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School of Biological and Life sciences

Bachelor of Science Honours in Microbiology

Semester End Examination - Nov 2023

Duration : 180 Minutes

Max Marks : 100

Sem V - C2UC502T - Structural Biology and Vaccine DevelopmentGeneral Instructions*Answer to the specific question asked**Draw neat, labelled diagrams wherever necessary**Approved data hand books are allowed subject to verification by the Invigilator*

- 1) What is the primary structure of protein? K1 (2)
- 2) What is adjuvant? K2 (4)
- 3) Why protein folding is important? Explain the mechanism of Assisted Protein Folding. K2 (6)
- 4) Define vaccine hesitancy and list some common reasons why people may be hesitant to get vaccinated. K3 (9)
- 5) Explain how Tetanus toxin affects the nervous system and leads to muscle spasms? K3 (9)
- 6) Identify and discuss the future challenges and opportunities for vaccination? K5 (10)
- 7) Compare and contrast covalent, ionic, and van der Waals interactions in terms of strength, specificity, and reversibility. How do these interactions collectively contribute to protein structural stability? K4 (12)
- 8) How does the Ramachandran plot help in identifying allowed and forbidden dihedral angle combinations for the phi and psi angles? Provide examples of dihedral angles corresponding to alpha-helices and beta-sheets. K5 (15)
- 9) What do you understand by cryo-electron microscopy? write the working principle and its instrumentation. K5 (15)
- 10) How has the COVID-19 pandemic impacted vaccination rates and the resurgence of vaccine-preventable diseases like Pertussis? K6 (18)