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ABT 4207: PROTEIN & ENZYME I

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SERIES: DECEMBER 2016

TIME: 2 HOURS

DATE: Pick Date Select Month Pick Year

Instructions to Candidates

You should have the following for this examination

-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Attempt question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.

Do not write on the question paper.

Question ONE

- (a) Give the four main levels of protein structures. **(5 marks)**
- (b) Hemoglobin is an allosteric protein, whereas Myoglobin is not. How is this difference expressed **(3 marks)**
- (c) Describe the structure and state the function of the following proteins.
- (i) Keratin **(4 marks)**
- (ii) Collagen **(4 marks)**
- (d) Give the systematic names and the first three digits in the E.C classification of the following reaction
- (a) Phosphoenol Pyruvate + ADP \longrightarrow Pyruvate + ATP **(1 mark)**
- (b) ATP + H₂O \longleftrightarrow Orthophosphate + ADP **(1 mark)**
- (c) UDP-Glucose \longleftrightarrow UDP-Galactose **(1 mark)**

- (e) (i) Define Co-factors **(1 mark)**
- (ii) Give five examples of Co-factors and state their respective uses. **(5 marks)**
- (f) List five characteristic features of an active site of an enzyme. **(5 marks)**

Question TWO

- (a) Describe the heme structure in Myoglobin, Cytochrome and Hemoglobin. **(15 marks)**
- (b) Explain why an isolated heme molecule in solution binds the poisonous carbon monoxide (CO) more than when in combination with Myoglobin. **(5 marks)**

Question THREE

- (a) Describe characteristics features of three named types of reversible enzyme inhibitors. **(6 marks)**
- (b) Explain three applications of enzyme inhibitors. **(3 marks)**
- (c) Outline the various models that have been proposed to explain the substrate specificity of enzymes and Enzyme-Substrate (E-S) complex. **(6 marks)**
- (d) Explain the mechanism of enzyme catalysis **(5 marks)**

Question FOUR

Describe the features of the active site, functions and mode of action of the following enzymes.

- (a) Ribonuclease **(5 marks)**
- (b) Lysozyme **(5 marks)**
- (c) Carboxypeptidase **(5 marks)**
- (d) Chymotrypsin **(5 marks)**

Question FIVE

- (a) Derive the Michaelis Menten equation **(15 marks)**
- (b) Define the parameters (enzyme kinetics) used in the Michaelis Menten equation **(5 marks)**