

**BHARATHIAR UNIVERSITY: COIMBATORE-641046**  
**MPhil. /Ph.D- (FT/PT) – BIOCHEMISTRY**

**PART- I SYLLABUS (For the year 2008-2009 and onwards)**

**PAPER III - PLANT BIOCHEMISTRY AND PLANT THERAPEUTICS**

**UNIT I**

Plan: Therapeutics : Bioactive principles in herbs, plants with hepatoprotective , nephroprotective, hypoglycemic, anticancer, antibacterial, antiviral and antimalarial ,anti-inflammatory properties.

**UNIT II**

Free radicals –types, sources, importance, production, free radicals induced damages, lipid peroxidation , measurement of free radicals, disease caused by radicals, reactive oxygen species, antioxidant defence system, enzymic and non-enzymic antioxidants, role of antioxidants in prevention of diseases ,phytochemicals as antioxidants.

**UNIT III**

Alkaloids, flavanoids, terpenoids, phenols-Occurrence ,distribution & functions ,Production of secondary metabolite in plants, stages of secondary metabolite production, uses of tissue culture techniques, elicitation, biotransformation- production of pharmaceutical compounds.

**UNIT IV**

Principles-callus, meristem and organ culture, culture methods, culture media & preparations ,plant regeneration, protoplast technology, micropropagation in plants, somatic embryogenesis, somoclonal selection.

**UNIT V**

Carbon reactions in C<sub>3</sub>,C<sub>4</sub> & CAM cycle- calvin cycle, photorespiration, Nitrogen fixation- symbiotic & non symbiotic, role of nif and nod genes in nitrogen fixation, Techniques for plant transformation : Agrobacterium mediated gene transfer, process of T-DNA transfer, Direct gene transfer methods.

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**PAPER III - CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTRY & CLINICAL TOXICOLOGY**

**UNIT I**

Effects of physiochemical and biological factors on heavy metal toxicity, toxic mechanism- Carcinogenesis, teratogenesis & immunotoxicity. Bioassays for heavy metal toxicity, pathological and Histopathological examinations for heavy metal toxicity.

**UNIT II**

Diagnostic enzymes in hepatobiliary disease, myocardial infarction, atherosclerosis, renal dysfunction. Cancer markers for oral, prostate, colorectal breast and GI tract cancer, oncofetal cancer markers.

**UNIT III**

Formation of free radicals, autoxidation initiated by oxygen radicals, Influence of free radicals in metal toxicity. Free radical hepatotoxins- CCl<sub>4</sub> model .free radicals and cancer .Oxidative process in tissue injury. Detection of free radicals and radical ions. Role of free radicals in diseases.

**UNIT IV**

Enzymic antioxidants- Chemistry, mechanism, antioxidant effect of SOD, catalase, Glutathione Peroxidase.  
Non Enzymic antioxidants- source, chemistry, toxicity, biochemical functions, bioavailability, bioassays, Antioxidant effects of Vit A, Vit C, Vit E, glutathione and selenium.  
Trace elements- introduction, sources, biochemical functions of zinc, copper and magnesium & iron.

**UNIT V**

Medicinal plants- bioactive principles in medicinal plants methods of extraction, isolation, separation and screening , Pharmacologically active plants- CNS, CVS, Hypoglycemic, Hepatoprotective , anti allergic , anticancer, immunoactive plants, plants protecting against oxidative stress, chemotherapeutic products.

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**PAPER III - ENZYMES AND ENZYME TECHNOLOGY**

**UNIT I**

Protein structure, functions, compositions and conformation of proteins. Enzyme catalysis and Enzyme Kinetics, an e.g. of catalysis by serine proteases. Proteins in solution and in membranes. Liposomes and their preparation.

**UNIT II**

Sources of enzymes for industry, extraction of enzymes for scientific and industrial purpose. Downstream processing of enzymes, Uses of soluble enzymes. Study of enzymes in aqueous biphasic systems. Effects of pH and temperature on enzyme activity.

**UNIT III**

Major types of enzyme immobilization. Techniques employed for immobilizing enzymes, kinetics of immobilized enzymes. Advantages and disadvantages in the utilization of soluble enzymes immobilized enzymes and immobilized cells. Different types of reactors of immobilized enzymes and their applications.

**UNIT IV**

Application of ELISA and EMIT in Clinical analysis. Different types of Biosensors- potentiometric, amphoteric, piezo electric and immuno biosensors. Electro analytic applications of enzymes, Methods of coenzyme regeneration .Biochips and Biocomputers.

**UNIT V**

Restriction endonucleases and their Uses, DNA ligase, DNA polymerase and their uses in Biotechnology, site directed mutagenesis, enzyme catalysis in organic solvents, artificial enzymes, ribozymes and Abzymes.

**REFERENCES:**

1. Robert.K.Scopes-Protein purification practice, Sprincer verlag,1982
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**PAPER III - DNA TECHNIQUES & CLINICAL APPLICATIONS**

**UNIT I**

Constructing restriction maps, Reporter Genes, Assay of Chloroamphenicol acetyl transferase and  $\beta$ -galactose activity.

PCR, Primer design, Cloning of PCR Products, Types of PCR, Anchored, Alu and RT-PCR. RAPD, Microsatellite and Quantitative PCR. Multimutation screening using PCR and ligation – Principles and Applications. Detecting pathogen (Viral and Bacterial) using PCR.

