BIOTECHNOLOGY
Subject Code - 045
Class XI (2025-26)

An unprecedented growth of human knowledge in the field of Biological Sciences coupled with equally significant developments in the field of technology have brought significant changes into existing social and economic systems. The emerging field of Biotechnology is likely to further enhance the applications of Science and Technology for human welfare. Modern Biotechnology processes encompass a wide range of new products such as antibiotics, vaccines, monoclonal antibodies and many more. Furthermore, developments in recombinant DNA technology have yielded numerous new useful products in the fields of healthcare and agriculture. The present syllabus takes care of all these aspects. Due emphasis has been laid on familiarizing the learners with the fundamental concepts, basic techniques and their applications. It is expected that the knowledge gained through the study of different topics and the skills acquired through the prescribed practical work will make the learners competent to meet the challenges of academic as well as professional courses after studying the subject at senior secondary stage.

Objectives

The broad objectives of teaching Biotechnology at senior secondary level are to:

- help the learners know and understand basic facts and concepts of the subject at elementary stage.
- expose the students to different basic processes and basic techniques used in Biotechnology.
- familiarize the learners to understand the relationship of the subject to health, nutrition, environment, agriculture and industry, etc.
- develop conceptual competence in the learners so as to cope up with professional courses in future career.
- acquaint students with different applications of Biotechnology in everyday life.
- develop an interest in students to study Biotechnology as a discipline.

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COURSE STRUCTURE

Time: 3 hours **Max. Marks: 70+30**

Units		Marks
Unit- I	Biotechnology: An overview	5
Unit-II	Molecules of Life	20
Unit-III	Genetics and Molecular Biology	20
Unit-IV	Cells and Organisms	25
	Practical	30
	Total	**100**

Theory

Time: 3 hours **Max. Marks: 70**

Unit-I Biotechnology: An overview — 5 Marks

Chapter 1: Biotechnology: An Overview

Historical Perspectives, Technology and Applications of Biotechnology, Global market and Biotech Products.

Unit-II Molecules of Life — 20 Marks

Chapter 1: Biomolecules: Building Blocks

Building Blocks of Carbohydrates - Sugars and their Derivatives, Building Blocks of Proteins - Amino Acids, Building Blocks of Lipids- Simple Fatty Acids, Glycerol and Cholesterol, Building Blocks of Nucleic Acids – Nucleotides.

Chapter 2: Macromolecules: Structure & Function

Carbohydrates - The Energy Givers, Proteins - The Performers, Enzymes -The Catalysts, Lipids and Biomembranes - The Barriers, Nucleic Acids - The Managers

Unit-III Genetics and Molecular Biology — 20 Marks

Chapter 1: Concepts of Genetics

Historical Perspective, Multiple Alleles, Linkage and Crossing Over, Genetic Mapping.

Chapter 2: Genes and Genomes: Structure and Function

Discovery of DNA as Genetic Material, DNA Replication, Fine Structure of the Genes, From Gene to Protein, Transcription – The Basic Process, Genetic Code, Translation, Mutations, Human Genetic Disorders.

Unit-IV Cells and Organisms — 25 Marks

Chapter 1: The Basic Unit of Life

Cell Structure and Components, Organization of Life

Chapter 2: Cell Growth and Development

Cell Division, Cell Cycle, Cell Communication, Nutrition, Reproduction, Immune Response in Animals.

PRACTICALS

Note: Every student is required to do the following experiments during the academic session.

1. Preparation of buffers and pH determination
2. Sterilization techniques
3. Preparation of bacterial growth medium
4. Cell counting
5. Sugar Estimation using Di Nitro Salicylic Acid test (DNS test)
6. Assay for amylase enzyme
7. Protein estimation by biuret method

Scheme of Evaluation

Time: 3 Hours **Max. Marks 30**

The scheme of evaluation at the end of session will be as under:

Two experiments	:	20 Marks
Viva on experiments	:	5 Marks
Practical record	:	5 Marks