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Instructions for Candidates

1. Write your Roll No- on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. Attempt FOUR questions in all including Question No. 1 which is compulsory.
3. Attempt all parts of a question together.
4. All questions carry equal marks.

1 (a) Find the **one** correct option for the following multiple-choice questions 1x5=5

(i) Which of the following is a PGPR genus?

(A) *Bacillus*

(B) *Plasmodium*

(C) *Penicillium*

(D) *Volvox*

(ii) Viral nucleic acid may consist of:

(A) Only DNA

(B) Only RNA

(C) Either DNA or RNA

(D) Both DNA and RNA simultaneously

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(iii) Baltimore classification of viruses is primarily based on:

- (A) Shape of capsid
- (B) Host specificity
- (C) Type of nucleic acid and replication strategy
- (D) Presence of envelope

(iv) Teichoic acids are characteristic components of:

- (A) Gram-positive bacteria
- (B) Archaeal membranes
- (C) Gram-negative outer membrane
- (D) Mycoplasma membrane

(v) Which of the following plant bacteria lack a true cell wall?

- (A) Mycoplasma
- (B) *Streptococcus*
- (C) Phytoplasma
- (D) *Rhizobium*

(b) State **True** or **False** of the following statements:

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- (i) During the log phase, bacteria exhibit maximum metabolic activity.
- (ii) Transformation in bacteria involves transfer of genetic material through direct contact.

- (iii) All nitrogen fixing cyanobacteria require heterocyst for nitrogen fixation.
- (iv) Photoautotrophs use organic carbon as their energy source.
- (v) Antonie van Leeuwenhoek disproved the theory of spontaneous generation.

c) Match the Following

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Column I

- (i) Prion
- (ii) Archaea
- (iii) Spheroplast
- (iv) Viroid
- (v) Virion

Column II

- A. Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease
- B. Methanogens
- C. Penicillin-treated *E. coli*
- D. T4 bacteriophage particle
- E. Potato spindle tuber disease

2. Differentiate between the following (any three)

5x3=15

- a) Archaea and bacteria
- b) Bacterial and viral diseases in plants
- c) PGPR and mycorrhizae
- d) Prions and Viroids

3. Write short note on the following topics (any three)

5x3=15

- a) Microbial world
- b) Roles of viruses in medical sciences
- c) Discovery of viruses
- d) Fermentation

4. Draw well-labelled diagrams of the following (any three):

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- a) Arbuscular mycorrhizae
- b) Binary fission

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- c) Bacteriophage
- d) Gram-negative cell wall

5. Answer the following including suitable diagrams (**any two**):

7.5x2=15

- a) Why do rhizobia fix nitrogen inside the root but not in the soil?
- b) Why are all viruses considered as obligate intracellular parasites?
- c) Endospore formation in bacteria is not a mode of reproduction. Comment.

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