

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE  
(AUTONOMOUS)

MSc DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2023  
(First Semester)

Branch - BIOTECHNOLOGY

APPLIED MICROBIOLOGY

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

SECTION-A (10 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(10 × 1 = 10)

| Module No. | Q.No. | Question  | K Level | CO  |
|------------|-------|---|---------|-----|
| 1          | 1     | Father of microbiology is<br>a. Alexander Flemming      b. Edward Jenner<br>c. Robert Koch                d. Antoni van Leeuwenhoek   | K1      | CO1 |
|            | 2     | The portion of the growth curve where rapid growth of bacteria is observed is known as _____<br>a. Lag phase                      b. Logarithmic phase<br>c. Stationary phase              d. Decline phase   | K2      | CO1 |
| 2          | 3     | Which of the following gene deduced the evolutionary relationship between the taxonomic groups?<br>a. 16S rRNA                      b. 23S rRNA<br>c. 18S rRNA                      d. 5S rRNA  | K1      | CO2 |
|            | 4     | % Similarity (%S) of each strain to every other strain is calculated by which method?<br>a. Intuitive Method              b. Numerical Taxonomy<br>c. Genetic Relatedness        d. DNA homology experiments  | K2      | CO2 |
| 3          | 5     | Which of the following is not an appropriate target for antifungal drugs?<br>a. chitin                            b. β(1→3) glucan<br>c. ergosterol                      d. quinolones  | K1      | CO3 |
|            | 6     | Relate which of the following antimicrobial drugs is synthetic?<br>a. sulfanilamide                b. penicillin<br>c. neomycin                        d. actinomycin   | K2      | CO3 |
| 4          | 7     | Which is one of the following nutrient cycle is directly propelled by sunlight?<br>a. Carbon                         b. Phosphorus<br>c. Nitrogen                        d. Sulfur  | K1      | CO4 |
|            | 8     | The process of mineralization by microorganisms helps in the release of _____.<br>a. Inorganic nutrients from humus<br>b. Phosphorus<br>c. Organic nutrients<br>d. Nitrogen   | K2      | CO4 |
| 5          | 9     | Which one of the following acid-fast rod bacilli can take up to ten years for its growth in host cells and causes skin infections?<br>a. <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> b. <i>Mycobacterium leprae</i><br>c. <i>Mycobacterium avium</i> d. <i>Nocardia sps</i> | K1      | CO5 |
|            | 10    | Which of the following country was the first to authorize the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine in 2020?<br>a. USA                                b. Germany<br>c. UK                                  d. Australia  | 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.        | Categorise the bacteria based on morphology.   | K3      | CO1 |
|            | (OR)         |  |         |     |
|            | 11.b.        | Compare diauxic growth and synchronous growth in bacteria.                             |         |     |
| 2          | 12.a.        | Select the traditional methods of bacterial identification.                            | K3      | CO2 |
|            | (OR)         |  |         |     |
|            | 12.b.        | Interpret the concept of metagenomics.   |         |     |
| 3          | 13.a.        | Examine the ideal characteristic features of antibacterial agents.                     | K4      | CO3 |
|            | (OR)         |  |         |     |
|            | 13.b.        | List out the important anti-fungal agents with the mode of action.                     |         |     |
| 4          | 14.a.        | With a neat schematic representation, explain the nitrogen cycle.                      | K4      | CO4 |
|            | (OR)         |  |         |     |
|            | 14.b.        | Comment on ammonification.   |         |     |
| 5          | 15.a.        | Explain the pathogenesis of COVID disease. Can vaccinated people still get COVID – 19? | K5      | CO5 |
|            | (OR)         |  |         |     |
|            | 15.b.        | Explain the salient features of <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> .                    |         |     |

**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           | Categorise the various phases of bacterial growth. Add note on continuous culture.  | K4      | CO1 |
| 2          | 17           | Categorise the bacteria based on bergey's manual.   | K4      | CO2 |
| 3          | 18           | Give detailed note on anti-viral agents and their functional importance.  | K4      | CO3 |
| 4          | 19           | Compile the important viral pathogenic strains and Add a note on viral disease in humans.   | K5      | CO4 |
| 5          | 20           | Elaborate the causative agents and transmission of malarial disease. Add a note on current strategy to control this disease in our country. | K5      | CO5 |

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