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FOURTH SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION SEPTEMBER 2007

General Biotechnology

GBT 215 – GENETIC ENGINEERING

1e: Three Hours

Maximum: 80 Marks

Section A

Answer any two questions.

- 1. Describe the applications of transgenic technology.
- 2. Explain the principle of PCR and its applications.
- 3. Describe protein engineering strategies and their applications.

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

Section B

Answer any ten questions.

- 4. Explain the role of Positional cloning in gene isolation.
- 5. Describe the radiation-hybrid mapping technique.
- 6. Explain the various insect cell expression systems.
- 7. Comment on DNA vaccines.
- 8. Describe DNA microarray technology.
- 9. Give an account on viral vectors used in transfection.
- 10. Describe the significance of DNA fingerprinting.
- 11. Explain the strategies for sequencing whole genome.
- 12. Suggest two different strategies for developing insect resistant plants.
- 13. Describe the organization of chloroplast and mitochondrial genomes.
- 14. Explain the importance of molecular marker in genome analysis.
- 15. Describe the specialized methods of gene transfections.

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

Section C

Answer all questions.

- 16. Yeast artificial chromosomes.
- 17. RFLP.
- 18. What are shuttle vectors?
- 19. What is the purpose of the patent?
- 20. STS.

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