquid Chromatography. 10
11. Describe Gel retardation assay and DNase footprinting with suitable diagrams. 10
12. Describe the principle and applications of FACS. 10
13. Explain how molecular weight of a DNA sample can be determined using agarose gel electrophoresis. 10
14. Give an account on cloning vectors with suitable examples. 10
15. Write short notes on any **two** of the following : 5+5=10
 - (a) Growth curve of *Escherichia coli* and measurement of doubling time
 - (b) Immunoelectrophoresis
 - (c) Microarray
 - (d) Western Blotting