

**Fourth Semester B.E./B.Tech. Degree Examination, June/July 2025  
Biology for Engineers (CSE)**

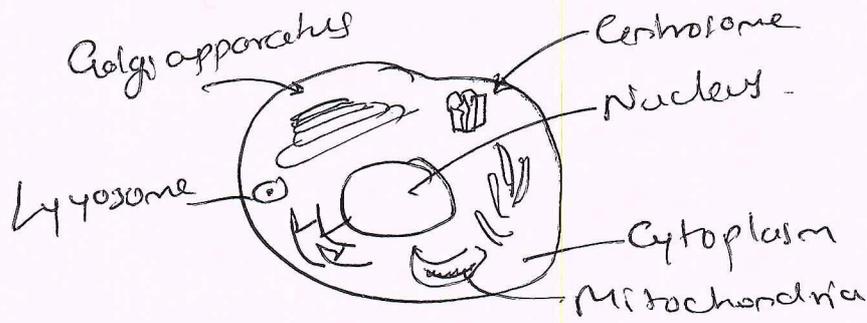
Max. Marks: 100

*Notal: 1. Answer any FIVE full questions, choosing ONE full question from each module.  
2. M : Marks, L: Bloom's level, C: Course outcomes.*

Module - 1				M	L	C
Q.1	a.	Define Cell. Explain function and structure of cell.	7	L2	CO1	
	b.	List the various hormones and write the functions of them.	7	L2	CO1	
	c.	Demonstrate the properties and function of lipids.	6	L3	CO1	
OR						
Q.2	a.	What are stem cells? Discuss the function of stem cells.	7	L2	CO1	
	b.	List the vitamins and write the functions of them.	7	L2	CO1	
	c.	Demonstrate the properties and function of nucleic acids.	6	L3	CO4	
Module - 2						
Q.3	a.	Define Biomolecule. List the classification of biomolecules with each one example in short in engineering application.	7	L2	CO2	
	b.	Explain the applications of enzymes in biosensors and bio bleading.	7	L2	CO2	
	c.	What is DNA finger printing? Explain the process involved in DNA finger printing.	6	L3	CO5	
OR						
Q.4	a.	Explain the properties of cellulose as an effective water filter.	7	L2	CO2	
	b.	List the properties of PHA and explain the engineering applications of PHA.	7	L2	CO2	
	c.	Demonstrate why as a protein.	6	L3	CO3	
Module - 3						
Q.5	a.	Define ECG. Explain in detail.	7	L2	CO3	
	b.	How kidney will be used as a filtration system, explain with one type of dialysis example.	7	L2	CO3	
	c.	Illustrate Brain as a CPU system.	6	L3	CO3	

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OR						
Q.6	a.	Briefly discuss the various bio engineering solutions for muscular dystrophy.	7	L2	CO3	
	b.	Explain robotic arm for Prosthetic device.	7	L2	CO3	
	c.	Illustrate eye as a camera system.	6	L3	CO4	
Module - 4						
Q.7	a.	Compare the process of photo synthesis to the functioning of photo synthesis to the functioning of photoelectric cells.	7	L2	CO4	
	b.	Super hydrophobic and self cleaning surfaces. Explain in detail.	7	L2	CO4	
	c.	Write a note on Lotos last effect.	6	L3	CO4	
OR						
Q.8	a.	Compare HBCC's and FTC.	7	L2	CO4	
	b.	How shark skin and swim suits are using biological concepts.	7	L2	CO4	
	c.	Write a note on GPS technology.	6	L3	CO4	
Module - 5						
Q.9	a.	Explain in detail how AI will be used in all disease diagnosis.	7	L2	CO5	
	b.	Demonstrate bioremediation and biomining.	7	L3	CO5	
	c.	Explain muscular system as a scaffold.	6	L3	CO5	
OR						
Q.10	a.	Explain in detail electrical nose in food science.	7	L2	CO5	
	b.	Demonstrate bioprinting technique list all of them.	7	L3	CO5	
	c.	Explain DNA origami and lies computing.	6	L3	CO5	

# Q.1: a. Define Cell. Explain function & Structure



A cell is a smallest structural & functional unit of life. All living organisms made up of cell, with one or more numbers. All vital activities happens inside cell.

## Structure of Cell

1. Cell wall → Rigid outer layer of cellulose  
Provides shape, support & protection
2. Plasma membrane  
Thin flexible boundary surrounding cell  
Controls movement of substances in & out
3. Cytoplasm.  
Jelly like substance inside cell membrane
4. Nucleus.  
Control center of cell  
Contains genetic material DNA  
Regulate growth, metabolism & reproduction
5. Mitochondria → Power house of cell
6. Ribosomes → Protein synthesis
7. Endoplasmic Reticulum → Transport materials
8. Golgi apparatus → Packaging & Secretion
9. vacuole → Storage
10. Chloroplast → Control photosynthesis in plants

## Functions

- 1) Carries metabolic activities
- 2) Produce Energy through respiration
- 3) synthesis Protein & Enzymes
- 4) Store genetic information
- 5) Helps growth & repair of organism

## Q1b. List various hormones & write their functions. 7 marks

1. Growth Hormone
  - \* Stimulate growth of bones & body tissue
  - \* Regulates physical development
2. Thyroxine
  - \* Controls metabolism of fat & proteins
  - \* Regulates body temperature & energy production
3. Insulin
  - \* Lowers blood glucose level
  - \* Converts glucose into glycogen
4. Glucagon
  - \* Increase blood glucose level
  - \* Converts glycogen into glucose
5. Adrenaline
  - \* Prepare body for emergency
  - \* Increase heart rate, blood pressure & energy supply
6. Ovary
  - \* Develop female secondary sexual character
  - \* Regulate menstrual cycle.
7. Testis
  - \* Develop male sexual character
  - \* Helps sperm formation

