(For candidates admitted from 2016–2021 Batch)

B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2023.

Part III — Microbiology – Major

MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND MICROBIAL GENETICS

Time: Three hours

Maximum: 75 marks

PART A — $(10 \times 2 = 20)$

Answer ALL questions.

- 1. Gene
- 2. Z-DNA
- 3. DNA Helicases
- 4. 'Okazaki fragments'
- 5. Primases
- 6. Pribnow box
- 7. Start codon
- 8. Operon
- 9. Mutagenesis
- 10. Spontaneous mutation

PART B — $(5 \times 5 = 25)$

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) What is plasmid? Explain on different types of plasmid.

Or

- (b) Write three dimensional structure of DNA proposed by Watson and Crick.
- 12. (a) What are the different types of prokaryotic DNA polymerases and its function?

Or

- (b) Define theta mode of replication mechanisms.
- 13. (a) Elucidate the general features of genetic code.

Or

- (b) Give a brief account of transcription stages.
- 14. (a) Elucidate cellular machinery required for protein synthesis.

Or

- (b) Discuss mating process of F Factor.
- 15. (a) Narrate the excision repair mechanism in E.coli.

Or

(b) Give an account on Ames test.

PART C — $(3 \times 10 = 30)$

Answer any THREE questions.

- 16. Discuss on prokaryotic chromosome structure.
- 17. Write a note on enzymes involved in DNA replication.
- 18. Write a note on translation.
- 19. What is transduction? Give a detailed account on generalized transduction process.
- 20. Define mutation. Add a note on types of mutagen.