

BIM –S601
SEC-4 MOLECULAR GENETICS

MM : 100
Time : 3 hrs
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Sessional : 30
ESE : 70
Pass Marks : 40

Total Hours: 60

Learning objectives:

- To know the Genetic constituents of bacteria with special emphasis on inheritance and mutations
- To know the mechanism of genetic transfers in microbes
- To know the different techniques used to study the microbial genetics and utilizing the microbial phenomenon in different biotechnological applications.

Learning outcomes:

At the end of course student will be able to

- Explain why DNA is the genetic material of bacteria.
- Explain the application of genetic engineering techniques in basic and applied experimental biology.
- Use Plasmids as cloning vector and its applications.

UNIT - I

Genetic Material: DNA structure, Salient features of double helix, Types of DNA, denaturation and renaturation, topoisomerases in general; Organization of DNA in Prokaryotes and Eukaryotes, RNA Types and Structure; Replication of DNA:-Mechanism of DNA replication: Enzymes and proteins involved in DNA replication- DNA polymerases, DNA ligase, primase. (15 Lectures)

UNIT - II

Transcription: Definition, promoter - concept and strength of promoter. Transcriptional Machinery and Mechanism of transcription. Translation-Genetic code, Translational machinery, charging of tRNA, aminoacyl tRNA synthetases. Mechanisms of initiation, elongation and termination of polypeptides. (15 Lectures)

UNIT - III

Regulation of gene Expression Principles of transcriptional regulation, Operon-operator theory with examples from *lac* and *trp* operons; Mutations:- Definition and types of Mutations; Physical and chemical mutagens; Uses of mutations. (15 Lectures)

UNIT - IV

Mechanisms of Genetic Exchange: Transformation - Discovery, mechanism of natural competence Conjugation – Discovery and mechanisms, Hfr and F' strains; Transduction- Generalized transduction, specialized transduction. (06 Lectures)

UNIT - V

Plasmids and Transposable Elements: Property and functions of plasmids, Types of plasmids. Prokaryotic transposable elements – Insertion Sequences, composite and non-composite transposons, Replicative and Non replicative transposition, Importance of transposons and transposition. (09 Lectures)

Suggested Reading

1. David Friefelder, *Microbial Genetics*, Narosa Publishing House.
2. Gardner, *Principle of Genetics*, Wiley
3. Dubey, R.C. *Advanced Biotechnology*. S. Chand & Co. P Ltd, New Delhi. p. 1161; ISBN: 81-219-4290-X.
4. Lehninger, Nelson and Cox. *Principles of Biochemistry*, WH Freeman; 7th ed, ISBN:978-1319108243

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