## Q1c. Properties & functions of lipids 6 marks

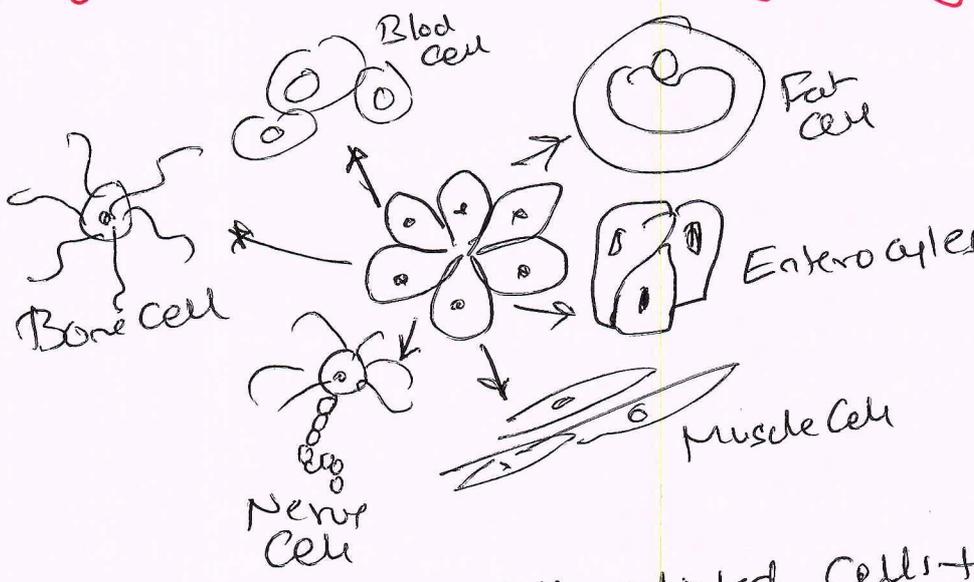
### Properties of lipids

- 1) Lipids are insoluble & do not dissolve in water
- 2) They only dissolve organic solvents ether, alcohol etc
- 3) Lipids feel oily to touch & changes phase at room temp.

### Functions of lipids

- 1) Act as long energy reserve for the body
- 2) Form essential component i.e. cell membrane
- 3) Helps thermal insulation & control body temperature

Q2a. What are stem cells, discuss function of stem cell. 7



Stem cells are undifferentiated cells that have ability to self renew & differentiate into specialised cell such as muscle cell, blood cell, nerve cell etc.

### Functions of stem cell

1. Cell differentiation.

- \* Can develop different types of specialised cell
- \* Essential for forming tissue

2. Growth & Development

- \* Embryonic Development
- \* Formation of various body system

3. Tissue Repair & Regeneration

- \* Replace damaged or dead tissue
- \* healing wound & repairing tissue

4. Maintain Body tissue

- \* Replenish Body tissue like skin & blood

5. Medical Application

- \* Used in bone marrow transplant
- \* Used in regenerative medicine

Q2b. List the vitamins & write their functions 7marks

1. Vitamin A.

- Essential for vision at night
- Maintain healthy skin & epithelial tissue

### 2. Vitamin B Complex

- Helps Energy metabolism
- Support nervous system function & red blood cell formation

### 3. Vitamin C

- Required for Collagen formation
- Enhances wound healing

### 4. Vitamin D

- Helps absorb calcium & phosphorus
- Maintain healthy bone & teeth

### 5. Vitamin E

- Act as antioxidant
- Protects Cell membrane from damage

### 6. Vitamin K

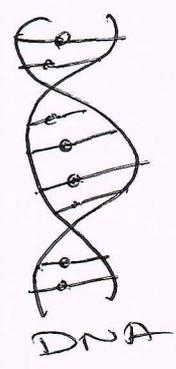
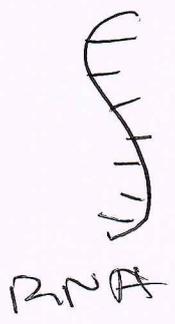
- Essential for blood clotting
- Helps in wound healing

### 7. Vitamin B12

- Necessary for blood cell formation
- Maintain normal nerve function

## Q.2c. Demonstrate properties & functions of nucleic acids

- Cytosine
- Guanine
- Adenine
- Uracil



- Cytosine
- Guanine
- Adenine
- Thymine

### Properties

- 1) Polymers in nature - long chain polymers made up of repeating units called nucleotides
- 2) Acidic character - Acidic in nature due to presence of phosphorus
- 3) Water Soluble - will dissolve in water but don't dissolve in organic compound

### Functions

- They store genetic information
- They synthesize proteins
- Regulate cell growth
- Reproduction through gene expansion

Q3a. Define biomolecules, list classification of bio molecules (5)  
 Example in short Engg. application - 7 marks

A biomolecule is organic molecule produced by living organism that is essential for life processes such as structure, energy, growth & reproduction.

Classification & Examples

1) Carbohydrates → Glucose & Starch

- \* Biofuel production
- \* Bioplastic & food production

2) Proteins → Enzymes, Collagen.

- \* Textile, Detergents & pharmaceutical.

