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FERMENTATION TECHNOLOGY

Paper : FPT 712

Full Marks : 100

Time : Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Answer **any five** questions from **seven**.

1. (i) Explain Stoichiometry with microbial growth equation.
- (ii) Define "Respiratory Quotient" and "Theoretical oxygen demand".
- (iii) "How cells work" — briefly describe mentioning major metabolic pathways and genetic level regulation.
 $6+4+10=20$
2. (i) Briefly write about upstream process for microbial fermentation.

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- (ii) What are the environmental parameters for microbial culture ?
- (iii) Why sterilization of nutrient medium is required ?
- (iv) How "Del factor" (sterilization job) for nutrient medium sterilization is estimated ?
- (v) Why final microbial load cannot be considered zero in "Del factor" estimation ? $10+2+3+4+1=20$
3. (i) Draw microbial cell growth curve and discuss briefly.
- (ii) Write cell growth equation and show calculation of specific cell growth rate (by graphical method) and doubling time.
- (iii) Write substrate consumption and product formation equation and define all terms. $8+6+6=20$
4. (i) How limiting substrate influence cell growth during log phase ? Explain with Monod model.

- (ii) What is batch and continuous fermentation (CSTR) ?
- (iii) What does dilution rate (n^{-1}) signify in CSTR ?
- (iv) What is Fed batch culture ? Why is it required ? 6+6+2+6=20
5. (i) Why agitation is required in suspension microbial culture ?
- (ii) How mixing pattern can be improved in fermenter ?
- (iii) How O_2 is transferred from air to microbial cell in suspension culture ?
- (iv) How Plug flow reactor is effective in immobilized enzymatic conversion ?
- (v) Write SI unit of mass transfer coefficient, diffusion coefficient, volumetric oxygen transfer coefficient. 4+4+3+6+3=20
6. (i) Define the following :
- Effectiveness factor
- Damkohler Number
- Thiele modulus.

- (ii) What fraction of V_{Max} is observed at substrate concentration $[s] = 4km$?
- (iii) Suppose a microbial species obey Monod model :

$$dx/dt = \frac{\mu_{Max}[s][x]}{K_s + [s]}$$

where $\mu_{Max} = 0.7hr^{-1}$

$$K_s = 5g/L.$$

$$\text{Cell yield } (Y_{x/s}) = 0.65$$

The microorganism is cultured in a CSTR. The feeding rate and substrate concentration of inlet are 500L/hr and 85g/L respectively. The substrate concentration of outlet stream is 5g/L. Calculate size of fermenter and cell concentration of outlet stream at steady state. 12+2+6=20

7. (i) Briefly discuss downstream processing of culture broth to get purified finished product.
- (ii) Briefly discuss fermentative production of chemicals important in food industry, fermented food and beverage. 10+10=20