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M.Sc. MEDICAL (FINAL) BIOCHEMISTRY DEGREE EXAMINATION – FEBRUARY 2009

PAPER I: CHEMICAL NATURE AND METHODS OF STUDY OF BIOCHEMICAL COMPOUNDS AND ENZYMES

Monday, February 02, 2009

Time available: 14:00 - 17:00 Hrs.

- & Answer any FIVE questions.
- All questions carry equal marks.
- Write answers that are brief, clear, relevant and legible.
- Ellustrate your answers with neatly drawn and correctly labeled diagrams wherever appropriate.
- 1. What are the characteristic properties of an enzyme? Write in detail their classification illustrating with suitable examples.
- Discuss in detail the functional role of subcellular organnelles and membranes.
- What are isotopes? Outline the principles of operation of a scintillation counter. Discuss briefly the use of isotopes in Biochemistry and Medicine.
- 4. Explain the salient features of electrophoresis. Mention its uses in clinical chemistry.
- 5. Describe:
- 5A. Gene therapy
- 5B. Affinity chromatography
- 6. Write briefly on:
- 6A. Structure of immunoglobulins.
- 6B. Allosteric inhibition.
- 6C. Southern blot.
- 6D. HPLC.

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M.Sc. MEDICAL (FINAL) BIOCHEMISTRY DEGREE EXAMINATION – FEBRUARY 2009 PAPER II: INTERMEDIARY METABOLISM

Tuesday, February 03, 2009

Time available: 14:00 - 17:00 Hrs.

- Answer any FIVE questions.
- All questions carry equal marks.
- Write answers that are brief, clear, relevant and legible.
- Illustrate your answers with neatly drawn and correctly labeled diagrams wherever appropriate.
- 1. Describe the metabolism of sulphur containing amino acids.
- Describe the key differences between liver, muscle and brain that account for different utilization of metabolic fuels.
- 3A. Give an account of role of tRNA.
- 3B. What are PEST sequences? Explain the process of Intracellular protein degradation.
- 4. What are postaglandins? Describe their synthesis and functions.
- Describe the metabolism of chylomicrons and VLDL.
- 6A. What is anaplerosis? Explain.
- 6B. Give three examples for post translational modifications.
- 6C. Explain enhancers.
- Write a note on splicing.

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M.Sc. MEDICAL (FINAL) BIOCHEMISTRY DEGREE EXAMINATION – AUGUST 2009 PAPER II: INTERMEDIARY METABOLISM

Tuesday, August 04, 2009

Time available: 14:00 - 17:00 Hrs.

- Answer any FIVE questions.
- All questions carry equal marks.
- Illustrate your answers with neatly drawn and correctly labelled diagrams wherever appropriate.
- 1. Write the pathway by which purine nucleotides are synthesized de novo. How is it regulated?
- 2. Describe various experimental approaches to study metabolisms.
- Glucose labelled with 14_C at c − 6 is added to a liver homogenate. What is the fate of radioactive label? Explain.
- 4. Discuss the amphibolic role of TCA cycle in metabolism. How is the cycle regulated?
- Write short note on
- 5A. Prostaglandins
- 5B. Activation of amino acid during translation
- 6A. Pellagra like symptoms occur in Hartnup's disease. Explain.
- 6B. A defect in ATP-citrate lyase might be expected to have severe consequences of fatty acid biosynthesis. Explain.
- 6C. Point mutations may have beneficial effects. Explain.

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Monday, August 03, 2009

Time available: 14:00 - 17:00 Hrs.

- Answer any FIVE questions.
- All questions carry equal marks.
- Illustrate your answers with neatly drawn and correctly labeled diagrams wherever appropriate.
- Describe the structure and function of heteropolysaccharides.
- 2. What are 'stable isotopes' and 'radioisotopes'? Describe their applications in biochemistry.
- 3. Write short notes on:
- 3A. Chemiosmotic theory
- 3B. Prions
- 3C. Western Blot Technique
- 3D. Write the structure of:
 - i) PRPP
- ii) Arginine
- iii) Sucrose
- iv) Cholesterol

- v) Epinephrine
- 4. Describe the purification of an enzyme located in the inner mitochondrial membrane. How do you assess purity of the sample obtained?
 - 5A. Describe the structure of DNA.
 - 5B. Discuss the active site of enzymes.
 - 6. Write briefly on:
 - 6A. Gas liquid chromatography.
 - 6B. Immunoglobulins.