

2016
BIOTECHNOLOGY
PAPER : BIT 203
GENETIC ENGINEERING
(Old Course)

Full Mark : 80

Time : 3 Hrs

Figures in the right hand margin indicate full marks for the question

All questions are compulsory

1. Answer the following: 1x8=8

- (i) What are linkers and adaptors?
- (ii) Name a fluorescent dye.
- (iii) What are lambda vectors?
- (iv) Define expression cloning?
- (v) Name a genetically modified organism.
- (vi) What are ESTs?
- (vii) What are DNA chips?
- (viii) What is FISH?

2. Write short answers for the following: 2x6=12

- a) Name two end-modification enzymes.
- b) What is nick translation?
- c) What are cosmids?

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- d) What are Restriction endonucleases? What are its types?
- e) What are ribozymes? Give example.
- f) What is chromosome-walking?
3. What are YACs? Describe the characteristic features and structure of a YAC. 5
4. Briefly explain the technique of blue-white screening and its utility in molecular biology. 5
5. What is contig assembly? Write its significance. 5
6. Describe briefly the process of Pulsed Field Gel Electrophoresis, and how does it help in molecular biology research. 5
7. Write short notes on any two: 8x2=16
- a) Southern Hybridization.
- b) Physical & Genetic Mapping.
- c) Yeast two-hybrid system.
8. Answer any two from the following : 12x2=24
- a) What are fusion proteins? Describe the protein purification system using a GST-tag and His-tag. 2+10=12
- b) What are cloning vectors? Write an account on the various vectors available for DNA cloning. 4+8=12
- c) Describe Maxam and Gilbert's chemical Degradation method of DNA sequencing. 12