B.Sc. Semester-IV Examination, 2022-23 MICROBIOLOGY [Honours]

Course ID: 42212 Course Code: SH/MCB/402/C-9

Course Title: Environmental Microbiology

Time: 1 Hour 15 Minutes Full Marks: 25

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

UNIT-I

1. Answer any **five** of the following questions:

 $1 \times 5 = 5$

- a) What is an ecosystem?
- b) Give an example of symbiotic microorganism.
- c) Define parasitism.
- d) Give an example of a bacterium associated with sulfur cycle.
- e) What is composting?
- f) Define MPN.
- g) What is COD?
- h) What are luminescent bacteria?

UNIT-II

2. Answer any **two** of the following questions:

 $5 \times 2 = 10$

- a) Give an account of the diversity of microflora in fresh water and marine environment. 5
- b) What is ammonification? Briefly discuss the process of denitrification. 2+3
- c) Describe the process of microbial bioremediation of oils spills.
- d) What are methanogens? Briefly describe the rumen microbiome. 1+4

UNIT-III

3. Answer any **one** of the following question:

 $10 \times 1 = 10$

- a) Write short notes on:
 - i) Microbial degradation of chitin
 - ii) Nematophagus fungi. 5+5=10
- b) What are thermophilic, psychrophilic and halophilic microorganisms? Provide at least one example for each. Describe the characteristics of extremophiles that enable them to survive in extreme habitats.

3+3+4=10
