M.Sc I Microbiology Semester I Paper IV Environmental Microbiology **Paper IV- Environmental Microbiology Ouestion Bank** Unit I Q.1 Choose the correct alternative. (Each carries 1 mark) 1. In an ecosystem, the energy flow is **Always unidirectional** a) b) Always bidirectional c) In any direction d) Always down directional 2. The following type of food chain is Dead animal  $\rightarrow$  blowfly maggot  $\rightarrow$  maggot  $\rightarrow$  frog  $\rightarrow$  snake Detritus food chain a) Decomposer food chain b) Predator food chain c) d) Grazing food chain 3. According to ecological pyramid for energy, maximum energy is required by Secondary consumer a) b) Decomposer Primary consumer c) d) **Primary producer** 4. "The pyramid of energy is always upright" states that The energy conversion efficiency of herbivores is better than carnivores a) The energy conversion efficiency of carnivores is better than herbivores b) c) Producers have the lowest energy conversion efficiency Energy conversion efficiency is the same in all trophic levels d) 5. A wide variety of living organisms is called **Biodiversity** a) Population b) c) Habitat d) Diversity 6. A pond is a) A biome b) A community of plants and animals c) A natural ecosystem d) None of the above 7. Ecosystems are a) Always open b) Always closed c) Both open and closed depending upon the community d) Both open and closed depending upon biomass 8. The renewable exhaustible natural energy resource of the following is Coal a) b) Petroleum Department Of Microbiology, Shri. R.L.T. College Of Science, Akola

- c) Kerosene
- d) Biomass

9. Removing decomposers from the ecosystem will cause

- a) Energy cycle to stop
- b) Mineral cycle to stop
- c) Consumers unable to absorb solar energy
- d) Increases in the rate of decomposition of minerals

10. Biodiesel and Bioethanol are examples of

- a) Non-renewable source of energy
- b) Renewable source of energy
- c) Nuclear power source
- d) All of these

## Q.2 Fill in the blanks.

- 1. The term 'ecosystem' was coined by Arthur Tansley.
- 2. The organisms that help in decomposing the organic matter are known as decomposers.
- 3. Heterotrophs are the organisms that derive their energy by eating live or dead organic matter.
- 4. Abiotic factors are non-living chemical and physical parts of the environment that affect living organisms
- and the functioning of ecosystems.
- 5. An ecosystem is a structural and functional unit of ecology.
- 6. Sundarban sanctuary of West Bengal is reserved for tigers.
- 7. IUCN stands for International Union for Conservation of Nature.
- 8. The **lithosphere** consists of upper mantle and crust.
- 9. Ecosystems containing interconnected food chains are known as food webs.
- 10. Consumers are organisms that eat other living organisms

## **Q.3 Answer in one sentence.**

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1.Define habitat.

Ans: Habitat is the area or natural environment in which an organism or population normally lives.

2. Define producers.

Ans: Organisms that produce their own food from simple inorganic substances such as water, sunlight and carbon dioxide are called as producers.

3. Give any two examples of endangered species.

Ans: Amur tiger, Red panda and Asiatic elephant

4. State the significance of 'Red' indication in the IUCN red list.

Ans: 'Red' indicate in the IUCN red list to the taxa with the highest risk if extinction.

5. Define sustainable development.

Ans: Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs

6. Define community.

Ans: Community is a group or association of populations of two or more different species occupying the same geographical area at the same time.

7. Define homeostasis.

Ans: Homeostasis is the ability to maintain internal stability in an organism in response to the environmental changes.

8. Define microbial ecology.

Ans: microbial ecology is the study of interrelationship between different microorganisms, plants and animals and their environment.

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9. Define ecological pyramid

Ans: Ecological pyramid is a graphical representation showing the relationship between different organisms in an ecosystem.

10. Give any two examples of sustainable development.

Ans: Solar energy, crop rotation, green house and sustainable forestry.

