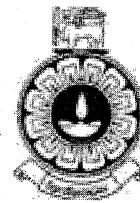


THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
B.Sc. / B.Ed. DEGREE PROGRAMME – LEVEL 04
BOU2103/ BOE4103- PRINCIPLES OF MICROBIOLOGY
OPEN BOOK TEST – 2013/2014
DURATION: ONE (01) HOUR.



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DATE : 27th February 2014

TIME : 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

Answer All Questions. Questions should be answered on the question paper itself.

01. Fill in the blanks with suitable phrases/words.
- i. The metabolically inert state of viruses outside living cells is known as
- ii. The scientist provided evidence for the existence of heat resistant forms of bacteria.
- iii. is a technique which employs viruses to differentiate between strains of closely related bacteria.
- iv. The time taken for 100 *E.coli* cells to become 200 is termed as
- v. The two distinct types of prokaryotes are and
- vi. Organisms that use organic carbon and utilize light as their energy source are termed as
- vii. The use of solid media for the cultivation of microorganisms was introduced by the scientist
- viii. A culture medium containing natural substances of unknown composition is referred to as
- ix. The pioneer to use aseptic techniques in surgery was
- x. Microorganisms with low temperature optima are known as

- xi. The bacterium is used as a biological insecticide for the control of lepidopteron larvae.
- xii. The use of attenuated strains in vaccination was discovered by the scientist
- xiii. Insect transmission is used for viruses which cannot be transmitted by
- xiv. Unwanted forms of life in a culture plate are known as
- xv. A pure culture maintained for long periods of time is referred to as a
- xvi. The scientist who contributed most to the pure culture concept is

(3 x 16 marks)

02. Briefly explain the use and the principle of each the following equipments.

a). Gas pack anaerobic jar

Use.....
Principle.....
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b). Shaker with rotary motion

Use.....
Principle.....
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c). Autoclave

Use.....

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

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

a) Virulent phage and Temperate phage

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b) Batch culture and Continuous culture

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c) General purpose medium and a Selective medium

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d) Lag phase and Log phase

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(6 x 4 marks)

(04) . Briefly explain the following statements.

a). ‘Phototrophic bacteria do not evolve oxygen during photosynthesis’.

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b). ‘Petri-dishes should be incubated in an inverted position with lid-side down’.

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c). ‘Autoclaving certain media produces insoluble flocs’

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d). ‘MacConkeys medium can be described as a selective and differential medium for enteric bacteria’

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(4 x 4 marks)

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