3) Lipids → Fats & Phospholipids

- \* Biodiesel production, ~~drug~~
- \* Drug delivery system

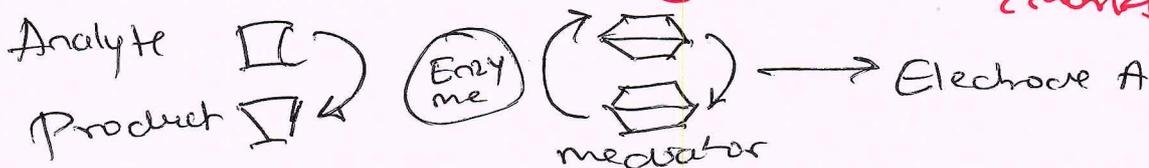
4) Nucleic Acids → DNA, RNA

- \* Vaccines
- \* Store genetic information

5) Vitamins → Vitamin C, Vitamin D etc

- \* Pharmaceutical Applications
- \* Food fortification Industry

Q3b. Explain the application of Enzymes in biosensors & bioelectronic (2 marks)



Biosensors is an analytical device that combine biological component with physicochemical detector, to detect specific substance.

Role of Enzymes in Biosensor

- \* Enzymes act as biorecognition element
- \* Reacts with target elements to produce measurable signal

Example.

1) Glucose Biosensor → measure blood glucose level.

- 2. Urea Biosensor → Detects urea concentration
- 3. Cholesterol Biosensor → Measure cholesterol level
- 4. Environmental monitoring → Detects toxins & pollutants

**Q3c. What is DNA Finger Printing? Explain the process i- DNA Finger Printing**

*Remarks*

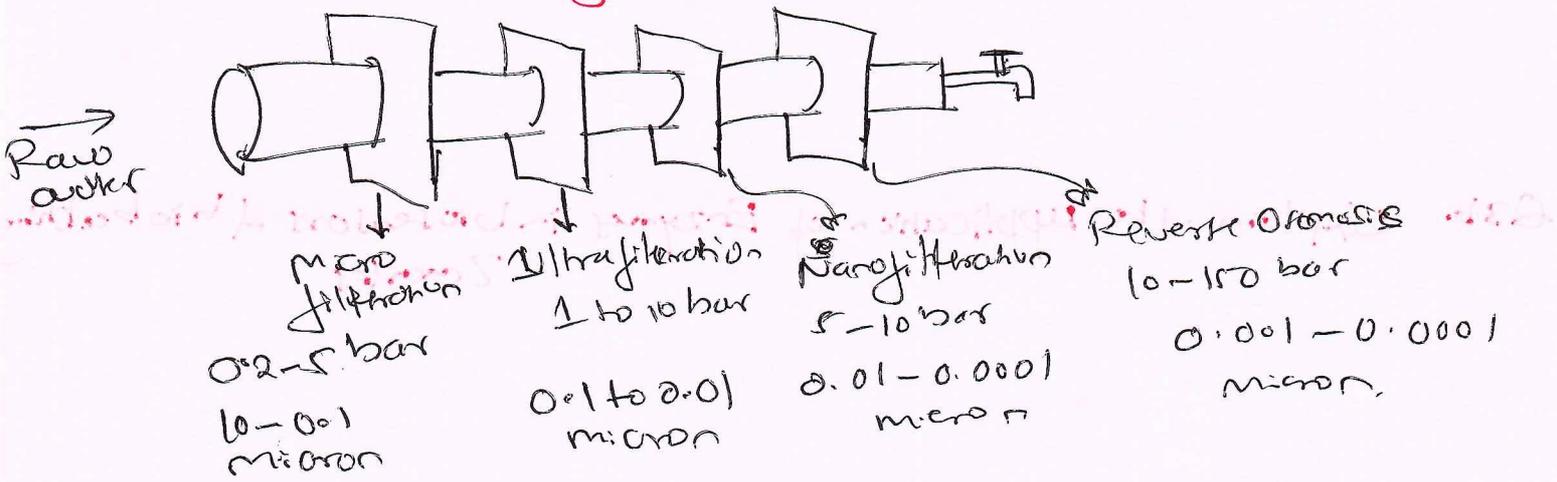
DNA finger printing is a laboratory experiment to identify an individual based on unique pattern present in their DNA. Except for identical twin, has unique DNA Finger Print

Process → DNA Extracted from Biological Sample such as blood, hair, saliva or tissue

- ⇒ Extracted DNA cut into fragments using specific restriction enzymes
- They separated and passed through a agarose gel under an electric field
- Separated DNA Bands are visualised & compared for genetic similarities

*Q3*

**Q4e. Explain Properties of cellulose as an effective water filter**



Properties of cellulose

- Network fine fibre creating micro & nano size pores
- Allows water pass-through & suspend particles
- Contains hydroxyl to attract bind water molecules
- Enhance water permeability & flow rate
- Maintain structural integrity under continuous flow
- Can chemically modified
- Can remove heavy metals, bacteria & pathogens
- Does not cause secondary pollutants

4b. List various properties of PHA & its Engineering Applications (7)

Properties of PHA

7 marks

- 1) Complete degrades into CO<sub>2</sub> & water under natural condition
- 2) Non toxic, suitable for medical application
- 3) Can be processed using conventional plastic processing methods
- 4) Exhibits good strength & flexibility compared to petrochemical plastics.

Engineering Application

- 1) Used in tissue scaffold, drug delivery system
- 2) Manufacturing of biodegradable films, containers etc
- 3) Controlled release of fertilizers in agriculture field.

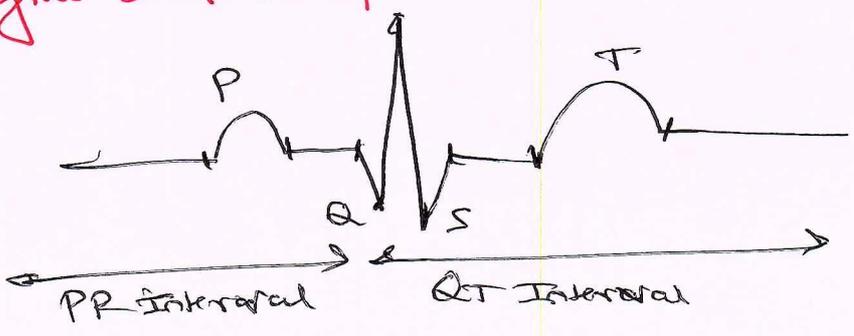
4c. Demonstrate WHEY Protein (6 marks)

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Whey is a high quality, globular protein, obtained as a byproduct during the production of cheese from milk. It remains in the liquid portion after milk curdles and casein is removed.

