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B.Tech

SEM: VI - THEORY EXAMINATION (2022-2023)

Subject: Metabolic Engineering

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 100

General Instructions:

IMP: Verify that you have received the question paper with the correct course, code, branch etc.

1. This Question paper comprises of **three Sections -A, B, & C.** It consists of Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ's) & Subjective type questions.
2. Maximum marks for each question are indicated on right -hand side of each question.
3. Illustrate your answers with neat sketches wherever necessary.
4. Assume suitable data if necessary.
5. Preferably, write the answers in sequential order.
6. No sheet should be left blank. Any written material after a blank sheet will not be evaluated/checked.

SECTION A

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1. Attempt all parts:-

- 1-a. Select the correct option that describe the working principle of a metabolic engineering study in a proper manner. (CO1) 1
- (a) DBTL
(b) TDBL
(c) BDTL
(d) LBBDT
- 1-b. Which technique is commonly used to develop black box models? (CO1) 1
- (a) Artificial neural networks
(b) Linear regression
(c) Principal component analysis (PCA)
(d) Decision trees
- 1-c. A specialized type of metabolic flux analysis which utilizes linear thermodynamic constraints in addition to mass balance constraints to generate thermodynamically feasible fluxes and metabolite activity profiles is ____ (CO2) 1
- (a) Thermodynamic based MFA

- (b) Linear programming based MFA
- (c) Non-Linear programming based MFA
- (d) None of the above
- 1-d. Which of the following is a requirement for C13 MFA? (CO2) 1
- (a) Use of radioactive isotopes
- (b) Use of C13-labeled substrates
- (c) Use of enzymes to catalyze reactions
- (d) Use of fluorescence detection
- 1-e. Which of the following detector in Gas Chromatography works based on the change in the thermal conductivity. (CO3) 1
- (a) Flame Ionisation Detector
- (b) Electron capture
- (c) Atomic absorption detector
- (d) Katharometer
- 1-f. An expression for the experimentally determined change in flux through a pathway in response to a regulatory hormone or second messenger. (CO3) 1
- (a) Elasticity coefficient
- (b) Response coefficient
- (c) Drag control coefficient
- (d) Metabolic control
- 1-g. These circuits use a bistable switch to control the expression of metabolic enzymes, allowing for the stable maintenance of two different metabolic states.(CO4) 1
- (a) Toggle switches
- (b) feedforward circuits
- (c) feedback circuits
- (d) boolean circuits
- 1-h. The abbreviation ROOM stands for.....(CO4) 1
- (a) Regulation on/off minimization
- (b) Revised on/off minimization
- (c) Regulatory on/off maxmization
- (d) Regulatory on/off minimization
- 1-i. Which of the following techniques is commonly used in pathway engineering? (CO5) 1

- (a) CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing
- (b) Polymerase chain reaction (PCR)
- (c) Western blotting
- (d) Gel electrophoresis

- 1-j. Which of the following is an example of a classical strain improvement technique? (CO5) 1
- (a) Directed evolution
 - (b) CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing
 - (c) Recombinant DNA technology
 - (d) Serial passaging

2. Attempt all parts:-

- 2.a. State simple diffusion.(CO1) 2
- 2.b. Define differential regulation by isoenzymes. (CO2) 2
- 2.c. What is the difference between closed and open systems? (CO3) 2
- 2.d. Give the expression and circuit diagram for OR gate. (CO4) 2
- 2.e. Which are the substrates utilized by yeast, *Sacharomyces cerevisiae* for bioethanol production. (CO5) 2

SECTION B

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3. Answer any five of the following:-

- 3-a. State four basic types of reactions involved in our body. (CO1) 6
- 3-b. Describe active transport and the various carrier proteins involved in it. (CO1) 6
- 3-c. What is the role of mass spectrometry in C13 MFA analysis? (CO2) 6
- 3-d. What are the challenges associated with modeling C13 MFA analysis data? (CO2) 6
- 3.e. How will you build the stoichiometric matrix when you have three metabolites corresponding to five fluxes? (CO3) 6
- 3.f. Write the commands utilized in MATLAB for drawing a helix. (CO4) 6
- 3.g. Exemplify mixed and sequential bioconversions. (CO5) 6

SECTION C

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4. Answer any one of the following:-

- 4-a. Elaborate Jacob Monod model and its regulation for *Lac* operon model. (CO1) 10
- 4-b. *Candida utilis* cells convert glucose to CO₂ and H₂O during growth. The cell composition is CH_{1.84} O_{0.55} N_{0.2} plus 5% ash. Yield of biomass from 10

substrate is 0.5 g^{-1} . Ammonia is used as nitrogen source. (a) What is the oxygen demand with growth compared to that without? (b) *C. utilis* is also able to grow with ethanol as substrate, producing cells of the same composition as above. On a mass basis, how does the maximum possible biomass yield from ethanol compare with the maximum possible yield from glucose? (CO1)

5. Answer any one of the following:-

- 5-a. How can a flux cone be used to analyze the feasibility of metabolic pathways? 10
What are some common software tools used for FBA analysis? (CO2)
- 5-b. What is a stoichiometric matrix? What are some applications of stoichiometric 10
matrix analysis in metabolic engineering? (CO2)

6. Answer any one of the following:-

- 6-a. How the chemical derivatization of the sample in GC-MS is required? List the 10
differences between purge and trap GC-MS and their respective importance in
metabolic engineering. (CO3)
- 6-b. Elucidate the method of metabolic flux measurement using 10
metabolomics. (CO3)

7. Answer any one of the following:-

- 7-a. Describe in detail the boolean logical gates and how these can be combined 10
with one another to change the output. (CO4)
- 7-b. How MOMA can be employed in flux balance analysis? (CO4) 10

8. Answer any one of the following:-

- 8-a. Explain the concept of systems metabolic approach and the categories which 10
includes them. (CO5)
- 8-b. How can omics technologies be utilized to improve strain selection and 10
improvement? (CO5)