CE 421/521 Environmental Biotechnology Name:_____ EXAMINATION NO. 1 - October 7, 2004

I. For the following, place a P next to characteristics and/or examples of Procaryotic organisms and an E next to characteristics and/or examples of Eucaryotic organisms, B next to characteristics and/or examples of both, and N next to characteristics and/or examples of neither. (1 point each)

| a | lipopolysacharides | k | substrate level phosphorylation |
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| b | techoic acids | 1 | flagella |
| c | mitochondria | m | _transcription |
| d | phospholipid bilayer | n | nitrogen storage granules |
| e | nuclear membrane | 0 | require terminal electron acceptor |
| f | Monod or Andrews growth kinetics | p | $C_5H_7O_2N$ |
| g | Acinetobacter | q | PHB |
| h | Nitrosomonas | r | rods, cocci, and spirila |
| i | yeast | S | predominant organisms in activated sludge |
| j | EMP pathway | t | predominant organisms in biological |
| | | | nutrient removal |

II. Directions: Circle the letter corresponding to the best answer (2 points each).

1. Transport of substances into the cell across the procaryotic cell membrane where the inside concentration is higher than the outside concentration is termed:

- a. facilitated diffusion
- b. active transport
- c. simple diffusion
- d. endocytosis

2. The transport across the procaryotic cell membrane of a small, non-charged molecule such as oxygen occur via:

- a. facilitated diffusion
- b. active transport
- c. simple diffusion
- d. endocytosis
- 3. Bacillus subtilis is an example of a
- a. rod
- b. eucaryotic cocci
- c. procaryotic cocci
- d. spirilla
- 4. Transferases
- a. are involved in oxidation reduction reactions
- b. transfer of constituents from one compound to another
- c. are responsible for hydrolysis of carbohydrates, proteins, and lipids
- d. catalyze the addition or removal of constituents
- e. are involved in isomer formation
- f. join molecules, polymer formation

5. The maximum specific growth rate can be easily determined from the batch growth curve during the:

- a. lag phase
- b. exponential phase
- c. stationary phase
- d. death phase
- e. any of the above

6. The carbon to nitrogen ratio for aerobic growth in heterotrophic bacteria is approximately:

- a. 10:1
- b. 50:1
- c. 100:1
- d. 1:50
- 7. The phosphorus concentration of bacteria can be estimated as
- a. five times the nitrogen requirement
- b. seven times the nitrogen requirement
- c. one fifth the nitrogen requirement
- d. one seventh the nitrogen requirement
- e. equal to the nitrogen requirement
- 8. Nitrifiers are sensitive to
- a. DO
- b. temperature
- c. pH
- d. inhibitors
- e. all of the above
- f. b. and d. above
- 9. During denitrifcation
- a. ammonia serves as the electron donor
- b. oxygen serves as the electron acceptor
- c. carbon dioxide serves as the carbon source
- d. all of the above
- e. none of the above
- 10. During nitrification
- a. ammonia serves as the electron donor
- b. oxygen serves as the electron acceptor
- c. carbon dioxide serves as the carbon source
- d. all of the above
- e. none of the above
- 11. During carbonaceous BOD removal
- a. ammonia serves as the electron donor
- b. oxygen serves as the electron acceptor
- c. carbon dioxide serves as the carbon source
- d. all of the above
- e. none of the above

- 12. During denitrification, nitrous oxide reductase converts:
- a. $NO_3^- \rightarrow NO_2^-$
- b. $N_2O \rightarrow N_2$
- c. $NO_2^- \rightarrow NO$
- d. $NO_2^- \rightarrow N_2O$
- 13. The oxidation of 1 mg/L ammonia-nitrogen to nitrate requires:
- a. 7.1 mg/L alkalinity as CaCO₃
- b. 4.57 mg oxygen
- c. an abundance of nitrifying organisms
- c. all of the above

14. During dissimilatory sulfate reduction

- a. sulfate is used as a TEA
- b. low molecular weight organics serve as the electron donors
- c. the prevalence of SRB depends on COD:S ratio
- d. SRB compete with methanogens for substrate
- e. all of the above
- 15. In general, SRB are favored when
- a. the ratio of readily degradable COD to S ratio is high
- b. the ratio of readily degradable COD to S ratio is low
- c. the oxygen concentration is above 2.0 mg/L
- d. the temperature is above 35°C

| III. List the letter that corresponds best to the following (2 point | nts each): |
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| exogenous DNA enters the recipient cell and | a. | codon |
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| becomes a part of the chromosome | b. | mRNA |

| genetic transfer necessitates cell to cell contact | c. replication |
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| transfer of genetic material from donor to | d. operon |
| recipient using a bacterial phage | e. transposition |
| plasmid or chromosomal DNA jumps from one position to another in the genome | f. plasmid |
| | g. conjugation |
| catalyzes addition of nucleotides | h. DNA polymerase |
| two strands of DNA separate and new complementary strands are formed | i. transduction |
| | j. transformation |
| transfer of information from DNA to RNA | 2 |
| each combination of three nucleotides on mRNA | k. transcription |
| circular extra-chromosomal DNA | l. translation |
| segment of DNA encoding for a sequential set of enzymes | |

II. Short answer (40 points: 10 points each)

1. Using linear regression, calculate the temperature coefficient from the following. What r^2 value do you get? (Note: $k_2 = k_1 \theta^{(T2 - T1)}$ and C(9/5) + 32 = F)

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2. Describe the processes involved in enhanced biological phosphorus removal. Use diagrams as needed.

3. List the 10 growth requirements for microorganisms.

4. Describe the Monod model for bacterial growth. What would the model look like for a compound that is inhibitory to its own biodegradation? (use equations and/or diagrams to assist you in your descriptions as needed)