



## **THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA**

## **B.Sc. / B.Ed. DEGREE PROGRAMME – LEVEL 04**

**BOU2103/ BOE4103- PRINCIPLES OF MICROBIOLOGY**

## **OPEN BOOK TEST – 2012/2013**

**DURATION: ONE (01) HOUR.**

**Reg. No.** .....

**DATE : 7<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

**TIME : 4.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.**

## **Answer All Questions.**

**Questions should be answered on the question paper itself.**

01. Write down the typical growth stages of a bacterial batch culture and giving reasons (briefly), state what happens to the cell numbers in each step.

(3 x 4 marks)

02. Name the four nutritional categories of microorganisms based on their source of carbon and energy.

| Nutritional category | Carbon source | Energy source |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Photoautotroph       | .....         | .....         |
| .....                | .....         | .....         |
| Chemoautotroph       | .....         | .....         |
| .....                | .....         | .....         |

(2 x 10 marks)

03. Briefly explain the purpose and principle of the following.

Gas pack anaerobic jar

Use.....  
Principle.....  
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Freeze drying

Use.....  
Principle.....  
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Autoclave

Use.....  
Principle.....  
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(4 x 3 marks)

04. Differentiate between the following (give two factors each).

a) Virulent phage and temperate phage

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b) Bacterial colonies and plaques

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a) Complex medium and a defined medium

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(8 x 3 marks)

05. Fill in the blanks using suitable names/words/phrases.

- a) The smaller an organism, ..... is the ratio of surface area to volume.
- b) The five kingdom classification was proposed by .....
- c) The classification proposed by Carl Woese placed all life forms into three domain based on .....
- d) The bacterium ..... is used as a biological insecticide for the control of lepidopteron larvae.
- e) The use of solid media for culturing microorganisms was introduced by the scientist .....  
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- f) During the golden age of microbiology, the causal agents of many diseases were discovered. Kitasato discovered the causal agent of .....

- g) The use of virulence reduced strains (attenuated) in vaccination was discovered by the scientist .....
- h) Different strains of bacteria can be identified based on their sensitivity to susceptible phages. This technique is known as .....
- i) There are two distinct types of prokaryotes, Eubacteria, and .....
- j) Amoebic dysentery is caused by .....
- k) Protozoa that move by amoeboid motion are called .....
- l) The scientist ..... provided evidence for the existence of exceptionally heat resistant forms of bacteria.

(2 x 12 marks)

06. Briefly explain the following statements.

1. ‘Phototrophic bacteria do not evolve oxygen during photosynthesis’.

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2. ‘A bacterial culture may have an exceptionally long lag phase or may bypass the lag phase completely’.

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(4 x 2 marks)

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