Gem-6/CBCS) BOT HE 1

2022 BOTANY

(Honours Elective)

Paper: BOT-HE-6016

(Industrial and Environmental Microbiology)

Full Marks: 60

Time: Three hours

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

- 1. Answer the following: (any seven) 1×7=7
 - (a) What is bio-aerosol? at mad (a)
 - (b) Name the bacterium that causes spoilage of canned food.
 - (c) Which microorganisms are used in commercial production of citric acid?
 - (d) What is biofilm?
 - (e) Who discovered the fermentation process?

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- (f) What are COD and TOC?
- (g) Name one airborne human pathogen.
- (h) What do you mean by biological augmentation?
- (i) Name two heavy metal air pollutants.
- (i) What is bioremediation?
- 2. Answer any four of the following: 2×4=8
 - (a) What is the difference between biodegradation and biodeterioration?
 - (b) Why is air not a growth medium for the microorganisms?
 - (c) Write the use of settle plate technique.
 - (d) What is flocculation?
 - (e) What is an indicator of pollution?
 - (f) Write the difference between submerged and solid state fermentation.
 - (g) Why are biogeochemical cycles important for nature?
 - (h) Write the name and composition of culture medium used for isolation of *Rhizobium*.

3. Answer any three of the following:

5×3=15

- (a) Define N_2 -fixation. Write briefly the process of biological N_2 -fixation.
- (b) Write the techniques used for isolations of AMF from roots and soil.
- (c) Write a note on extremophiles.
- (d) Mention the use of microbes in petroleum industry.
- (e) Describe the process of aseptic packaging of commercial processed food.
- (f) Write the career options in microbiology.
- (g) Write briefly the commercial production of penicillin.
- (h) Write a note on air microflora.
- 4. Answer any three of the following: 10×3=30
 - (a) What is a bioreactor? Write about the types and typical characteristics of a bioreactor. 1+(3+6)=10

- (b) "The immobilized enzyme techniques make the industrial process more economical." Elaborate the above statement and the techniques involved.

 2+8=10
 - (c) What is downstream processing? Write filtration, solvent extraction and precipitation processes of a fermented target product. 1+(3+3+3)=10
 - (d) Write about various steps and ex-situ approaches of bioremediation.
 - (e) Describe the goal of wastewater treatment and the process with special reference to microbial activity. 1+9=10
- (f) Describe the common methods for bacteriological analysis of water.
 - (g) Write the industrial production process of ethanol and its use in various commercial products. 8+2=10
- (h) Write briefly how plant-microbe interactions contribute in sustainable agriculture.