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Name of the Paper : Proteins

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Attempt Five questions in all.

Question No. 1 is compulsory.

1. (a) State true or false with justification for each :

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- (i) Globular proteins are soluble whereas fibrous proteins are insoluble.
- (ii) A monomeric protein can have one or two N-terminal amino acids.
- (iii) Animal cells are broken using harsh abrasive techniques because of a cell wall.
- (iv) Protein databanks enable 3-D viewing of proteins.
- (v) Fetal haemoglobin has a higher affinity for oxygen than adult haemoglobin.
- (vi) Trans membrane domains of single pass proteins are usually within β -sheets.
- (vii) Immunoglobulins can bind diverse epitopes due to the constant domains in their structure.

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- (b) Write the scientific contributions of any *five* Nobel Laureates : 5×1=5
- (i) Kendrew
 - (ii) Sanger
 - (iii) Perutz
 - (iv) Pauling
 - (v) Anfinsen
 - (vi) Merrifield
2. Explain the principles for the following techniques as used in protein chemistry : 5,5,4
- (i) 2-D electrophoresis
 - (ii) Mass spectrometry
 - (iii) C-terminal analysis
3. (a) Haemoglobin and Myoglobin are both oxygen binding proteins, however they serve different functions in physiology. Explain. 7
- (b) Derive the Hill equation and indicate how the Hill number is a useful diagnosis of cooperativity between the subunits of proteins. 7
4. What techniques would you use in the following and why ? Also mention the principles involved.
- (i) Extraction of a protein from a bacterial cell.
 - (ii) Separation of two proteins which are hydrophobic.
 - (iii) Separation of histones (basic proteins) and albumins (acidic protein). 4,4,6

5. (a) Write the structures and role of the following reagents in protein chemistry :

(i) β -Mercaptoethanol

(ii) Dansyl chloride

(iii) Hydrazine

(iv) Performic acid

(v) 6N HCl

(vi) Cyanogen bromide

6×1.5=9

(b) Determine the amino acid sequence of a specific polypeptide based on the information provided below :

(i) Complete hydrolysis by 6N HCl at 110°C followed by amino acid analysis indicated the presence of Gly, Leu, Phe and Tyr in a 2 : 1 : 1 : 1 molar ratio.

(ii) Treatment of the peptide with 1-fluoro-2, 4-dinitro benzene followed by complete hydrolysis and chromatography indicated the presence of 2, 4-dinitrophenyl derivative of tyrosine. No free tyrosine could be found.

(iii) Complete digestion of the peptide with chymotrypsin followed by chromatography yielded free tyrosine and leucine plus a tripeptide containing Phe and Gly in a ratio of 1 : 2.

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6. Explain the following statements :

(i) The peptide bond is a semi-rigid bond.

(ii) The phi-psi plot for Glycine is scattered about the four quadrants of the Ramachandran map.

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- (iii) Proline and glycine are usually found in a β turn.
 - (iv) D amino acid containing peptides form left handed helices.
 - (v) Disulfide bonds make proteins resistant to denaturation.
 - (vi) Hemoglobin has a lower oxygen affinity in the presence of 2, 3 BPG.
 - (vii) Misfolded proteins can lead to diseases. 7×2=14
7. (a) Elaborate how the concerted and sequential models explain the phenomenon of cooperativity proposed for hemoglobin oxygen binding curve. 8
- (b) How do chaperones contribute to protein folding ? 6
8. Write short notes on any *two* of the following : 2×7=14
- (i) Edman method of sequencing proteins
 - (ii) Use of protein databases
 - (iii) Membrane proteins