

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE  
(AUTONOMOUS)

BSc DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2025  
(Fifth Semester)

Branch - NUTRITION, FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT AND DIETETICS

FOOD MICROBIOLOGY

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
1	1	A _____ is the protein coat that surrounds and protects the genetic material (DNA or RNA) of a virus. A) Capsid      B) Cell wall C) Envelope    D) Nucleoid	K1	CO1
	2	Organisms that obtain nutrients from dead and decaying matter are called _____ A) Parasites      B) Saprophytes C) Autotrophs    D) Symbionts	K2	CO1
2	3	Yeast reproduce mainly by _____ A) Binary fission      B) Fragmentation C) Budding      D) Spore germination	K1	CO2
	4	Algae are classified mainly on the basis of A) Cell wall composition and pigment type B) Shape of cells C) Presence of mitochondria D) Nutrition type	K1	CO2
3	5	The fungus known as bread mold is _____ A) <i>Mucor</i> B) <i>Penicillium</i> C) <i>Rhizopus</i> D) <i>Aspergillus</i>	K2	CO3
	6	Psychrotrophic bacteria can grow _____ A) At very high temperatures B) At refrigeration temperatures C) Only at room temperature D) Only in acidic foods	K1	CO3
4	7	Food intoxication occurs when: A) Growth of microorganism in GI track B) Toxin is preformed in food and ingested C) Ingestion of microorganism D) All the above	K1	CO4
	8	The toxin produced by <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> is called _____ A) Endotoxin B) Neurotoxin C) Enterotoxin D) Exoenzyme	K1	CO4
5	9	BOD stands for: A) Biological Organic Density B) Biological Oxygen Demand C) Biochemical Oxygen Depletion D) Bacterial Oxygen Density	K1	CO5
	10	The presence of <i>E. coli</i> in water indicates _____ A) Chemical contamination B) Fecal contamination C) High oxygen level D) Sterility of water	K2	CO5

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**SECTION - B (35 Marks)**

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

(5 × 7 = 35)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	11.a.	Classify microorganism.  (OR)	K2	CO1
	11.b.	Illustrate the structure of Bacteriophage and explain its multiplication.		
	12.a.	Outline the economic importance of algae.  (OR)		CO2
2	12.b.	Draw the structure of yeast cell and explain its morphology.	K2	
	13.a.	Analyze the causes of spoilage and contamination of food.  (OR)	CO3	
	13.b.	Examine the microbes involved in spoilage and contamination of milk.		
3	14.a.	Explain the types of food borne diseases and microbial toxins.  (OR)	K5	CO4
	14.b.	Discuss on infective hepatitis & polio.		
	15.a.	Explain the mode of action and application of chemical agents.  (OR)		CO5
5	15.b.	Choose Physical agents to control micro organisms in food industry.	K5	

**SECTION - C (30 Marks)**

Answer ANY THREE questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks (3 × 10 = 30)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	16	Appraise the following topics 1. Food as a substrate for microbial growth 2. Growth curve of bacteria.	K4	CO1
2	17	Explain morphology, reproduction and nutrition of mold.	K5	CO2
3	18	Examine the factors affecting the growth of microbes and chemical changes caused by microbes.	K4	CO3
4	19	Discuss on <i>Clostridium</i> and <i>Salmonella</i> bacterial infections with reference to incubation period, symptoms and prevention.	K6	CO4
5	20	Compile on bacteriological examination of water for E Coli.	K6	CO5