- Whey is an animal protein
- It is composed of amino acids
- Rich in essential amino acids like BCAAs
- It is a globular protein
- Easily soluble in water & rapidly digestible
- Contains  $\beta$ -lactoglobulin,  $\alpha$ -lactalbumin.
- Helps in muscle growth & rebuild
- Helps in Enzyme & Hormone Synthesis

5a. Define ECG & Explain in details (7 marks)



ECG  
Electrocardiogram.

An electrocardiogram (ECG) is a graphical recording of the electrical activity of heart obtained from electrodes placed on the surface of the body. It is used to assess the heart function & detect cardiac abnormalities. (8)

### Principle of ECG.

- \* Heart muscle generate electrical signal during each heart beat
- \* Impulse spread through heart & body fluids
- \* ECG Detects these electrical signals & convert them into a waveform.

### Components

P. wave — Represents atrial depolarisation  
Indicates contraction of atria.

QRS Complex — Represents ventricular depolarisation  
Controls contraction of ventricles  
largest deflection in ECG.

T-wave — Represents ventricular repolarisation

### Uses

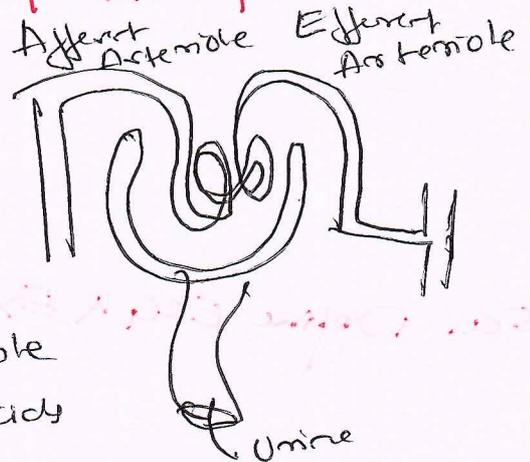
- 1) Detects arrhythmias, heart block
- 2) Helps monitoring heart rate
- 3) Routine cardiac checkup & emergency diagnosis

### Qb

How kidney will be used as a filtration system, explain with one type of dialysis example.

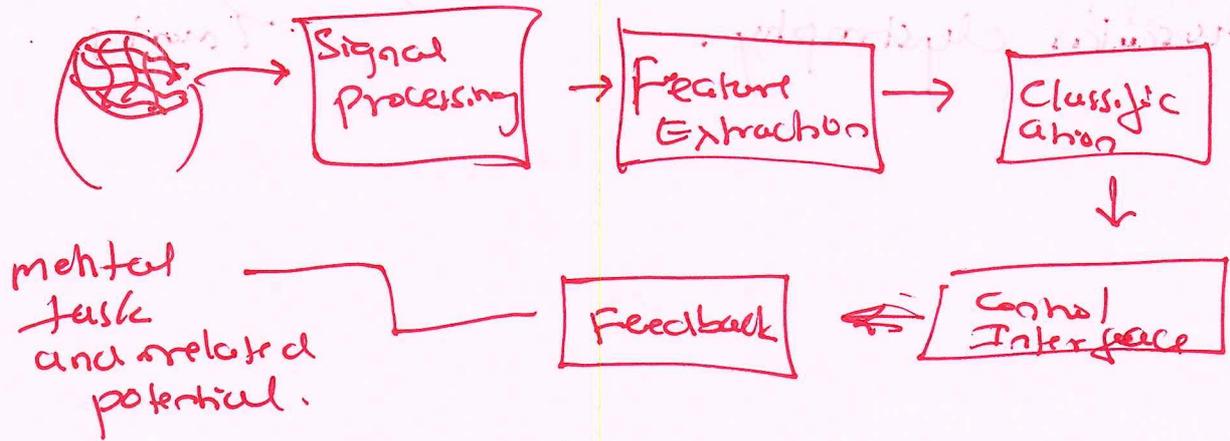
### Kidney as filtration system

- Each kidney contains nephrons
- Blood filtration occurs in the glomerulus where waste material, urea, excess salt & water are filtered into Bowman's capsule
- Useful substances like glucose, amino acids are reabsorbed in renal tubules
- Final urine contains waste excreted, & purified blood return for circulation
- Removes metabolic waste, Regulates blood pressure, maintain electrolytes



## 5c. Illustrate brain as CPU system

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### 1. Brain as input unit.

- \* Sensory organs (eye, skin, nose, tongue) act like input devices
- \* Send signals as input to brain using sensory nerves
- \* Eye sends visual, ears send sound etc

### 2. Brain as processing unit

- \* The cerebrum analyse, intercept & process incoming information
- \* Perform thinking, reasoning, memory & decision making
- \* Billions of neurons network work together like microprocessors

### 3. Brain as memory unit:

- \* Stores information in short term & long term memory
- \* Learning from past experience & decision

### 4. Brain as control unit

- \* Controls voluntary & involuntary activities
- \* Regulates heartbeat, breathing, movement etc
- \* Maintains coordination & Balance

### 5. Brain as output controller

- \* Command motor nerves based on information
- \* Muscles & glands acts as o/p devices

6a. Briefly discuss various bio engineering solutions for muscular dystrophy. (10 marks)

Muscular Dystrophy (MD) is a genetic disorder characterized by progressive muscle weakness due to defect in muscle protein.