**UNIT II**

Prokaryotic Expression system, pUR, pT 7-7, pET, pQE, expression vectors, pRIT, pGEX, pMAL vectors.

Expression Strategies, Preparation of expression vector DNA, Foreign DNA insert ligation, transformation and characterization of protein.

**UNIT III**

Eukaryotic vectors, vectors for propagation of cloned DNA in yeast –episomal vectors, integrating vectors, engineering a foreign gene for intracellular expression, yeast (*S.cerevisiae*) promoter systems & terminators, yeast signal sequences, culture and transformations methods of commonly used *S.Cerevisiae* strain, Induction and analysis of intracellular expressions.

**UNIT IV**

Purification of expressed proteins from E.coli, purification of soluble recombinant proteins, Preparation of cell lysate, ion exchange chromatography, gel filtration, metal chelate affinity chromatography (MCAC) and immunoaffinity column.

Purification of inclusion bodies, *In vitro* refolding of proteins, verifying protein integrity. Techniques for measuring protein stability and processing of secreted protein.

**UNIT V**

Probes-non radioactive labeling of nucleic acids-systems, substrated, labeling methods-Nick translation, oligo or random primer and PCR labeling. Efficiency of the methods. Detection of probes- Autoradiography- chemiluminogenic and different chromogenic substrates. Diagnosis of infectious diseases-Tuberculosis, Lyme-disease, Human papilloma virus and genetic disease-cystic fibrosis, muscular dystrophy, Huntingtons disease, Fragile-X- syndrome, Retinoblastoma, Alzheimers disease, Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis.

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6. PCR-C.R. Newton & A. Graham. Bios Scientific Publishers .1995
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**UNIT I**

Definition, scope and importance. Concept of an ecosystem. Structure and functions of ecosystem. Producers, consumers and decomposers. Energy flow in an ecosystem. Ecological succession. Food chains, food webs and ecological pyramids

Introduction, types, characteristic features, structure and function of the following ecosystem. Forest ecosystem, Grassland ecosystem, Desert ecosystem, Aquatic ecosystems (Pond, streams, lakes, rivers, oceans, estuaries.)

**UNIT II**

Causes, effects and control measure of, Air pollution, Water pollution, Soil pollution, Noise pollution, Thermal Pollution, Bioleaching,

**UNIT III**

Introduction – Definition, genetic, species and ecosystem diversity. Value of Biodiversity : Consumptive use, Productive uses social, ethical, aesthetic and option values. Biodiversity at global, National and local levels. Hot spots of biodiversity, Threats to biodiversity  
Endangered and endemic species of India  
Conservation of biodiversity: In-situ and Ex-situ conservation of biodiversity.

**UNIT IV**

Enzymes: Immobilization of enzymes, enzymes engineering, isolation and culturing of microorganisms, production of enzymes, fermentation, antibiotics, use of microbes to treat sewage water and industrial effluents and mining.

**UNIT V**

Pollution Control: Cleaner technologies, reducing environment impact of industrial effluents, chemical pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers. Renewable source of energy through waste materials; biogas, energy crops, cellulose current levels of biodiversity and gene banks.

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**UNIT I**

Biology of cancer-Phenotype of a cancer cell causes of cancer-DNA tumor viruses, RNA tumor viruses, cell cycle and its control-role of protein kinases, checkpoints, kinase inhibitor and cellular response.

**UNIT II**

Programmed cell death (Apoptosis)-Intracellular proteolytic cascade, cascade of caspase proteins, adapter proteins, Bcl-2, IAP family proteins, extra cellular control of cell division, tumor necrosis factor and related death signals.

**UNIT III**

Genetic basis of cancer-oncogenes, tumor suppressor genes, aberrations in signaling pathways. oncogenic mutations in growth promoting proteins, Mutations causing loss of growth –inhibiting and cell cycle control, Role of carcinogens and DNA repair in cancer.

**UNIT IV**

Immunity- Active, passive, humoral and cell mediated immunity. Therapeutic uses of cytokines and cytokine receptors. Test for lymphocyte function. B cell and T cell immuno deficiency disorder. Clinical laboratory methods for the detection of antigens and antibodies test for histocompatibility antigens, neoplasm of the immune system.

**UNIT V**

Techniques-FISH techniques, Real time PCR, Western blotting, ELISA assay, immunocytochemistry, immunohistochemistry, flow cytometry, fluroscent microscopy and confocal microscopy.

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**UNIT I**

Basic Concepts .Definition of the analytical processes, integrated automation for clinical laboratory, development of standards for laboratory automation, Blood as an analyzer.

**UNIT II**

Formation of free radicals, autoxidation initiated by oxygen radicals, influence of free radicals in metal toxicity, free radicals hepatoxins,CCl<sub>4</sub> model. Free radicals & cancer. Oxidative process in tissue injury. Detection of free radicals and radical ions.

**UNIT III**

Enzymic Antioxidants-Chemistry, mechanism, antioxidant effects of superoxidedismutase, catalase Glutathione peroxidase.

**UNIT IV**

Sources , chemistry , toxicity, biochemical functions, bioassay, antioxidant effects of Vitamin A, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, Glutathione and Selenium.

Trace elements- Introduction, sources, biochemical functions of zinc, copper, magnesium & iron.

**UNIT V**

Definition, general characteristics, biosynthesis, bioassay of steroid hormones, peptide hormones, adrenal hormones, thyroid hormones.

Vasoactive peptide hormones and pheromones (social hormones).

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