

Title: Microbial Physiology and Biochemistry

4HPW-credits-4

1st Credit: Microbial nutrition and growth

Microbial Nutrition, Uptake of nutrients by cell. Nutritional groups of microorganisms – Autotrophs, Heterotrophs, Mixotrophs, Methylophiles. Photosynthetic apparatus in prokaryotes.

Bacterial growth – Different phases of growth, factors influencing bacterial growth. Synchronous, Continuous, Biphasic Growth. Methods for measuring microbial growth – Direct Microscopic, Viable count, Turbidometry.

2nd Credit: Microbial metabolism

Bacterial photosynthesis: Outline of oxygenic and anoxygenic photosynthesis in bacteria.

Microbial respiration – Aerobic: Glycolysis, EMP Pathway, ED Pathway, TCA Cycle and Anaplerotic reactions, Electron transport, Oxidative and Substrate level phosphorylation. Glyoxylate cycle, Anaerobic respiration (Nitrate and Sulphate).

3rd Credit: Biomolecules

Classification and characteristics of carbohydrates (Monosaccharides, disaccharides and polysaccharides). General characteristics of amino acids and proteins, fatty acids (saturated and unsaturated) and lipids (sphingolipids, sterols and phospholipids). Structure of nitrogenous bases, nucleotides and nucleic acids.

Properties and Classification of enzymes. Biocatalysis – Induced fit and Lock & Key Model, Coenzymes, Co-factors. Factors affecting enzyme activity.

4th Credit: Biochemical techniques

Hydrogen ion concentration in biological fluids. pH measurement. Types of buffers and their uses in biological reactions. Principles and application of colorimetry and chromatography (paper and thin layer). Principles and applications of Electrophoretic techniques- Agarose gel electrophoresis and SDS PAGE

References:

1. Michael J. Pelczar, Jr. E.C.S.Chan, Noel R. Krieg Microbiology Tata McGraw- Hill Publisher.
2. Prescott, M.J., Harley, J.P. and Klein Microbiology 5th Edition, WCB Mc GrawHill, New York.
3. Madigan, M.T., Martinko, J.M and Parker, J. Brock Biology of Microorganism, 9th Edition, MacMillan Press, England.
4. Dube, R.C. and Maheshwari, D.K. General Microbiology S Chand, New Delhi.
5. Voet, D Biochemistry WCB. Mc GrawHill, Iowa.



6. N.J. Dimmock, A.J. Easton, and K.N. Leppard. Introduction to Modern Virology. Blackwell Publishing.

II-Semester Practical Paper – II

Microbial Physiology and Biochemistry 2 HPW- CREDITS-1

5th Credit: Practicals

1. Setting up of Winogradsky's column
2. Cultivation of photosynthetic bacteria
3. Determination of viable count of bacteria
4. Turbidometric measurement of bacterial growth curve
5. Factors affecting bacterial growth – pH, temperature, salts
6. Qualitative tests for carbohydrates and amino acids
7. Determination of pH
8. Preparation of Buffers
9. Colorimetry - Principles, laws, determination of absorption maxima
10. Paper chromatography-separation of sugars/amino acids

References:

1. Experiments in Microbiology by K.R. Aneja.
2. Gopal Reddy.M., Reddy. M.N., Sai Gopal, DVR and Mallaiah K.V. Laboratory Experiments in Microbiology.
3. Dubey, R.C. and Maheshwari, D.K. Practical Microbiology, S. Chand and Co New Delhi.
4. Alcamo, I.E. Laboratory Fundamentals of Microbiology. Jones and Bartlett Publishers, USA.
5. Mahy, B.W.J. and Kangro, H.O. Virology – Methods Manual Academic Press, USA.
6. Burleson et al Virology – A Laboratory Manual. Academic Press, USA.

