

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)

BSc DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2025
(Second Semester)

Branch - NUTRITION, FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT AND DIETETICS

PRINCIPLES OF NUTRITION

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

SECTION-A (10 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(10 × 1 = 10)

| Module No. | Question No. | Question | K Level | CO |
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| 1 | 1 | Optimum nutrition refers to: a) Absence of visible deficiency symptoms b) Balanced intake meeting body's needs without excess or deficit c) Intake of high-calorie foods d) Increased protein intake for growth | K1 | CO1 |
| | 2 | Nutritional status of an individual is assessed by: a) Biochemical, clinical, anthropometric, dietary methods b) BMI alone c) Food production statistics d) Hemoglobin estimation only | K2 | CO1 |
| 2 | 3 | Specific dynamic action of food is: a) Extra heat produced during metabolism b) Energy stored as glycogen c) Rate of fat oxidation d) Heat loss during digestion | K2 | CO2 |
| | 4 | Indirect calorimetry measures energy expenditure by: a) Measuring oxygen consumption and CO ₂ output b) Measuring heat directly c) Recording pulse rate d) Estimating water intake | K2 | CO2 |
| 3 | 5 | Carbohydrates prevent ketosis mainly by: a) Acting as a source of glucose b) Increasing protein synthesis c) Enhancing fat absorption d) Storing excess water | K1 | CO3 |
| | 6 | Dietary fibre helps in cholesterol reduction by: a) Increasing bile acid excretion b) Providing extra calories c) Stimulating gastric acid secretion d) Enhancing iron absorption | K2 | CO3 |
| 4 | 7 | Vitamin D deficiency in children results in: a) Pellagra b) Rickets c) Xerophthalmia d) Scurvy | K1 | CO4 |
| | 8 | Excess Vitamin A intake causes: a) Osteoporosis b) Hypervitaminosis with liver damage c) Night blindness d) Rickets | K2 | CO4 |
| 5 | 9 | The calcium-phosphorus ratio is essential for: a) Bone and tooth mineralization b) Preventing dehydration c) Regulating thyroid function d) Acid-base balance | K1 | CO5 |
| | 10 | Goitre is caused by deficiency of: a) Iodine b) Iron c) Fluoride d) Magnesium | K2 | CO5 |

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SECTION - B (35 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks $(5 \times 7 = 35)$

| Module No. | Question No. | Question | K Level | CO |
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| 1 | 11.a. | Define health and nutrition. Discuss the concept of malnutrition with examples. (OR) | K2 | CO1 |
| | 11.b. | Explain nutritional care and features of good/optimum nutrition. | | |
| 2 | 12.a. | Write short notes on direct and indirect calorimetry. (OR) | K3 | CO1 |
| | 12.b. | Explain basal metabolic rate (BMR), its measurement and influencing factors. | | |
| 3 | 13.a. | Describe physiological functions of carbohydrates and their role in dental caries. (OR) | K 3 | CO1 |
| | 13.b. | Define dietary fibre. Explain its types, sources and role in health. | | |
| 4 | 14.a. | Explain functions of proteins and factors affecting protein utilization. (OR) | K 3 | CO2 |
| | 14.b. | Discuss essential fatty acids, their functions and deficiency symptoms. | | |
| 5 | 15.a. | Write about sources, functions and deficiency symptoms of Vitamin A. (OR) | K 3 | CO2 |
| | 15.b. | Discuss functions, sources and deficiency effects of calcium in human nutrition. | | |

SECTION - C (30 Marks)

Answer ANY THREE questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks $(3 \times 10 = 30)$

| Module No. | Question No. | Question | K Level | CO |
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| 1 | 16 | Define calorie and joule. Explain determination of energy value of foods using bomb calorimeter and energy requirement of the body. | K 4 | CO1 |
| 2 | 17 | Discuss digestion, absorption and utilization of dietary lipids. | K 4 | CO3 |
| 3 | 18 | Explain classification, sources, functions, deficiency and toxicity of fat-soluble vitamins. | K 3 | CO4 |
| 4 | 19 | Write an essay on distribution, functions, digestion, absorption and utilization of calcium. Relate calcium deficiency to osteoporosis and osteomalacia | K 4 | CO5 |
| 5 | 20 | Explain functions, food sources, deficiency and toxicity of trace elements – iron, iodine, zinc and fluoride. | K 4 | CO5 |