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Food Microbiology and Food Biotechnology

Full Mark: 100

Time: Three hours

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

Answer ANY FIVE questions.

1.	a)	What is genetic engineering? Explain how Ti plasmid is commonly used to develop “Golden rice” variety – Use a schematic diagram to enrich your explanation.	2 + 10
	b)	Briefly discuss different types of microorganisms based on their ability to survive and/or grow in presence / absence of oxygen. Give an example for each type.	5
	c)	Who discovered rDNA technology? What was the first transgenic product approved for human use?	2 + 1
2.	a)	Write short notes on <u>any two</u> of – (i) Propionic acid fermentation in Swiss cheese, (ii) Translation process in ribosome, (iii) Malting in beer processing	2 × 5
	a)	Elaborate homolactic fermentation using a flow-diagram showing the sequence of biochemical reactions?	10
3.	a)	Define <u>any five</u> of the following. (i) Foodborne outbreak, (ii) Symptom, (iii) Foodborne infection, (iv) Cloning vector, (v) Transcription, (vi) Transduction	2 × 5
	b)	Give the following details on aflatoxicosis. (i) Pathogens responsible, (ii) Common food vehicles, (iii) Acute aflatoxicosis (iv) Chronic aflatoxicosis, (v) Major toxins and their tolerable limit	2 × 5
4.	a)	How do the nitrite and/or nitrate salts help in color development of sausages? What is meat emulsion? What is the significance of “stuffing” meat emulsion in casings during sausage manufacturing?	5 + 2 + 2
	b)	Elaborate the process flow-diagram of cheddar cheese manufacturing.	11
5.	a)	What is the function of sulphite (SO ₂) in wine? Describe malolactic fermentation in wine.	2 + 5
	b)	Describe the maceration / crushing and alcoholic fermentation steps in wine processing.	10
	c)	Why is Entner-Doudoroff pathway also termed as KDPG pathway? Name four common sources of pathogenic contamination in food	1 + 2
6.	a)	What is the substrate in sauerkraut fermentation? Describe the detail sequence of microbial activities in this fermentation.	1 + 5

b)	Describe psychrophiles, thermophiles and mesophiles with an example for each.	7
c)	What are the structural genes of <i>lac</i> operon, and what are their functions? What is the difference between genetic engineering and selective breeding?	5 + 2