Major Bio Engineering solutions

1) Gene Therapy

- \* Correct & Replace defective gene
- \* Insert functional dystrophin using viral vectors
- \* Helps slow disease progression

2) Stem Cell Therapy

- \* Use stem cell to regenerate damaged muscle
- \* Promote muscle repair

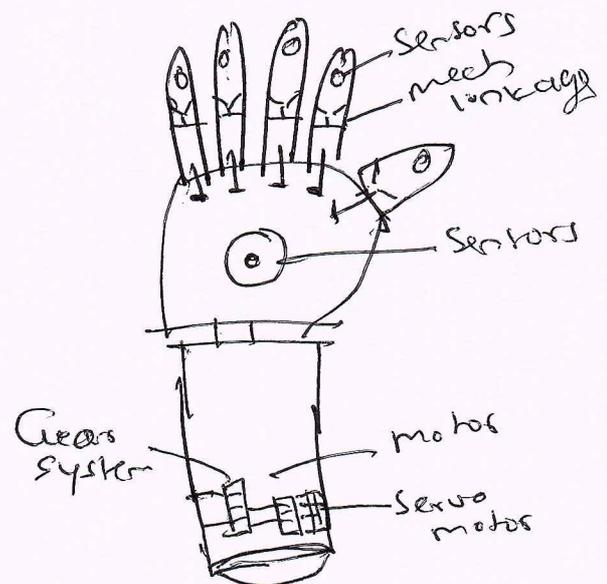
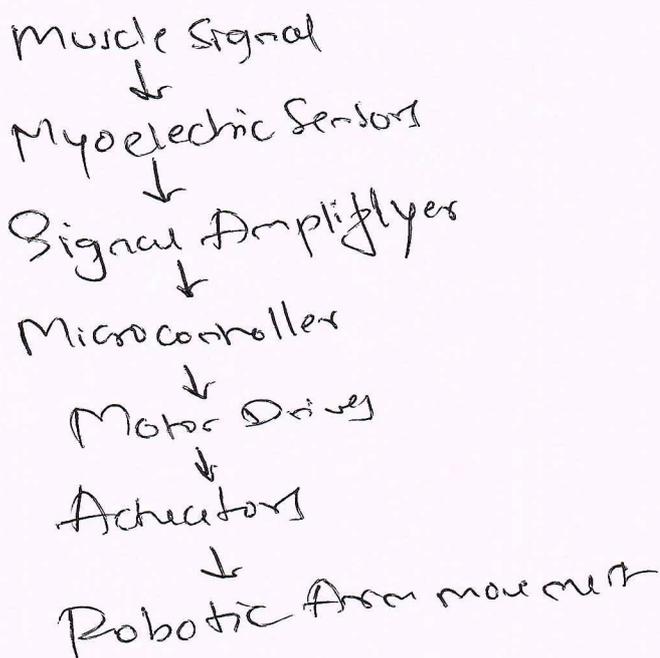
3) Biomedical implants

- \* Orthotic devices, braces & exoskeleton support
- \* Improve mobility & quality of life

4) Tissue Engineering

- \* Develop artificial muscle using tissue culture
- \* Aids in muscle regeneration research

6b. Explain Robotic arm for Prosthetic Devices (7 marks)



Robotic prosthetic arm is an artificial limb that (1) replaces a missing arm & performs movements similar to a natural arm.

- Microelectric sensors detect electrical signals from muscles
- Signals are processed through microcontroller
- Motors signal controls signals into mechanical movement
- Arm performs actions like gripping, lifting and rotating.

## 6c Illustrate Eye as a Camera system.

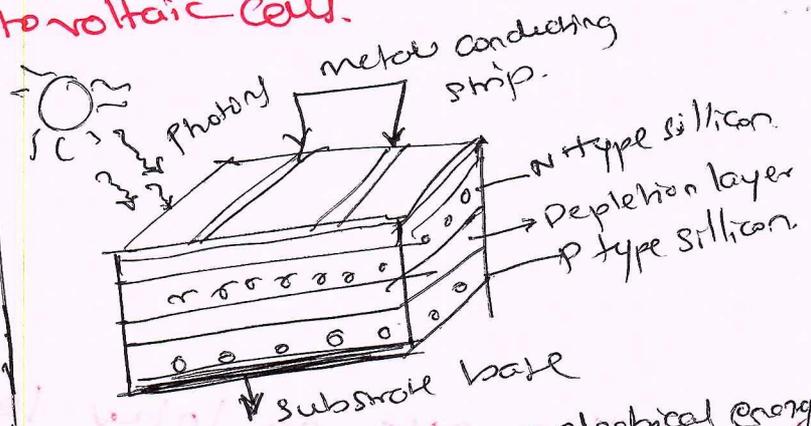
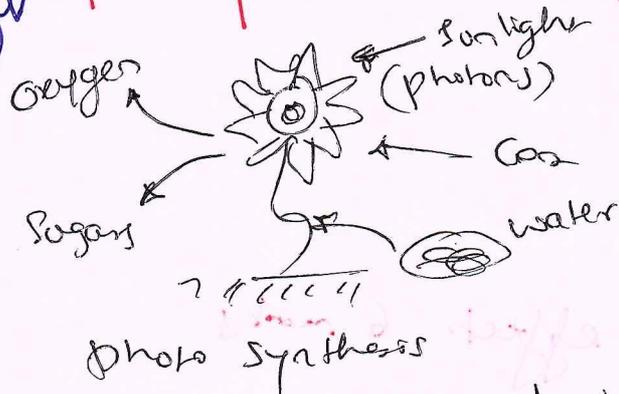
### Human Eye

- 1) Eye lens focus light on retina
- 2) Iris controls size of pupils
- 3) Pupils allows light to enter eye
- 4) Retina acts as light sensitive surface
- 5) Brain intercepts image
- 6) Optic nerve transfer image data
- 7) Eye adjust focus continuously

### Camera.

- 1) Camera lens focus light on film
- 2) Aperture controls amount of light
- 3) Aperture opening allows light
- 4) Film sensors record image
- 5) Signal cable transfer image data
- 6) Image processor process image
- 7) Camera adjust focal manually or automatically.

