



M.TECH DEGREE EXAMINATIONS: JUNE 2018

(Regulation 2015)

Second Semester

BIOTECHNOLOGY

P15BTE201 : Environmental Biotechnology

COURSE OUTCOMES

- CO1: Develop a comprehensive understanding of wastewater treatment methodologies and waste management strategies in specific industries.
- CO2: Understand the biodegradation pathways for xenobiotic compounds.
- CO3: Acquire an ability to apply the concepts in real-world scenarios, for environmental clean-up.
- CO4: Ability to handle industrial waste treatment.
- CO5: Application of environmental concepts.

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Answer all the Questions:-

PART A (10 x 1 = 10 Marks)

1. Assertion (A): The rapid growing population and economic development is leading to a number of environmental issues in India CO1 [K₄]
Reason (R): Uncontrolled growth of urbanization and industrialization, expansion and massive intensification of agriculture, and the destruction of forests cause more pollution
- 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
2. About Half of the greenhouse effect is caused by CO1 [K₁]
- a) CO₂ b) CH₄
- c) N₂O d) CFC
3. Mechanisms of bioremediation include CO2 [K₂]
- a) Bioaugmentation b) Bioleaching
- c) Biosorption d) Biotransformation

4. Match List I with List II

CO2 [K₅]

List I	List II
A. Microbial Remediation	i. Algae
B. Phytoremediation	ii. Fungi
C. Mycoremediation	iii. Microorganisms
D. Phycoremediation	iv. Plants

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

5. Assertion (A): At a temperature of 155° F, organic matter will decompose about twice as fast as at 130° F CO3 [K₄]

Reason (R): Generally, composting begins at mesophilic temperatures and progresses into the thermophilic range

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6. In water treatment procedures, the purpose of coagulation and flocculation is to CO3 [K₂]

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| a) Disinfect the water supply | b) Remove microorganisms, organic matter, and suspended fine particles |
| c) Soften the water by removing calcium and magnesium | d) Remove taste and odor problems |

7. Disinfection of water in our country is mainly done by CO4 [K₃]

- 1) Oxygenation
- 2) Ultraviolet radiation
- 3) Chlorination
- 4) Filtration

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| a) 1,3 | b) 1,4 |
| c) 1,2 | d) 2,3 |

8. Assertion (A): The determination of pH value of sewage is important CO4 [K₄]
Reason (R): The efficiency of certain treatment methods depends upon the availability of pH value.
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9. _____ is a process in which organic material is heated in vacuum to lower its boiling point and to avoid adverse chemical reactions CO5 [K₁]
- a) Energy recovery b) Vacuum pyrolysis
c) Incineration d) Gasification
10. In the degradation pathway of alkanes to acyl coA, the sequence of enzymes that degrades corresponding product is CO5 [K₅]
1. Acyl-coA synthetase
 2. Aldehyde dehydrogenase
 3. Alkane hydroxylase
 4. Alcohol dehydrogenase
- a) 2-3-4-1 b) 1-3-2-4
c) 3-4-2-1 d) 4-1-3-2

PART B (10 x 2 = 20 Marks)

11. What is eutrophication? CO1 [K₁]
12. Outline the use of algae in waste water treatment. CO1 [K₄]
13. Define Xenobiotics. CO2 [K₁]
14. What is phytoremediation? CO2 [K₂]
15. Compare primary and secondary treatment of water. CO3 [K₂]
16. List any two methods involved in tertiary treatment. CO3 [K₁]
17. Differentiate BOD and COD. CO4 [K₄]
18. Compare land filling and incineration method of solid waste management. CO4 [K₄]
19. List any two microorganisms used for bioleaching. CO5 [K₁]
20. Interpret the role of desulphurization in microbial enhanced oil recovery. CO5 [K₂]

PART C (6 x 5 = 30 Marks)

21. Illustrate the four layers of atmosphere with detailed characteristics of them. CO1 [K₂]
22. Explain metal phytoremediation with two case studies. CO2 [K₄]

23. Explain any four physicochemical characteristics that should be analyzed for polluted water. CO3 [K₂]
24. Interpret the usage of activated sludge and fluidized bed process for treatment of water. CO4 [K₂]
25. Exemplify the difference in four different generations of biofuel production. CO5 [K₂]
26. Explain in detail about Bioplastic technology. CO5 [K₂]

Answer any FOUR Questions
PART D (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

27. Summarize the causes and activities that lead to formation of acid rain with reaction behind it. CO1 [K₂]
28. Organize the biodegradation of any one macromolecule with pathways that is followed. CO2 [K₄]
29. Integrate the usage of aerobic lagoons and trickling filters for secondary treatment of water. CO3 [K₄]
30. Discuss the mechanism of bioremediation of spilled oil and grease deposits CO4 [K₄]
31. Explain the steps involved for energy recovery from organic waste by any two methods. CO5 [K₃]
