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- \*\*\*\* [16] 1. Explain the flow and mixing patterns of various types of bioreactors. 2. What is an aerobic digestion? How an aerobic digestion principle will be applied to waste management? |16|[16] 3. Discuss some novel techniques for treatment of contaminated soils. 4. Write short notes on the following: (a) Biosorption (b) Extra cellular precipitation (c) Biofilters (d) Bioscrubbers. [16] 5. Discuss the role of microbes in detoxifying the toxic metals present in the effluents. 6. Explain in detail how microbes are useful in enhancing the oil recovery from oil
- wells? [16]
- 7. "hazardous waste treatment in costly and slow process by biological Agents". Explain this statement. [16]
- 8. Write notes on the following:
  - (a) Role of methanogens in xenobiotic degradation
  - (b) Microbial synergism. [8+8]

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- 1. Explain the following principles of biological treatment of wastewater.
  - (a) Microbial growth rates
  - (b) Microbial kinetics. [8+8]
- 2. Define anaerobic digestion and classify anaerobic digestion systems. [16]
- 3. What are the major waste types remediated by bioremediation and explain the requirement for bioremediation? [16]
- 4. What is liquid phase bioremediation? Discuss the bioreactor design criteria for degradation of hazardous compounds. [16]
- 5. What are the advantages and disadvantages of metal biotechnology methods and how do they differ from chemical methods? [16]
- 6. Write notes on the following:
  - (a) Algal hydrocarbons
  - (b) Hydrogen-fuel. [8+8]
- 7. What do you know about biostimulation and bioaugmentation? Explain how these methods are useful in the treatment of hazardous waste. [16]
- 8. A major source of cyanide in waste is the electroplating industry. How this cyanide waste is treated by microbes? [16]

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- Discuss the following for various biological treatment methods of waste water.
  (a) Oxygen requirements
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  - (b) Nutrient requirement. [8+8]
- 2. Write short notes on the following:
  - (a) Retention period
  - (b) Agitation
  - (c) Loading rate
  - (d) Wetness. [16]
- 3. Write about the following:
  - (a) Basic environmental parameters that influence bioremediation
  - (b) Initial site assessment for soil bioremediation. [8+8]
- 4. Describe the typical sequencing batch reactor operating modes and applications in liquid phase bioremediation. [16]
- 5. Name a few microbial strains used in metal extraction? Explain their mode of action. [16]
- 6. Explain various methods of hydrogen production of microorganisms. [16]
- 7. Explain how industrial effluents are treated by various biological methods? [16]
- 8. 'Biotechnology plays a major role in the treatment of hazardous waste'.justify this statement. [16]

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- 1. Write notes on following:
  - (a) Cell residence time
  - (b) Nutrient requirement in biological treatment.

[8+8]

- 2. What is contact digester? Discuss the principle and design of contact digester for wastewater treatment. [16]
- 3. What is bioremediation and discuss the major considerations for managing a bioremediation project? [8+8]
- 4. Discuss the sequencing batch reactor process principles and applications in liquid phase bioremediation. [16]
- 5. Write short notes on the following:
  - (a) Biosorption
  - (b) Direct leaching
  - (c) Indirect leaching.

[5+5+6]

- 6. Write notes on the following:
  - (a) Ethanol fermentation
  - (b) Production of biogas.

[8+8]

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- 7. Discuss in detail biological detoxification giving various examples.
- 8. Explain the necessity of treating hazardous waste? What are the advantages of using microbes for the bio treatment? [16]