## Q.4 Short answer questions.

- 1. Describe in brief concept of habitat in biosphere.
- 2. Explain food chain.
- 3. Explain food web.
- 4. Comment briefly on homeostasis.
- 5. Explain the interaction between environment and biota.
- 6. Explain the role of bacterial technology in achieving sustainable development.
- 7. Comment briefly on ecological pyramid of energy.
- 8. Comment briefly on ecological pyramid of biomass.
- 9. Comment briefly on ecological pyramid of number of organisms.
- 10. Explain the importance of consumers and producers in food chain.

## Q.5 Long answer questions.

- 1. Explain ecosystem and its management.
- 2. Describe renewable sources of energy and fuel using microorganisms.
- 3. Describe the sustainable development and need of sustainable development
- 4. Explain biodiversity and its importance.
- 5. Illustrate about the pollution control.
- 6. Describe the sustainable development and the role of bacterial technology in achieving sustainable development.

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- 7. Explain the concept and techniques for improvement and restoration of barren land.
- 8. Explain the interaction between environment and biota.
- 9. Describe biodiversity and its conservation.
- **10.** Explain sustainable development of ecosystem

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## (d) Nitrification

9. The following bacteria are ammonia-oxidizing bacteria

- a) Nitrospina gracilis
- b) Nitrosomonas europaea
- c) Nitrosococcus oceanus
- d) Nitrosovibrio tenuis

10. Component II of the nitrogenase enzyme complex does not include the following feature

- a) Contains sulphur
- b) Component II is nitrogenase reductase
- c) Component II is called the MoFe protein
- d) Not activate without component I

# Q. 2 Fill in the blanks.

1. **Denitrifying** bacteria in the soil can break down the ammonia into the gaseous form of nitrogen which is not available for use by plants and animals.

- 2 .Nitrosification is the oxidation of nitrogen to nitrite.
- 3. Azotobacter is an example of **non-symbiotic** nitrogen fixing bacteria.
- 4. The term nitrification was discovered by Sergei Winogradsky.
- 5. Release of ammonia from organic nitrogenous compounds is termed as ammonification.
- 6. Plants absorb **nitrogen** in the form of ammonia, **nitrates and nitrites**.
- 7. Fixation is the conversion of atmospheric N2 to organic N.
- 8. Nitrification in the nitrogen cycle was discovered by Sergei Winogradsky.
- 9. Nitrosomonas bacteria convert nitrogen gas to **nitrite**.
- 10. Assimilation is the conversion of inorganic N to organic N.

# Q.3 Answer in one sentence.

1. Name the co-factor required for the activity of nitrogenase.

Ans: Molybdenum is the co-factor required for the activity of nitrogenase.

2. Give any two examples of non-sysmbiotic nitrogen fixing bacteria

Ans: Azotobacter and Azospirillum are the examples of non-symbiotic nitrogen fixing bacteria.

3. Name the enzyme which plays important role in nitrogen fixation.

Ans: Nitrogenase play important role in nitrogen cycle.

4. Give any two examples of symbiotic nitrogen fixing bacteria.

Ans: Rhizobium meliloti, Rhizobium trifolii and Rhizobium leguminosarum are the examples of symbiotic nitrogen fixing bacteria.

5. Define ammonification.

Ans: Release of ammonia from organic nitrogenous compounds is termed as ammonification.

6. Name any two bacteria involved in the process of nitrification.

Ans: Nitrosomonas, Nitrosococcus and Nitrobacter are the bacteria involved in the process of nitrification.

7. Define non-symbiotic nitrogen fixers.

Ans: Non-symbiotic nitrogen fixers which fix molecular nitrogen to cellular nitrogen nitrogen independently of other living organisms.

8. Define denitrification.

Ans: Denitrification is the process of reducing nitrate and nitrite to highly oxidized form of nitrogen available for consumption by many groups of microorganisms.

9. Define nitrosification.

Ans: The oxidation of ammonia to nitrite is known as nitrosification.

10. Name any two examples of denitrifying bacteria.

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Ans: Paracoccus denitrificans, Thiobacillus denitrificans and Pseudomonas spp. are the examples of denitrifying bacteria.

