

(3 hours)

(Total Marks : 100)

Instructions to the candidates, if any:-

- 1) All the questions are compulsory. Choice is internal.
- 2) Figures to the right indicate full marks.
- 3) All questions carry equal marks.
- 4) Draw flowcharts /diagrams wherever necessary.

- Q1A) Fill in the blanks: (**any three**) **3**
- i) The leading strand of DNA is synthesized in _____ direction
 - ii) _____ exhibits 3' - 5' exonuclease activity
 - iii) In _____ light thymine dimers may be formed.
 - iv) _____ undergoes deamination, and becomes Uracil
- Q1B) Define and explain **any one** of the following: **3**
- i) DNA repair
 - ii) Topoisomerases
- Q1C) Write a detailed note on **any one** : **6**
- i) Excision repair
 - ii) Proteins involved in replication
- Q1D) Answer **any one** of the following: **8**
- i) In detail discuss the mechanism of replication
 - ii) Elaborate on direct repair and mismatch repair
- Q2A) Fill in the blanks: (**any three**) **3**
- i) Rifampicin is an inhibitor of _____
 - ii) _____ is present in DNA but not in RNA
 - iii) With _____ mRNA codon, the tRNA with 5'GAG3' will form a codon-anticodon base pairing interaction.
 - iv) Transcription takes place in the _____.
- Q2B) Define and explain **any one** of the following: **3**
- i) Promoter
 - ii) Stop codons
- Q2C) Write a detailed note on **any one** : **6**
- i) Activation of tRNA
 - ii) Capping and tailing of RNA
- Q2D) Answer **any one** of the following: **8**
- i) Describe the post translational modifications transcription in prokaryotes.

- ii) Write short notes on : a) RNA Polymerase (ii) Initiation of transcription

Q3A) Fill in the blanks: (Any three)

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- Klenow fragment is obtained by proteolytic cleavage of _____.
- In the restriction endonuclease EcoRI, "R" stands for _____.
- _____ enzyme is used to seal the nick in DNA.
- The vector used to study protein expression is a _____ vector.

Q3B) Define and explain, any one:

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- Palindrome
- Cosmid

Q3C) Answer any one of the following:

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- State true or false giving detailed reasons: "Shuttle vectors are superior to conventional vectors."
- Give the role and mechanism of action of **any two** enzymes involved in RDT.

Q3D) Answer any one:

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- "RDT has transformed the field of medicine and agriculture." Explain the statement giving suitable examples.
- Elaborate on the characteristics of plasmids and bacteriophages that makes them ideal cloning vectors?

Q4A) Fill in the blanks: (Any three)

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- DNA is injected directly into cells by _____.
- Heating of nitrocellulose at high temperature is known as _____.
- Transfer of recombinant plasmid into *E. coli* cells needs _____.
- The process of introduction of foreign DNA into an animal cells is called _____.

Q4B) Define / explain any one of the following:

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- Chimeric DNA
- Colony hybridization

Q4C) Attempt any one of the following:

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- Discuss any two methods of recombinant gene transfer into the host.
- Write a note on the contribution of E.M. Southern in the field of RDT

Q4D) Answer any one:

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- Elaborate on Kary Mullis's technique of DNA amplification.
- Compare and contrast: Gene library and cDNA library.

Q5 A) Answer **any four** of the following:

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- i) Explain the different modes of DNA replication

OR

- i) Describe SOS repair mechanism.
- ii) Write a note on split genes

OR

- ii) Explain the process of initiation of translation.
- iii) Give a comparative account of cloning and expression vectors.

OR

- iii) In detail, explain the role of ligase in RDT.
- iv) Justify: 'Liposomes are ideal vectors for introduction of exogenous DNA'

OR

- iv) Elaborate on the technique of colony hybridization.

Q5B) State TRUE or FALSE: (**any four**)

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- i) Restriction enzymes act only as exonucleases
- ii) Replication starts at origin of replication.
- iii) Plasmids are always smaller than bacteriophages
- iv) All Polymerase are present in the cytoplasm
- Introduction of genes using a virus is termed as
- v) Transformation
- vi) Rho factor is involved in initiation of Replication