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THIRD SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2006

Bioprocess Technology

GBT-212—BIOPROCESS TECHNOLOGY

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 80 Marks

Section A

Answer any **two** questions. Each question carries **10** marks.

- How penicillin is produced industrially?
- 2. Define 'single cell protein' ? Narrate the production of single cell protein with an example.
- 3. How to treat the effluents originating from microbial industries?

 $(2 \times 10 = 20 \text{ marks})$

Section B

Answer any **ten** questions. Each question carries 5 marks.

- 4. What are the components of a fermenter? What is the role of those components?
- 5. How fermenters are classified based on the mode of agitation?
- 6. What are the typical phases of microbial growth? What is the relationship of micro-oganisms in each stage of growth with product formation?
- 7. What are packed bed reactors?
- 8. What is synchronous growth? What is its significance in relation to Bioprocesses?
- 9. What are the methods of air sterilization? How air is sterilized in the industrial scale?
- 10. Differentiate and distinguish surface, immersed and solid state fermentation techniques.
- 11. Why immobilization of whole cells is preferred in certain fermentations?
- 12. What are the causes for the initiation of foaming? What is the role of microbes in this process?
- 13. How precipitation is employed in recovering certain microbial products?
- 14. Why continuous filtration is preferred ? How does it differ from batch filters ?
- 15. What are super critical fluids? What are the reasons for employing them in extracting certain microbial products?

 $(10 \times 5 = 50 \text{ marks})$

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Section C

Answer **all** questions. Each question carries **2** marks.

- 16. What are the cheap sources of nutrients in a large-scale culture medium ?
- 17. Why freeze-drying process is employed for certain products?
- 18. Whether filtration or centrifugation is desired in harvesting microbial biomass? Why?
- 19. How freeze therming causes cell disruption?
- 20. What are the components of a monitoring and control device ?

 $(5 \times 2 = 10 \text{ marks})$