## Q.4 Short answer questions.

- 1. Give an account on term Ammonification.
- 2. Explain the process of nitrification.
- 3. Explain the structure of nitrogenase enzyme.
- 4. Explain the process of denitrification.
- 5. Explain symbiotic fixers in detail.
- 6. Explain mechanism of nitrogen fixation.
- 7. Explain the role of microorganisms in nitrogen cycle.
- 8. Explain biochemistry of nitrogen cycle.
- 9. Explain non-symbiotic fixers.
- 10. Explain the structure of nitrogenase enzyme.

## Q.5 Long answer questions.

- 1. Describe in brief process involved in the nitrogen cycle.
- 2. Explain in detail nitrogen cycle.
- 3. Explain the biochemistry of nitrate reduction.
- 4. Give the mechanism of nitrogenase enzyme in nitrogen cycle.
- 5. Give an account on nitrification and denitrification.
- 6. **Explain the biochemistry and microbiology of nitrogen cycle**.
- 7. **Describe non-symbiotic nitrogen fixation with suitable example.**
- 8. **Describe symbiotic nitrogen fixation with suitable example.**
- 9. **Explain energy input/output ratio of nitrogen in crop production.**
- 10. Explain the structure and characteristics of nitrogenase in nitrogen cycle.

# Unit –III

## Q.1 Choose the correct alternative.

1. Which one of the following is a major constituent of biological membranes, nucleic acids, and cellular energy transfer systems?

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- a) Potassium
- b) Phosphorous
- c) Selenium
- d) Cobalt

2. Which of the following component is used to make shells, bones, and teeth by animals?

- a) Phosphorous
- b) Sodium
- c) Gallium
- d) Argon

3. Which of the following is the natural reservoir of phosphorous?

- a) Atmospheric gases
- b) Rocks
- c) Water
- d) Dead organisms

4. Which element is not released during respiration in the atmosphere?

a) Nitrogen

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- b) Cobalt
- c) Carbon
- d) Phosphorous

5. Which one of the following is the simplified sequence of phosphorus cycling in a terrestrial ecosystem?

- a) Soil Producers Rock minerals Consumers Decomposers
- b) Rock minerals Soil Producers Consumers Decomposers
- c) Rock minerals Decomposers Producers Consumers
- d) Decomposers Rock minerals Consumers Producers

6. How do herbivores and other animals obtain phosphorous?

- a) Soil
- b) Rocks
- c) Water
- d) Plants

7. Which of the following is a major constituent of DNA and RNA?

- a) Calcium
- b) Cobalt
- c) Selenium
- d) Phosphorous

8. Respiration and photosynthesis are central to this process

- a) Nitrogen cycle
- b) Phosphorous cycle
- c) Carbon cycle
- d) Sulphur cycle

9. The source of carbon to plants in the carbon cycle is

- a) Fossil fuels
- b) Carbonate rocks
- c) Atmospheric carbon dioxide
- d) All of the above

10. What Percent of Carbon is found dissolved in oceans out of total quantity of global Carbon?

- a) 50 Percent
- b) 71 Percent
- c) 90 Percent
- d) 25 Percent
- 11. Name the Process by which carbon return to the atmosphere as CO2.
- a) Calcareous Sediments
- b) Decayed Organism
- c) Respiration
- d) Photosynthesis

Q. 2 Fill in the blanks.

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1. The conversion of organic sulfur compounds to the inorganic compounds by microorganisms is termed as **mineralization** of sulfur.

2. Sulphates are reduced to hydrogen sulphide by *desulfotomaculum sp*.

- 3. Anaerobic sulphate-reducing bacteria reduce of sulphates and sulphites to **hydrogen sulphide**.
- 4. The conversion of sulphur to sulphates by enzyme *Thiobacillus thiooxidans.*
- 5. **Phospholipids** are compounds in which phosphate is combined with lipids.
- 6. **Cellulase** enzyme is responsible for degradation of cellulose to cellulobiose.

7. **Immobilization** is the microbial conversion of inorganic sulfur compounds to organic sulfur compounds.

- 8. The role of bacteria in the carbon cycle is breakdown of **organic compounds**.
- 9. Sedimentary cycle is another name of **phosphorous cycle**.
- 10. **CaCO3** is the form of CO2 that precipitate after dissolving in water.

