

BT 208 Structural Biology

Time: 1:30 Hours

Max. Marks: 20

Note: Answer all the questions.

Assume suitable missing data, if any.

- Q.1 Answer the following [8]
- (a) With respect to telomeres, describe the formation, structure and functions of telomeric T-loop, D-loop and Shelterin complex
- (b) With the help of diagrams, compare and contrast any four of the following
- Palindromic sequences with rotational symmetry and bilateral symmetry
 - Nucleosides and Nucleotides
 - N-1 glycosides and N-9 glycosides
 - C 2' endo and C 2' exo sugar pucker
 - syn* and anti glycosidic bonds
 - Parallel and antiparallel G-quadruplexes
- Q.2 Answer the following [6]
- (a) Fibers of DNA assume the so-called B-DNA conformation, as indicated by their X-ray diffraction patterns, when the counterion is an alkali metal such as Na^+ and the relative humidity is >92%. Explain the important features of B-DNA. Give points of differences from the canonical Watson-Crick structure
- (b) Give a descriptive account of any two of the following
- Grooves in double helical DNA
 - Angular characteristics of base pair in DNA
 - Base stacking interactions and phosphodiester bonds in DNA
 - Tautomeric forms of bases

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- Q.3 Answer the following [6]
- (a) Give details of the following along with structures. Clearly indicate the positions of atoms involved
 - (i) Watson-Crick base pairing
 - (ii) Hoogstein base pairing
 - (b) Write in detail about any two of the following
 - (i) Chargaff's rule
 - (ii) Structures of four bases and sugar in DNA
 - (iii) Functions and applications of G-quadruplex

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