# **INTRODUCTION OF BIOCHEMISTRY**

#### **Questions carry two marks:**

- 1. What are the most abundant biomolecules within cells?
- 2. Mention the abundant element present in the living organism.
- 3. Give the contribution/s to Biochemistry of the following eminent scientists.
  - a) Wohler b) Miescher c) Buchner d) Pauling e) Sanger f) Watson and Crick g) Fischer
  - h) Michaelis and Menten i) Embden, Meyerhoff and Parnas j) Krebs k) Khorana
  - f) Avery, MacLeod and McCarty m) Subbarow n) Knoop.
- 4. "Water is the medium of life." Comment.
- 5. What is the significance of the following properties of water to living organisms:
  - a) High specific heat b) High heat of vapouration c) High dielectric constant d) High tensile strengthe) Maximum density at 4°C f) High melting and boiling points.
- 6. Mention the contribution of Dr. H. G. Khorana to the field of Biochemistry.
- 7. Mention the contribution of the scientist Knoop in the field of development of Biochemistry.
- 8. What was Fischer's contribution to Biochemistry?
- 9. Why is mitochondrion called as power house of cell?

### **Questions carry four marks:**

- 1. Write a note on elemental composition of the living organisms.
- 2. What are a)Major elements b)minor elements and c)Trace elements with reference to the

composition of living systems? Give four examples of each.

- 3. List any four unique properties of water give the biological importance of each.
- 4. What are the two basic properties of water give its unique characteristics as the medium of life?

# **CARBOHYDRATES**

- 1. Write the synthesis of N-acetyl glycosamine and N- acetyl galactoseamine.
- 2. Write the structure of glucose-D-phosphate and fructose-1, 6-diphosphate. Mention their biological importance.
- 3. Write the structure of isomaltose, cellobiose and trehalose. How are isomaltose and cellobiose obtained?
- 4. Based on their functions, how are polysaccharides classified?
- 5. Name the structural polysaccharides and two storage polysaccharides.

- 6. Give the structure of fructose-6-phosphate, fructose-1,6-diphosphate , glucose-1-phosphate , ribose-5-phosphate and dioxyribose-5-phosphate.
- 7. Name the storage polysaccharide present in plant kingdom. Write the structure of disaccharide formed after the partial hydrolysis of this polysaccharide.
- 8. Write the name and structure of a biologically important sugar phosphate.
- 9. Write the structure of D-glucoronic acid. What is its importance in metabolism?
- 10. Name and write the Haworth structures of monosaccharides present in sucrose.
- 11. Write the structure of N-acetyl neuraminic acid. Mention its biological importance.

- 1. What are amino sugars? Give the synthesis of D-glycosamine and D-galactosamine. Mention their biological importance.
- 2. What are sugar acids? Give one example each of aldaric acids and aldouromic acids and aldonic acids. Mention biological importance of  $\alpha$ -D-gluconic and  $\alpha$ -D-glucoronic acids.
- 3. Name the disaccharides formed by the partial hydrolysis of
  - a. Amylose b. amylopectin c. glycogen d. cellulose.
- 4. Name the storage polysaccharides present in plants and animals. What are the structural differences between them?
- 5. Write the partial structure of glycogen. How does it differ from amylopectine of starch in its structure?
- 6. What are the components of starch? Indicate the structural difference between them.
- 7. What are oligosaccharides? How a glycosidic bond is formed between the adjacent monosaccharides? What is necessary condition for a disaccharide to be a non-reducing unit?
- 8. Name and write the Haworth structures of disaccharides obtained by the partial hydrolysis of amylose and amylopectine.
- 9. Write the partial structure of chitin and inulin. Mention their biological importance.

# **LIPIDS**

- 1. Give the structure of following: a) palmatic acid b) stearic acid c) oleic acid d) linoleic acid e) arachidonic acid.
- 2. Define saponification number and iodine number.
- 3. A fat has a high saponification number and low iodine number. What does this signify?
- 4. Give the structure of a)3-Sn-phosphatidyl ethanol amine (cephalin) b)3-Sn-phosphatidyl chlorine(lecithin) c)3-Sn-phosphatidyl serine.
- 5. Write the structure of amino alcohol present in lecithin.
- 6. What is significance of saponification number?
- 7. What is significance of iodine number?
- 8. Why linoleic acid have a higher iodine number than oleic acid?
- 9. What are antioxidants?
- 10. Lipids are insoluble in water, yet their interaction with water is of critical importance biochemically. Comment.
- 11. Explain critical micellar concentration.
- 12. What are liposomes? Mention their applications.

