



M.E DEGREE EXAMINATIONS: DEC 2022

(Regulation 2018)

First Semester

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

P18EEI201: Environmental Chemistry and Microbiology

COURSE OUTCOMES

- CO1:** Apply basic chemical concepts to analyze chemical processes involved in different environmental problems
- CO2:** Solve and analyze the chemical kinetics involved in the water and waste treatment processes
- CO3:** Use the appropriate degradation technology based on the surface chemistry of the fluids
- CO4:** Identify and analyze the role of microbial metabolism and techniques in a wastewater treatment plant
- CO5:** Monitor the impact of the pollution, by identifying the various bioremediation and biodegradation processes
- CO6:** Analysis the microbial techniques in wastewater treatment

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Answer all the Questions:-

PART A (10 x 1 = 10 Marks)

1. Sequencing type item CO1 [K₂]
The volume of gases H₂, CH₄, CO₂ and NH₃ adsorbed by 1 gm charcoal at 293 K can be given in the order _____
- a) CH₄ > CO₂ > NH₃ > H₂ b) CO₂ > NH₃ > H₂ > CH₄
- c) NH₃ > CO₂ > H₂ > CH₄ d) NH₃ > CO₂ > CH₄ > H₂
2. A solution is prepared by diluting 50 mL of 0.1 M HCl to 1 L. The pH of the final solution is approximately _____ CO1 [K₁]
- a) 1.3 b) 2.3
- c) 3.3 d) 4.3
3. According to Arrhenius equation, rate constant (k) is proportional to _____ CO2 [K₃]
- a) Activation Energy (E) b) e^E
- c) e^{1/E} d) e^{-E}

4. Matching type item with multiple choice code

CO4 [K₄]

List I	List II
1. Microbial degradation	i. Fermentation
2. Acetogenesis	ii. Plate counts, gene probes
3. Dispersion	iii. Batch study
4. Biochemical reactions	iv. Tracer study

- a) 1-i, 2-ii, 3-iii, 4-iv b) 1-ii, 2-iii, 3-iv, 4-i
c) 1-ii, 2-i, 3-iv, 4-iii d) 1-iii, 2-iv, 3-i, 4-ii

5. Colloidal AgCl in aqueous medium may be positively or negatively charged with adsorbed ions. The ion may be _____

CO3 [K₃]

- a) Ag⁺ b) Na⁺
c) I⁻ d) Br⁻

6. _____ of the following colloidal system represents a gel.

CO3 [K₃]

- a) Solid in liquid b) Solid in gas
c) Liquid in solid d) Liquid in gas

7. Assertion (A): Bioenergetics is to describe how living organisms acquire and transform energy in order to perform biological work.

CO5 [K₅]

Reason (R): Study of Metabolic pathways is essential in bioenergetics.

- a) Assertion (A) is true but Reason (R) is false b) Assertion (A) is false but Reason (R) is true
c) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true but Reason (R) is not a correct explanation for Assertion (A) d) Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is a correct explanation for Assertion (A)

8. How many molecule(s) of pyruvate does one molecule of glucose yield after glycolysis?

CO5 [K₄]

- a) 1 b) 2
c) 3 d) 4

9. Ribosomes are composed of _____

CO4 [K₄]

- a) Proteins b) RNA
c) DNA d) Lipids

Answer any FOUR Questions

PART D (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)

27. What is the pH of the buffer solution containing 0.2 M of NH_3 & 0.1 M of NH_4Cl ? (Given: pK_b of $\text{NH}_4\text{OH} = 4.74$) CO1 [K₁]
28. Analyze that in Arrhenius equation, the factor 'A' may be termed as the rate constant at very high temperature and at zero activation energy. CO2 [K₄]
29. Explain Faraday Tyndall effect and its applications. CO3 [K₂]
30. Examine the formation of end products of tricarboxylic acid with a neat sketch. CO5 [K₄]
31. Define Biodegradation. Explain the process and factors affecting of biodegradation rate. CO6 [K₂]
