

Paper-V CHN-404 C

Biology for Chemists

I Cell Structure and Functions 5 Hrs

Structure of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells, intracellular organelles and their functions, comparison of plant and animal cells. Overview of metabolic processes - catabolism and anabolism. ATP - the biological energy currency. Origin of life - unique properties of carbon, chemical evolution and rise of living systems. Introduction to biomolecules, building blocks of bio-macromolecules.

II Carbohydrates 8 Hrs

Conformation of monosaccharides, structure and functions of important derivatives of monosaccharides like glycosides, deoxy sugars, myoinositol, amino sugars. N-acetylmuramic acid, sialic acid, disaccharides and polysaccharides. Structural polysaccharides - cellulose and chitin. Storage polysaccharides - starch and glycogen. Structure and biological functions of glucosaminoglycans or mucopolysaccharides. Carbohydrates of glycoproteins and glycolipids. Role of sugars in biological recognition. Blood group substances. Ascorbic acid. Carbohydrate metabolism - Kreb's cycle, glycolysis, glycogenesis and glycogenolysis, gluconeogenesis, pentose phosphate pathway.

III A Lipids 6 Hrs

Fatty acids, essential fatty acids, structure and function of triacylglycerols, glycerophospholipids, sphingolipids, cholesterol, bile acids, prostaglandins. Lipoproteins - composition and function, role in atherosclerosis. Properties of lipid aggregates-micelles, bilayers, liposomes and their possible biological functions. Biological membranes. Fluid mosaic model of membrane structure. Lipid metabolism - β -oxidation of fatty acids.

B Peptides and Proteins 3 Hrs

Chemical and enzymatic hydrolysis of proteins to peptides, amino acid sequencing. Secondary structure of proteins, forces responsible for holding of secondary structures. α -helix, β -sheets, super secondary structure, triple helix structure of collagen. Tertiary structure of protein- folding and domain structure. Quaternary structure. Amino acid metabolism - degradation and biosynthesis of amino acids, sequence determination: chemical/enzymatic/mass spectral, racemization/detection. Chemistry of oxytocin and tryptophan releasing hormone (TRH).

IV A Amino Acid 3 Hrs

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B Nucleic Acids 5 Hrs

Purine and pyrimidine bases of nucleic acids, base pairing via H-bonding. Structure of ribonucleic acids (RNA) and deoxyribonucleic acids (DNA), double helix model of DNA and forces responsible for holding it. Chemical and enzymatic hydrolysis of nucleic acids. The chemical basis for heredity, an overview of replication of DNA, transcription, translation and genetic code. Chemical synthesis of mono and trinucleoside.