## 7a. Compare process of photosynthesis to the function of photovoltaic cells.

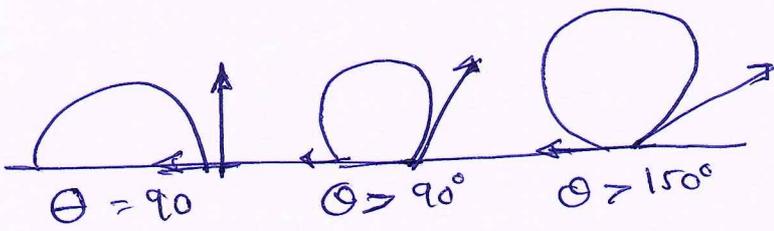


- 1) Convert Sunlight into chemical Energy
  - 2) Use chlorophyll to absorb energy
  - 3) Produce oxygen as by-product
  - 4) Requires CO<sub>2</sub> & water with sunlight
  - 5) Energy stored internally as food
- 1) Convert Sunlight into electrical energy
  - 2) Use p-n semiconductor to absorb energy
  - 3) No chemical by-product
  - 4) Requires only sunlight
  - 5) Energy must be stored externally in batteries

7b. Super hydrophobic & self cleaning surfaces. Explain in detail.

Hydrophobic to Super hydrophobic 7 marks

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$90^\circ - 150^\circ$  hydrophobic  
 $> 150^\circ$  superhydrophobic.

### 1. Super hydrophobic Surfaces.

It is the one that shows extreme water repellency, with water contact angle greater than  $150^\circ$ . Water droplets bead up and rolls out easily.

- High contact angle  $> 150^\circ$
- Droplets nearly spherical in shape
- Prevent water from spreading
- Micro & Nano Scale roughness achieved by surface

### 2. Self cleaning surfaces.

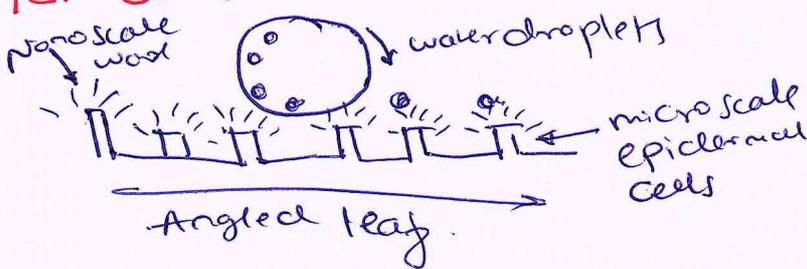
These are the surfaces that removes dust, dirt & contaminants automatically without natural washing

- \* Lotus effect observed as water droplets roll over a surface and carry dirt particles along with it
- \* Most self cleaning surfaces are superhydrophobic

#### Applications

- 1) Glass & Building materials
- 2) Textile Industry
- 3) Biomedical devices
- 4) Marine & Industrial application

7c. Write a note on lotus leaf effect. 6 marks



The lotus leaf effect is a natural self cleaning process that observed on a surface of lotus leaves where water droplets roll off easily and carry out dust & dirt particles.

#### Engineering Application

- Self cleaning glass & coating
- Water repellent textile
- Anti corrosion surfaces
- Solar panel & building materials

## Qa. Compare HBOC's with PEC's 7 marks. (13)

### HBOC's

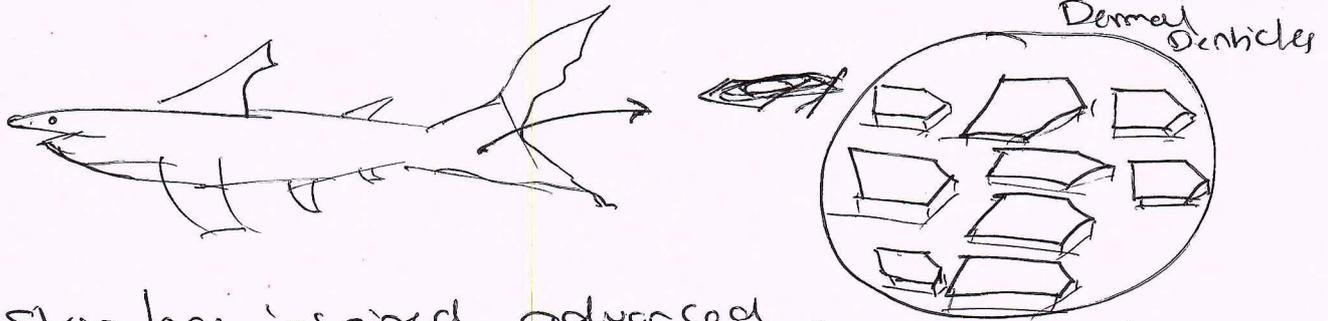
- 1) Hemoglobin Based oxygen carrier
- 2) Carry + deliver oxygen in human body
- 3) Based on hemoglobin molecules
- 4) Used in medical & biomedical application
- 5) Function inside biological system
- 6) Aim to support life & metabolism
- 7) Mimic oxygen transport in blood cells

### PEC

- 1) Photo electrochemical Cells:
- 2) Convert solar energy into electrical or chemical energy
- 3) Based on semiconductor material
- 4) Used in renewable energy & engineering application
- 5) Functions in electrochemical system
- 6) Aim to support clean & sustainable energy
- 7) Mimic natural photosynthesis,

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## 8b. How shark skin & swim suit use biological concepts.



