

2012

B.A./B.Sc. (General) Third Semester

Biochemistry

Paper - B: Protein and Nucleic Acid Metabolism

Time allowed: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 45

**NOTE:** Attempt five questions in all, including Question No. I which is compulsory and selecting one question from each Section.

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- I**
- a. Differentiate between oxidative and non-oxidative deamination. 2
  - b. What is meant by uricotelic, ureotelic and ammoniotelic organisms. 2
  - c. Name the following : 5
    - i. Two ketogenic amino acids.
    - ii. Enzyme defective in maple syrup disease.
    - iii. Methyl donor form of methionine.
    - iv. Inhibitor of xanthine oxidase.
    - v. Enzyme involved in conversion of ribonucleotides to deoxyribonucleotides.

**Section A**

- II**
- a. What are transamination and deamination reactions? 4,5
  - b. How ammonia is detoxified by urea cycle?
- III**
- a. Discuss the role of various proteolytic enzymes in protein digestion in GIT. 5,4
  - b. Write a note on glucose-alanine cycle.

**Section B**

- IV**
- a. Name different families of amino acid degradation. 5,4
  - b. Describe the catabolism of tryptophan.
- V**
- Write down the reactions involved in 3,3,3
    - i. Phenylalanine to homogentisate
    - ii. Glycine to serine interconversion
    - iii. Arginine to  $\alpha$ -ketoglutarate

**Section C**

- VI**
- a. List the amino acid biosynthetic families grouped by metabolic precursor. 3,3,3
  - b. How proline is synthesized in bacteria?
  - c. Write down the steps involved in conversion of ornithine to arginine.
- VII**
- a. Write down the biosynthesis of : 4,5
    - i. Serine from 3-phosphoglycerate
    - ii. Cysteine from serine
  - b. Describe the biosynthesis of different neurotransmitters.

**Section D**

- VIII**
- a. Discuss the biosynthesis of purine nucleotides. 6,3
  - b. Write reactions of purine salvage pathway.
- IX**
- a. Write down the synthesis of deoxyribonucleotides. 5,4
  - b. How is conversion of UMP to dTMP inhibited by 5-fluorouracil ?

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