



B.TECH DEGREE EXAMINATIONS: MAY 2017

(Regulation 2015)

Fourth Semester

BIOTECHNOLOGY

U15BTT404 : Cell and Molecular Biology

COURSE OUTCOMES

- CO1:** Recognize the fundamental concepts in the cell structure and function and membrane transport processes.
- CO2:** Comprehend the diversified roles of cytoskeletal filaments, the cascade of events in signal transduction
- CO3:** Discuss and distinguish the replication of prokaryotic and eukaryotic DNA
- CO4:** Describe the synthesis of RNA and post-transcriptional modifications
- CO5:** Relate genetic code and protein synthesis
- CO6:** Evaluate gene regulation, DNA damage and repair mechanisms

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Answer all the Questions:-

PART A (10 x 1 = 10 Marks)

1. Match the proteins in List I with their corresponding functions in List II

CO1 [K₃]

List I		List II	
A. Acetylcholine receptor		i. Energy driven ion pumps	
B. Bacteriorhodopsin		ii. Simple diffusion channels	
C. Porins		iii. Transmembrane ion channels	
D. Ca ²⁺ ATPase		iv. Light driven proton pump	

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| a) | ii | i | iii | iv |
| b) | iii | iv | ii | i |
| c) | ii | iv | iii | i |
| d) | iii | i | ii | Iv |

2. Why do plant cells behave differently to animal cells, when placed in a hypotonic solution? CO1 [K₄]
- a) Plant cells are permeable to water b) Plant cells do not carry out active transport
- c) Plant cells contain a vacuole d) Plant cells have a cell wall
3. Which set of the following events occur during elongation step of translation? CO5 [K₂]
1. Attachment of mRNA with smaller subunit of ribosome.
 2. Loading of correct aminoacyl t-RNA into the A site
 3. Formation of peptide bond between the aminoacyl t-RNA in the A site and the peptide chain that is attached to the peptidyl-tRNA in the P site.
 4. Dissociation of ribosomal subunits.
 5. Translocation of peptidyl tRNA from the A site to the P site of the ribosome.
- a) 1, 2 & 3 b) 1, 2 & 5
- c) 2, 3 & 5 d) 3, 4 & 5
4. Characteristics of intracellular receptors that regulate gene transcription include all of the following except CO2 [K₂]
- a) a DNA binding site b) an extracellular binding site
- c) a transcription activating domain d) may be signaled by lipid soluble molecules
5. **Assertion (A):** In Griffith transformation experiment, the live R had been replaced by S bacteria. CO3 [K₄]
- Reason (R):** The explanation for this phenomenon is that R cells restored the viability of dead S cells
- a) Both A and R are Individually true and R is the correct explanation of A b) Both A and R are Individually true but R is not the correct explanation of A
- c) A is true but R is false d) A is false but R is true
6. Elongation of telomeres by the enzyme telomerase and the processing of pre-mRNA to mRNA by the spliceosome share which of the following characteristics? CO3 [K₂]
- a) Both processes require double stranded DNA for enzyme function b) Both processes occur primarily in the cytoplasm
- c) Both processes require G-proteins and downstream effectors d) Both process require an RNA component for enzyme function

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| 15. Write the different conformations of DNA and their characteristics. | CO3 | [K ₂] |
| 16. Compare and contrast the activity of helicase with that of topoisomerase in the context of DNA replication. | CO3 | [K ₄] |
| 17. How does transcription differ from replication in the context of initiation? | CO4 | [K ₄] |
| 18. Cite the action of GTP in protein synthesis. | CO5 | [K ₂] |
| 19. What is the action of base analog mutagens in mutagenesis? | CO6 | [K ₂] |
| 20. What is photoreactivation? Summarize its role in DNA repair mechanism. | CO6 | [K ₂] |

Answer any FIVE Questions:-

PART C (5 x 14 = 70 Marks)

(Answer not more than 300 words)

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| 21. Many regulatory mechanisms are used in bacterial gene expression which depend upon on/off switch systems. Justify the statement with an operon model as an example. | CO6 | [K ₅] |
| 22. Discuss the various events in cell cycle with its regulation and critically analyse the check points in cell cycle. | CO1 | [K ₄] |
| 23. Analyze the role of receptors and second messengers in signal transduction cascade. | CO2 | [K ₄] |
| 24. Describe the process of replication in eukaryotic chromosomes and add a note on replication of telomere in the ends of chromosome. | CO3 | [K ₃] |
| 25. Discuss post transcriptional processing is essential for generation of mature mRNA molecule in eukaryotes. | CO4 | [K ₅] |
| 26. Elaborate on the initiation, elongation and termination stages of protein synthesis | CO5 | [K ₂] |
| 27. Illustrate different types of chemical mutagens and their mechanism of action in mutagenesis | CO6 | [K ₃] |