Shark skin has inspired advanced engineering design in swimsuits through the concept of biomimicry, where biological structures are copied to solve engineering problems.

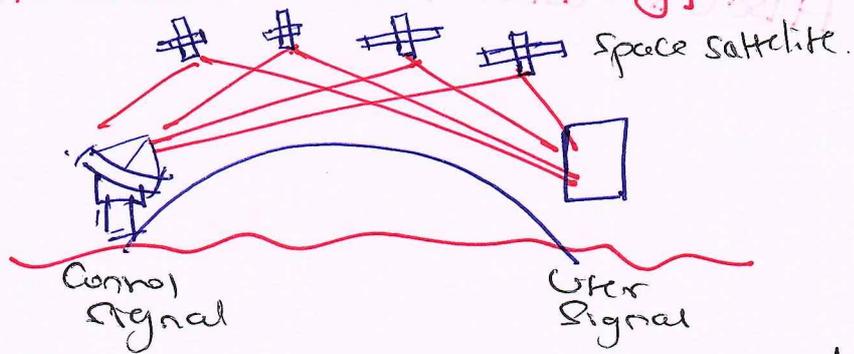
### Biological Concept

- Shark skin covered with dermal denticles
- These denticles have ribbed structure aligned with water flow
- They reduce drag & turbulence
- Prevent attachment of microorganisms

In swimsuit same concept is adopted with ribbed surface pattern similar to shark skin. This structure reduces water resistance. Improve swimmers speed & efficiency also enhances stability & flow control of water.

## 8c Write a note on GPS Technology 5 marks

(14)



GPS (Global Positioning System) is a satellite based navigation system used to determine exact position, velocity & time of a receiver anywhere on earth.

- Principles
- \* It works on principle of triangulations
  - \* It receives & calculates its position by receiving signal from multiple satellite
  - \* Distance is compound using time delay
  - ↳ w/ signal transmission & reception

### Components of GPS

- 1) Space Segments → Network GPS satellite orbiting earth
- 2) Control Segment → Ground station monitor & manage satellite
- 3) User Segment → GPS Receiver (mobile, vehicle etc)

### Application of GPS

- \* Navigation of vehicle, ships & aircraft
- \* mobile phone location service
- \* Survey & mapping
- \* Military application.

## Qa. Explain in detail how AI will be used in disease detection 7 marks

Artificial Intelligence is widely used in data collection & disease diagnosis to improve accuracy, speed & early detection. It supports clinical decisions.

### 1) Data Collections

Medical data collected at various sources

- 1) Patient records
- 2) Medical Images
- 3) Lab reports (ECG, Genetic data)
- 4) Wearable sensors like smartwatches

This is in the form of AI input.

- 2) Data Processing
  - 1) Raw medical data cleaned & standardized.
  - 2) Missing values, noises, errors are removed
  - 3) Images are enhanced, normalised & segmented
  - 4) Steps ensure reliable & accurate analysis.
- 3) Feature Extraction.
  - 1) Important disease related features are identified
  - 2) Reduce data complexity & improve model efficiency
- 4) AI Model Training
 

Machine learning & deep learning  
 Patterns are compared with healthy & diseased condition.  
 Continuous learning & improvement.

**Qb. Demonstrate Bioremediation & Biomining**

**Bioremediation** - It is a process of using microorganisms such as bacteria, fungi, algae to remove, degrade, detoxify pollutants from soil, water & air

- \* Microorganism use pollutants as source of their energy
- \* Toxic substances are converted into non-toxic substances

Application

- 1) Cleaning oil spills
- 2) Treatment of sewage & industrial pollutants
- 3) Removal of pesticides, heavy metals

Advantage

- 1) Eco friendly & cost effective
- 2) Minimal environmental disturbance.

Biomining

Biomining is extraction of valuable metal from low grade ores using microorganisms.

Working Principle

Bacteria oxidize metal sulfides metal like copper, gold and uranium released into solution  
 This process called bioleaching