#### Q.3 Answer in one sentence.

1. Name any two phosphate solubilizing bacteria.

Ans: Pseudomonas sp. and Bacillus sp.

2. Write the chemical formula for inorganic phosphate.

Ans: PO43-

3. Other than nitrogen and potassium, which element is included in macronutrient category?

Ans: Phosphorous

- 4. Name any two bacteria which can reduce sulphate to sulphide.
- Ans: Desulfovibrio and Desulfotomaculum

5. Name any two sulfur containing amino acids.

Ans: Cysteine and methionine

- 6. State any two inorganic form of sulfur.
- Ans: Elemental sulfur and sulfides

7. Define carbon cycle.

Ans: the series of chemical, physical, geological and biological changes by which carbon moves through the earth's air, land, water and living organisms is called as carbon cycle.

8. Name the enzyme that cleave phosphorous from more frequently encountered organic substrate.

Ans: Phosphatases

9. Define respiration.

Ans: Respiration defined as the cellular mechanism that involves the complete combustion of glucose and oxygen into by-products like water, carbon dioxide and energy in the form of heat.

10. Which form of carbon occur naturally in the atmosphere?

Ans: Carbon dioxide

## Q.4 Short answer questions.

- 1. Discuss occurrence and solubilization of phosphorus in nature.
- 2. Explain deficiency and toxicity of selenium.
- 3. Discuss occurrence and significance of selenium.
- 4. Explain degradation of hemicellulose.
- 5. Explain significance of phosphorous element in living system
- 6. Explain biochemistry of cellulose degradation.
- 7. Explain significance of sulfur element in living system.
- 8. Explain significance of carbon element in living system.
- 9. Explain reactions involved in carbon cycle.
- 10. Explain phosphate solubilizing bacteria.

## Q.5 Long answer questions.

- 1. Describe in brief carbon cycle.
- 2. Explain generation and decay of detritus 'C' compounds.
- 3. Explain phosphorous cycle and significance of 'P' compounds.

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- 4. Describe selenium cycle with significance.
- 5. Explain biochemistry of sulfate reduction.
- 6. Explain role of carbonic anhydrase in carbon cycle.
- 7. Explain role of phosphobacter and mycorrhizae in crop production.
- 8. Describe cellulose degradation in the soil along with microorganisms.
- 9. Explain the reactions involved in sulfur cycle.
- 10. Explain anaerobic degradation of

#### Unit IV

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#### Q.1 Choose the correct alternative.

- 1. The following is not a process of pesticide management
- a) Waste management
- b) Pollution control
- c) Antibiotic development
- d) Manufacturing process
- 2. The hydrolysis of following compounds create environmental problems
- a) Oxygen
- b) Hydrogen
- c) Nitrogen
- d) Volatile compounds
- 3. The following is a sustainable alternative for environment
- a) Bio-leaching
- b) Bio-remediation
- c) Bio-fortification
- d) Immobilization
- 4. The following does not use microbial degradation method
- a) Sewage sludge
- b) Pesticide disposals
- c) Polluted water
- d) Redox potential
- 5. The following fungi does not degrade DDT insecticide
- a) Aspergillus niger
- b) Mucor alternans
- c) Penicillium sp.
- d) Bacillus cereus
- 6. The following doesn't lead to toxicity of waste water
- a) Magnesium
- b) Arsenic
- c) Lead
- d) Chromium
- 7. Mercury is eliminated from animal body in
- a) 2 months

- b) 2 years
- c) 18 months
- d) 18 years

# 8. The following is not used to clear-out heavy metal contamination in environment

- a) Bacteria
- b) Fungi
- c) Algae
- d) H<sub>2</sub>S

## 9. Bacteria help in metal extraction by

- a) Oxidation of ore
- b) Reduction of ore
- c) Assimilation
- d) Accumulation
- 10. The following is not a method of heavy metal removal from water
- a) Adsorption
- b) Chemical precipitation
- c) Biogas
- d) Reverse osmosis

# Q. 2 Fill in the blanks.

1. **Iron-oxidizing bacteria** are group of bacteria with the ability to exchange and accumulate divalent iron dissolved in water.

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2. Arsine gas is the most toxic form of arsenic.

