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MODULE I

BIOLOGY TECHNIQUES I

3 hours

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

*You should have the following for this examination:*

*Answer booklet;*

*Non-programmable scientific calculator.*

*This paper consists of TWO sections; A and B.*

*Answer ALL the questions in section A and any TWO questions from section B in the answer booklet provided.*

*Each question in section A carries 4 marks while each question in section B carries 20 marks.*

*Maximum marks for each part of a question are indicated.*

*Candidates should answer the questions in English.*

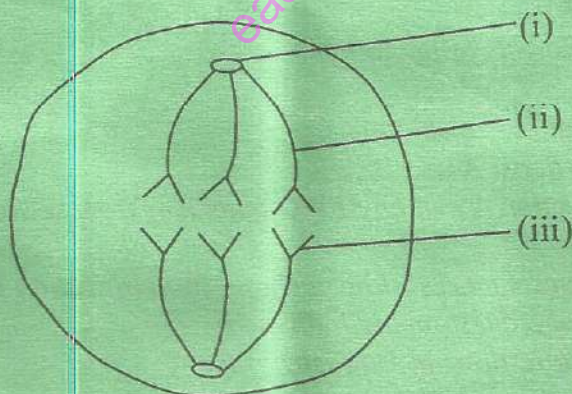
**This paper consists of 5 printed pages.**

**Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all the pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.**

**SECTION A (60 marks)**

*Answer ALL questions in this section.*

1. State **three** differences and **one** similarity between Hydrozoa from Scyphozoa. (4 marks)
2. (a) Define the term 'resolution of a microscope'. (1 mark)  
(b) An image measures 50 mm while the object measures 5  $\mu\text{m}$  on a compound microscope. Calculate the magnification of the object. (3 marks)
3. State the functions of each of the following organelles:
  - (a) lysosomes; (1 mark)
  - (b) endoplasmic reticulum. (3 marks)
4. Outline the preparation of a temporary slide of a stained onion tissue. (4 marks)
5. Describe the emulsion test for lipids and the expected positive results. (4 marks)
6. Figure 1 represents a cell undergoing cell division. (4 marks)



**Fig. 1**

- (a) Identify the stage of cell division. (1 mark)
- (b) Name the structures labelled (i), (ii) and (iii). (3 marks)

7. Figure 2 represents the reaction rate of an enzyme controlled reaction.

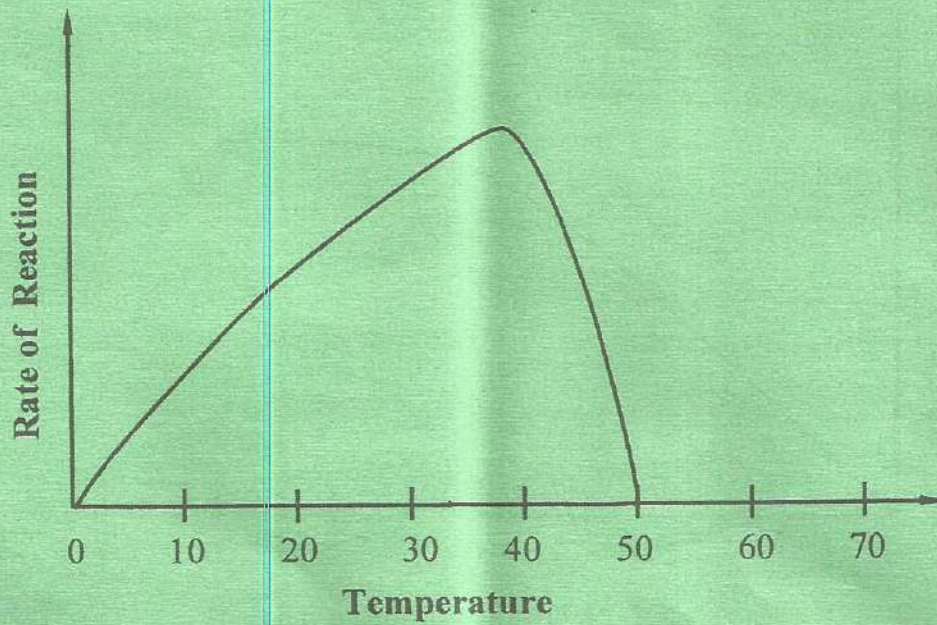


Fig. 2

Explain the effect of temperature on the rate of reaction.

