

2023

MEDICAL LAB AND MOLECULAR  
DIAGNOSTIC TECHNOLOGY/MEDICAL  
LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

QP : Medical Laboratory Technician

Paper : MDT/MLT-VC-2016

( Microbiology—I )

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 hours

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

1. Fill in the blanks of the following :  $1 \times 7 = 7$

(a) The generation time for *E. coli* is \_\_\_\_\_.

(b) The temperature of liquid nitrogen is  
\_\_\_\_\_.

(c) MacConkey medium is an example of  
\_\_\_\_\_ medium.

(d) The process in which all living cells,  
spores and viruses are completely  
destroyed from an object is called \_\_\_\_\_.

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( Turn Over )

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- (e) \_\_\_\_\_ is the most commonly acquired hospital infection.
- (f) The cluster of polar flagella is called \_\_\_\_\_.
- (g) Blackwater fever is a special manifestation of malaria caused by \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Answer the following questions :

2×4=8

- (a) Name two contributions of Robert Koch in microbiology.
- (b) What is the difference between aerobic and anaerobic organisms?
- (c) Name two opportunistic infections associated with HIV infection.
- (d) Give two examples of spore-bearing Gram-positive bacilli.

3. Answer any *three* of the following questions :

5×3=15

- (a) Write a brief note on the clinical significance of the polio virus.
- (b) Discuss the pathogenicity and complications of malaria caused by *Plasmodium vivax*.

2+3=5

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(c) What are the sources of Hospital Acquired Infections (HAI)? What are the universal precautions for bloodborne pathogens?  $2+3=5$

(d) Define pure culture. Discuss in brief the serial dilution technique.  $1+4=5$

(e) What is a complex stain? In Gram stain, what reagent is used as the mordant and counterstain? How is crystal violet retained by Gram-positive cells?  $1+2+2=5$

4. Answer any *three* of the following :  $10 \times 3 = 30$

(a) What is microbiology? What type of shape is bacillus? Write in detail about the size, shape and arrangement of bacteria.  $1+1+8=10$

(b) State Koch's postulates. Write an essay on the applications of microbiology in various fields.  $4+6=10$

(c) Draw a neat labelled diagram of the bacterial growth curve. Explain the four distinct phases of bacterial growth.  $4+6=10$

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(d) Explain in detail the morphology, cultural characteristics, laboratory diagnosis and pathogenicity of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. 2+2+3+3=10

(e) Define disinfectant, antiseptic and sterilization. Describe different methods of sterilization in a medical laboratory.

3+7=10

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