3. **Biotransformation** is the biochemical modification of one chemical compound or a mixture of chemical compounds.

4. Lead is a naturally occurring toxic metal found in the earth's crust.

5. In microbial methylation, methyl group is frequently transfer to mercury metal as carbanium.

6. Iron-oxidizing bacteria derive energy by oxidizing dissolved ferrous iron.

7. Bioalkylation is the mechanism by which alkyl group are transferred to metal or metalloid atom.

8. Methyl mercury is the toxic form of mercury.

9. Tellurium is the one of the rarest elements on earth which is available as a dark grey powder.

10. In E. coli, **methylcobalamine** is the major coenzyme that catalysed the transfer of methyl group to homocysteine, resulting in the formation of methionine.

# Q.3 Answer in one sentence.

1. Define biotransformation.

Ans: The changes that occur to a substance by the actions of enzymes within an organism.

2. Define ecological succession.

Ans: Ecological succession is a series of changes that occur in an ecological community over time.

3. Name any two iron oxidizing bacteria.

Ans: Acidithiobacillus thiooxidans and Gallionella sp.

4. Name any two poisonous metal present in industrial effluents.

Ans: As, Zn, Ni and Cr

5. Define metalloids.

Ans: Metalloids are the elements that show the properties of both metals and non-metals.

6. Name any two bacteria that are responsible for degradation of pesticides.

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Ans: Azotobacter sp. and Pseudomonas sp.

7. Give any two examples of chemical pesticides.

Ans: Carbamate and Organophosphate

8. Give any two examples of metalloids.

Ans: Arsenic and tellurium

9. Define acid mine drainage.

Ans: Acid mine drainage refers to the acidic water that forms when surface water and air are exposed to iron sulfide, typically pyrite, a solid waste byproduct of coal mining.

10. Define primary succession.

Ans: Primary succession is type of ecological succession in which plants and animals first colonize a barren, lifeless habitat.

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#### Q.4 Short answer questions.

- 1. Explain acid mine drainage.
- 2. Explain types of biotransformation reaction.
- 3. Explain methylation of mercury.
- 4. Explain bioalkylation of arsenic.
- 5. Explain metalloids with suitable examples.
- 6. Explain hydrolysis reaction in biotransformation of pesticides.
- 7. Explain methylation of tellurium.
- 8. Explain microbiology of biotransformation of pesticides.
- 9. Explain degradation of DDT.
- **10. Explain types of** ecological succession.

#### **Q.5** Long answer questions.

- 1. **Explain biotrans**formation of pesticides.
- 2. **Describe in brie**f microbiology of metal and metalloid transformation.
- 3. **Describe in brief** biochemistry and microbiology of acid mine drainage.
- 4. Explain ecological succession.
- 5. **Describe in brief biochemistry of metal and metalloid transformation.**
- 6. Describe biotransformation of arsenic compound.
- 7. Comment briefly on iron oxidizing bacteria.
- 8. Describe biotransformation of lead.
- 9. Describe biotransformation

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Unit V		
Q.1 C	Choose the correct alternative. (	Each carry 1 mark)
1.	Direct leaching benefits the following bacteria	
a)	Autotrophic Bacteria	
b)	Heterotrophic Bacteria	
c)	Chemotrophic Bacteria	
d)	Chemolithotrophic Bacteria	
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2.	Bioleaching is done by	
a)	Protozoa	
b)	Bacteria	100 C
с)	Algae	
d)	All of the above	
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3.	Rielesching of uranium carried out by	
	Bioleaching of uranium carried out by	
a) b)	Direct Leaching Mechanism	
b)	Indirect Leaching Mechanism	
c)	Acid Leaching Mechanism	
d)	Alkali Leaching Mechanism	
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4.	The following microbe is involved in uranium bioleaching	
a)	Thiobacillus ferrooxidans	
b)	E.coli	
c)	Streptococcus	
d)	A. Niger	
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5.	The most common bacteria used for bioleaching is	
a)	Spirillum	
b)	Coccus	
c)	Bacillus	
d)	Streptococcus	
6.	Wh <mark>at percentage of tota</mark> l world copper productio <mark>n does biole</mark> aching of	copper alone contribute?
a)	10%	
b)	17%	
C)	25%	
d)	33.3%	
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7.	The following factors affect the rate of bioleaching	
a)	Particle size,	
b)	рН	
c)	Pulp density	
d)	All of these	
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8.	The following bioleaching processes involve piling up of uncrushed wa	aste rock
a)	In Situ	
ĥ	Dump Leaching	