- 1. How are lipids classified? Give one example under each class.
- 2. What are essential fatty acids? Write their structures.
- 3. Write a note on biological importance of triacetyl glycerol.
- 4. What is oxidative rancidity? Who is this prevented?
- 5. What is hydrolytic rancidity? How is this prevented?
- 6. Point out the biological importance of phospho glycerides.
- 7. With a neat illustration, give a description of the fluid mosaic model of membrane structure.
- 8. What is chemical composition of cell membrane? Write its function.
- 9. Write a note on monolayer and bilayer lipid.
- 10. Discuss the classification of lipoproteins.
- 11. Discuss the disorders and chemical significance of lipoproteins.
- 12. What are cholesterols? Discuss their disorders in the biological systems.

### **PROTEINS**

- 1. Explain the reactions of:
  - i. Sanger's reaction.
  - ii. Edman's reaction.
  - iii. Ninhydrin reaction.
  - iv. Sakaguchi reaction.
- 2. What is a peptide bond? Explain with an example.
- 3. What is biuret reaction?
- 4. What are C and N terminals of a peptide?
- 5. Name and write the structure of an optically inactive amino acid.
- 6. Why are all the atoms in the peptide in one plane?
- 7. Write the name and structure of an amino acid present in protein which does not contain an amino group.
- 8. Describe a standard test for the deletion of peptide bond in proteins.
- 9. How does  $\alpha$ -amino acid reacts with
  - i. Ethanol
  - ii. Formaldehyde
  - iii. Carbon dioxide
- 10. Mention any two colour reactions of amino acids.
- 11. Mention any three non-protein amino acids and their importance.
- 12. Mention three biologically important peptides. Give its importance.
- 13. Name and write the structure of the amino acid with
  - a) Phenolic group in the side chain b) Heterocyclic ring in the side chain
- 14. What is meant by isoelectric point/ isoelectric pH ?

- 1. How are amino acids classified on the basis of polarity of their side chain?
- 2. Define 'zwitter ion' with respect to amino acid. Write its structure and show how it can act as an acid and a base.
- 3. How are proteins classified on the basis of composition and function? Give an example of each class.
- 4. Define primary, secondary, tertiary and quaternary structures with reference to proteins.
- 5. Briefly explain  $\alpha$ -helix,  $\beta$ -pheated sheet and triple helix. How are they stabilised? Give an example of a molecule in which these structures are seen.
- 6. Write a note on the factors stabilizing tertiary structure.
- 7. What is denaturing of protein? Mention the factors which cause it.
- 8. What are conjugated proteins? How are they classified? Give an example for each class.
- 9. Explain Aufinsen's experiment to show denaturation and renaturation of ribonuclease.

# **NUCLEIC ACID**

#### **Questions carry two marks:**

1. Write the structure of the following,

a) ATP b)GTP c)CTP d)UTP e)d ATP f)d GTP g)d CTP h)d TTP.2. Name the base present in RNA but not in DNA.

- 2. Write the partial structure of a nucleotide chain.
- 3. What is Chargaff's rule of base equivalence? Explain.
- 4. A and G composition (in mole per cent) of one of the strands of DNA double helix is A=27 and G=30. What would be the T and C contents of the complementary strand?
- 5. Which of the following are base pairs in DNA (T-C, A-T, T-G, T-A, A-C, G-C, G-A, G-T, C-T, G-T).

#### **Questions carry Four marks:**

- 1. What is the difference between nucleoside and nucleotide?
- 2. How do you account for the two strands of DNA to be a) Complementary b) Antiparallel?
- 3. Write the structural difference between DNA and RNA.
- 4. Name the different types of RNA. Mention their roles.
- 5. Give the salient features of Watson Crick model of DNA.

# **BIOENERGITICS AND BIOLOGICAL OXIDATION**

- 1. Give various stages of energy transformation in living organisms.
- 2. Differentiate  $\Delta G^1$  and  $\Delta G^{01}$ .
- 3. Mention the biochemical standard state.
- 4. What is energy rich compound? Give an example other than ATP.
- 5. Define standard Red- Ox potential.

- 6. Mention the difference between positive and negative Red-Ox potential.
- 7. What is oxidative phosphorylation? Mention its salient features.
- 8. Explain the terms with an example oxidation phosphorylation and substrate level phosphorylation.
- 9. Define P : O ratio
- 10. Why NADH is capable of generating 3 ATP, while FADH<sub>2</sub> is generates 2 ATP in the ETC.
- 11. What are exergonic and endergonic rations? Give an example each.

- **1.** What is energy coupling in living organisms? Give example.
- 2. Why is ATP a high energy compound?
- 3. Biological oxidation of a metabolite takes place in stages. Why?
- 4. Compare biological oxidation with combustion.
- 5. Explain the arrangement of electron carriers of the ETC.
- 6. What are mobile electron carriers? How are they arranged?
- 7. Explain NHI proteins and their role.
- 8. Explain the mechanism of oxidation phosphorylation taking chemiosmotic theory.
- 9. Illustrate diagrammatically the arrangement of the different electron carriers of the mitochondrial electron transport chain. Mention the sites of ATP synthesis.