

II B.Tech II Semester Examinations, April/May 2012
BIOPROCESS ENGINEERING
Bio-Technology

Time: 3 hours

Max Marks: 80

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 - (b) Structured growth model of microorganisms
 - (c) Oxygen and Carbon dioxide exhaust gas analyzer. [5+5+6]
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