- b) Dump Leaching
- Heap Leaching c)
- d) Vat Leaching
- 9. The following is most suitable for bioleaching in a majority of the metals

- High pH a)
- b) Low pH
- c) Neutral pH
- d) Very High pH

#### Microbial catalysed redox reaction leads to metal \_\_\_\_ 10.

#### a) Mobilization

- b) Immobilization
- c) Reduction
- d) Oxidation

The following is not included in the mechanism of bioleaching 11.

- a) Acidolysis
- b) Complexolysis
- c) Redoxolysis
- d) Hydrolysis

## Q. 2 Fill in the blanks.

(Each carries 1 mark) 1. In 1947, *thiobacillus ferooxidans* was identified as a part of the microbial community found in acid mine drainage.

- 2. Sulfuric acid is the main inorganic acid found in leaching process.
- 3. Bacillus is the most common bacteria used in bioleaching.
- 4. Leaching is the solubilization of one or more components of a complex solid by contact with a liquid phase.

5. Bioheaps are large amounts of low grade ore and effluents from extraction processes that contain trace amounts of minerals.

- 6. Biomining of copper needs conversion of water insoluble copper sulfides to water soluble copper sulfates.
- 7. **Lixiviant** is a liquid medium used in hydrometallurgy to selectively extract the desired metal from the ore.
- 8. In indirect leaching, iron acts as electron carrier in oxidation of pyrite.
- 9. During oxidation of sulfur compounds, thiosulfate is formed as intermediate.

## Q.3 Answer in one sentence.

## (Each carries 1 mark)

## 1. Define bioleaching.

Ans: Bioleaching is defined as the dissolution of metals from their mineral source by certain naturally occurring microorganisms.

2. Name any two bacteria involved in the process of metal bioleaching.

Ans: Thiobacillus ferooxidans, Leptospirillum ferooxidans are the example of bacteria involved in the process of metal bioleaching.

3. Define ore.

Ans: The naturally occurring material from which a mineral or minerals of economic value can be extracted is known as ore.

4. What is direct leaching?

Ans: Direct bioleaching uses minerals that are easily receptive to oxidation to create a direct enzymatic strike using the microorganisms to separate the metal and the ore.

5. Give any two applications of bioleaching.

Ans: Bioleaching can be used to extract metals from low concentration ores as gold that are too poor for other technologies.

It can be used to partially replace the extensive crushing and grinding that translates to prohibitive cost and energy consumption in a conventional process.

6. What is indirect bioleaching?

Ans: In the process indirect bioleaching, microbes are not in direct contact with minerals but leaching agent produced by these microbes which oxidize the ores.

7. Define biodeterioration.

Ans: Biodeterioration is defined as any undesirable change in the property of the material caused by the vital activities of organisms in that material.

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8. Give any two examples of fungi that are responsible for biodeterioration of stone.

Ans: Epicoccum nigrum and Drechslera sp.

9. Give any two techniques used for bioleaching.

Ans: Heap leaching and slope leaching

10. Define biomiming.

Ans: Biomiming is the extraction of specific metals from their ores with the help of microorganisms.

#### Q.4 Short answer questions.

- 1. Explain the concept of biodeterioration.
- 2. Describe various application of bioleaching process.
- 3. Explain slope bioleaching.
- 4. Explain heap bioleaching.
- 5. Explain in situ bioleaching.

## Q.5 Long answer questions.

- 1. Explain in detail biodeterioration of wood.
- 2. Discuss in brief bioleaching and method of bioleaching
- 3. **Describe in brief biodeterioration of pharmaceutical products.**
- 4. **Explain biodeterioration of metal along with one example.**
- 5. **Describe biodet**erioration of stone work.
- 6. **Discuss various** technique of bioleaching.

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