Advantage

- Reduce use of harsh chemicals
- Useful low grade ores
- Environmental safety



## 9c. Explain Muscular system as Scaffold.

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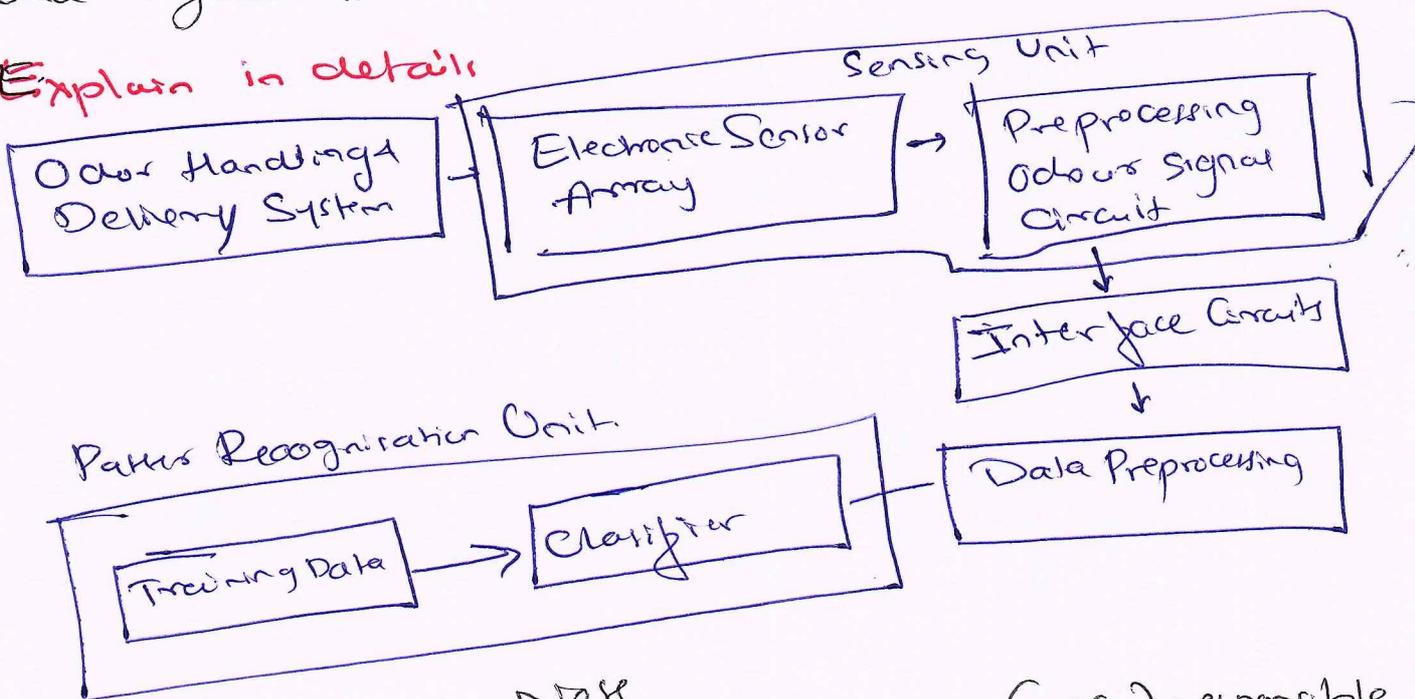
The muscular system can be explained as biological scaffold because it provides structural support, shape and framework for movement & tissue organisation in the body.

### Explanation

- 1) Structural Support
- 2) Attachment & Alignment
- 3) Force Transmission
- 4) Cellular Scaffold
- 5) Role in Regeneration

Muscle form supportive framework around bones and organs, helping maintain body posture and shape. Muscle attach to bones via tendons, holding skeletal muscle tissue contains extracellular matrix (ECM) that support muscle cells, supplies & nutrients and aid repair and regeneration.

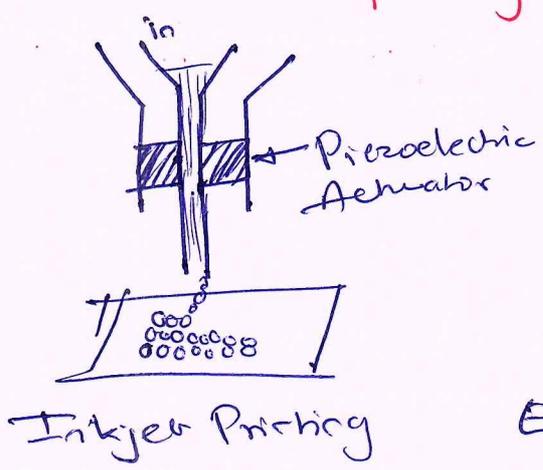
## 10a. Explain in details



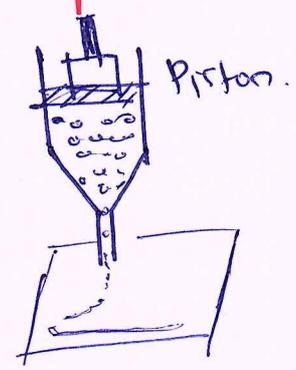
### Principle of Electronic Nose

- 1) Food releases volatile organic compounds (VOCs) responsible for aroma
- 2) The E-nose uses an array of chemical sensors with partial selectivity
- 3) Each odor produces a unique sensor response pattern
- 4) Pattern recognition algorithms identify and classify the odor

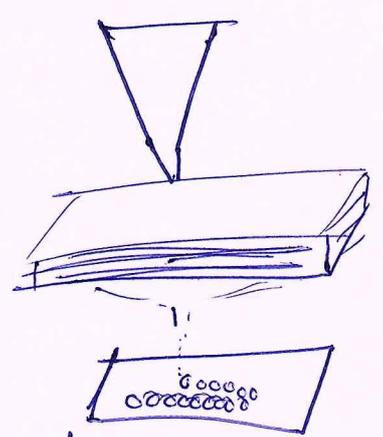
# 105. Demonstrate bioprinting technique & list them all



Inkjet Printing



Extrusion Printing



Layer printing

## Demonstration of Working Technique

1. Bio ink preparation - living cells are mixed with biomaterial. The mixture is called bioink
2. Digital Design - A 3D model of tissue/organ is created using CAD or medical imaging
3. Layer-Layer Printing - Bioink deposited precisely according to design. Layer are built from 3D biological structure
4. Cross Linking / Stabilization - Printed structure is stabilized using chemical or thermal
5. Maturation - A printed tissue cultured in bioreactor

# 106 Explain DNA Origami & Bio computing

1) DNA origami is a nanotechnology technique in which a long single stranded DNA molecule is folded into precise nanoscale shape using short DNA strands called staple strands

## Working Principle

- 1) Complementary base pairing (A-T, G-C) is used
- 2) Staple strands bind specific regions of a long DNA
- 3) This cause the DNA to fold into desired 2D or 3D model.

## Application

- 1) Drug delivery nanoscale
- 2) Biosensor & nano-devices
- 3) Tissue Engineering

## 2. Bio computing

Bio computing is a biological molecules or systems, especially DNA, Proteins, or cells to perform computational operations similar to electronic computers.

### Working Principle

- \* Biological reactions represents logic operation
- \* DNA strands act as data and Enzymes act as processor
- \* DNA Logic gates (AND, OR, NOT) perform computation

### Applications

- \* Disease diagnosis and smart drug delivery
- \* Solving complex computational problems
- \* Development of bio inspired computing system

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