(4 marks)

8. Identify each of the following bacterial shapes:

(a)



(1 mark)

(b)



(1 mark)

(c)



(1 mark)

(d)



(1 mark)

9. Figure 3 represents the effects of light intensity on the rate of photosynthesis.

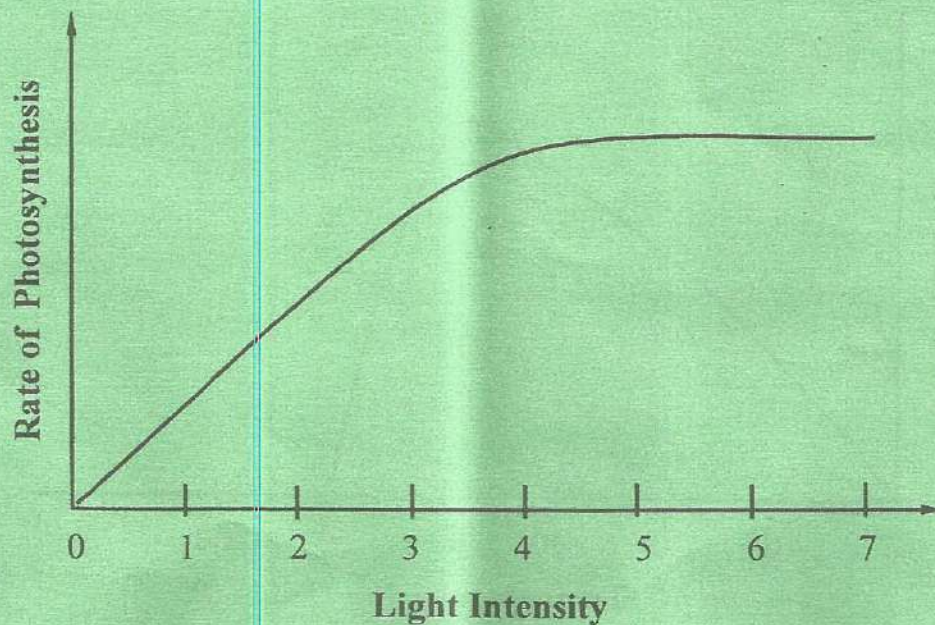


Fig. 3

Explain the effect of light intensity on the rate of photosynthesis.

(4 marks)

10. The dental formula of a certain animal is given by  $\frac{0}{3}, \frac{0}{1}, \frac{3}{3}, \frac{3}{3}$

(a) Identify the animal.

(1 mark)

(b) Relate the dental formula to the feeding habit of the animal.

(3 marks)

11. Distinguish between each of the following lung volumes:

(a) tidal volume and vital capacity;

(2 marks)

(b) residual volume and dead space.

(2 marks)

12. Relate the structure of nephron to its function.

(4 marks)

13. (a) Name any **two** blood plasma components.

(2 marks)

(b) State the functions of each component in (a).

(2 marks)

14. Describe the whorl of a complete flower.

(4 marks)

15. State the functions of each of the following in a male reproductive system:
- (a) prostate gland; (2 marks)
  - (b) seminal vesicles; (1 mark)
  - (c) Cowper's gland. (1 mark)

**SECTION B (40 marks)**

*Answer any TWO questions from this section.*

16. (a) Outline the working of an autoclave. (15 marks)
- (b) State **five** characteristics of an ideal microbial culture media. (5 marks)
17. (a) Differentiate between mitosis in plant and animal cells. (8 marks)
- (b) Explain the significance of mitosis. (8 marks)
- (c) Using a labelled diagram, illustrate a cell undergoing division at metaphase 1 stage. (4 marks)
18. (a) Outline the series of events in human cardiac cycle. (15 marks)
- (b) Name the structures through which red blood cells flow from superior vena cava to the dorsal aorta. (5 marks)
19. (a) Describe the formation of lymph. (10 marks)
- (b) Relate the structure of human stomach to its function. (10 marks)

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