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PhD Entrance Test – 2026
SECTION-II: Microbiology - 35 Marks

1. EXTREMOPHILES AND MICROBIAL SYSTEMATICS

- Extremophiles: Ecology, Characteristic features with examples, Applications.
- Basic principles and methods of classification of Bacteria, (Bergey's manual of Systematic Bacteriology Edition I Vol I to IV) Fungi, (The Fungi Vol I to IV), Yeasts (The Yeasts) and Viruses. Recent trends in Microbial taxonomy, Nature of microbial diversity,

2 MICROBIAL METABOLISM

- Bioenergetics, Macromolecules (carbohydrates, proteins, nucleic acids and lipids) - structure, synthesis and breakdown,
- Enzymes - characteristics, purification methods and kinetics,
- Aerobic and anaerobic respiration, Nitrogen metabolism, Photosynthesis, Membrane transport, Regulation of metabolism,

3. MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, GENETICS AND RECOMBINANT DNA TECHNOLOGY

- Prokaryote genome organization, Eukaryotic genome organization,
- Recombination, Concept and methodology of genome mapping. Plasmids (types and uses), Transposable Elements, Regulation of gene expression.
- NIH guidelines, Tools, Host organisms used, Cutting and Joining, Enzymes used, and Vectors used, Methods of construction and Screening of Recombinant Molecules, Applications, Bioethics

4. MICROBIAL BIOTECHNOLOGY

- Principles of Bioengineering, Bioreactor - design and operation, operational modes, Fermentation process control, Strain Improvement,
- Production of antibiotics, microbial enzymes, amino acids, organic acids, vitamins, solvents and biomass. Microbial fertilizers and bio-control agents. Production of fermented foods, probiotics,
- Plant and animal tissue culture and applications,
- Regulatory agencies and their role in microbial technology, Patents and IPR, GMP, HACCP.
- Pharmaceutical Validation, Vaccines preparation
- Microbial Nano biotechnology

5. APPLIED MICROBIOLOGY

- Types of soil, cycles of elements in nature, factors affecting soil fertility, Plant diseases - pathogens, control and management, Geomicrobiology, Microbial Ecology.
- Milk and milk products, Quality control in dairy industry, Food borne pathogens, Advanced techniques in food microbiology - detecting food borne pathogens and their toxins - genetic and immunological techniques, predictive modeling, Hazard analysis and critical control system.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL MICROBIOLOGY

- Bioremediation, Bio-augmentation, Bio-stimulation.
- Marine Biotechnology,
- Environment and energy audit,
- Treatment of waste from different industries (Food, Dairy, Pharmaceutical, pesticides, fertilizer, dyes, etc.): methods and assessment,
- Hazardous waste Management,

7. MEDICAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL MICROBIOLOGY AND IMMUNOLOGY

- Determinants of microbial virulence, toxin and antitoxin assays, Principles of diagnosis and therapeutics of infectious diseases,
- Epidemiology of infectious diseases (determinative, analytical and experimental epidemiology),
- Mode of antibiotics acting on cell wall synthesis, cell membrane, protein and nucleic acid synthesis, Principles of antibiotic assays, Principles of discovery and development of antimicrobial agents.
- Hereditary and non infectious Diseases –Diagnosis and Control.
- Diagnosis and Control of Viral Diseases.
- Types of immunity, Antigen and haptens, Immunoglobulin (structure, classes and diversity), Techniques of visualization of antigen antibody interactions, T & B cells, Cytokines, Major Histocompatibility complexes and MHC molecules, Transplantation immunology, Antigen processing and presentation pathways, Activation of humoral and cellular immunity, Cytokines - types, nature, functions and applications, Immuno-deficiency,
- Autoimmunity, Immuno-suppression, Cancer and immune system, Hybridoma technology, Hypersensitivity.

BOOKS RECOMMENDED

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