



**BUDDHA SERIES**  
**(Unit Wise Solved Question & Answers)**

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# Unit 1

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1 ☐ Viruses are considered obligate parasites because:

- A) They can live independently
- B) They reproduce only inside host cells
- C) They are always beneficial to the host
- D) They contain both DNA and RNA

Answer: B) They reproduce only inside host cells

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2 ☐ Viral genome may consist of:

- A) Only DNA
- B) Only RNA
- C) Either DNA or RNA
- D) Both DNA and RNA simultaneously

Answer: C) Either DNA or RNA

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3 ☐ Protein coat of a virus is called:

- A) Envelope
- B) Capsid
- C) Core
- D) Peplomer

Answer: B) Capsid

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4 ☐ Subunits of capsid are called:

- A) Peptones
- B) Capsomeres
- C) Plasmids
- D) Prions

Answer: B) Capsomeres

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5 ☐ The envelope of some animal viruses is derived from:

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- A) Host cell wall
- B) Host cell plasma membrane
- C) Viral genome
- D) Mitochondria

Answer: B) Host cell plasma membrane

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6 ☐ Viruses are usually cultured using:

- A) Nutrient agar
- B) Embryonated eggs
- C) Simple glucose broth
- D) Soil medium

Answer: B) Embryonated eggs

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7 ☐ Plaque assay is used to estimate:

- A) Bacterial colonies
- B) Viral titre
- C) Prion concentration
- D) Viroid replication

Answer: B) Viral titre

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8 ☐ Continuous cell lines are preferred for virus culture because:

- A) They are expensive
- B) They grow indefinitely
- C) They cannot be infected
- D) They do not divide

Answer: B) They grow indefinitely

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9 ☐ T4 bacteriophage infects:

- A) Plant cells
- B) Bacteria (E. coli)
- C) Fungi
- D) Protozoa

Answer: B) Bacteria (E. coli)

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The head of T4 phage contains:

- A) RNA only
- B) DNA only
- C) Protein only
- D) Lipid only

Answer: B) DNA only

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1 □ 1 □ The tail fibers of T4 phage function in:

- A) DNA replication
- B) Host cell recognition and attachment
- C) Viral genome packaging
- D) Protein synthesis

Answer: B) Host cell recognition and attachment

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1 □ 2 □ λ (lambda) phage genome is:

- A) Double-stranded DNA
- B) Single-stranded RNA
- C) Circular RNA
- D) Fragmented DNA

Answer: A) Double-stranded DNA

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1 □ 3 □ In lytic cycle, viral DNA:

- A) Integrates into host genome
- B) Immediately directs synthesis of new virions
- C) Remains dormant
- D) Gets destroyed quickly

Answer: B) Immediately directs synthesis of new virions

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1 □ 4 □ Prophage is associated with:

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- A) Lytic cycle
- B) Lysogenic cycle
- C) Both cycles equally
- D) Prions only

Answer: B) Lysogenic cycle

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1 □ 5 □ Lysogeny can convert bacteria into:

- A) More sensitive strains
- B) Virulent strains
- C) Less resistant strains
- D) Saprophytic forms

Answer: B) Virulent strains

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1 □ 6 □ Viroids contain:

- A) Protein only
- B) DNA only
- C) RNA only
- D) Lipids only

Answer: C) RNA only

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1 □ 7 □ Prions are:

- A) Infectious DNA molecules
- B) Infectious proteins without nucleic acid
- C) Viral envelopes
- D) Bacterial cell walls

Answer: B) Infectious proteins without nucleic acid

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1 □ 8 □ Prions cause diseases such as:

- A) Common cold
- B) Mad cow disease (BSE)
- C) Influenza
- D) Typhoid

Answer: B) Mad cow disease (BSE)

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1□□9□□ Mycoplasma lack:

- A) Ribosomes
- B) Cell wall
- C) Plasma membrane
- D) Nucleic acid

Answer: B) Cell wall

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2□□0□□ Diseases like little leaf of brinjal are caused by:

- A) Viruses
- B) Bacteria
- C) Phytoplasma
- D) Algae

Answer: C) Phytoplasma

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2□□1□□ Mycoplasma are sensitive to:

- A) Penicillin
- B) Tetracycline
- C) Lysozyme
- D) All antibiotics equally

Answer: B) Tetracycline

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2□□2□□ Mycoplasma are also known as:

- A) PPLO (Pleuropneumonia-like organisms)
- B) Phages
- C) Plasmids
- D) Actinomycetes

Answer: A) PPLO

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2□□3□□ Actinomycetes resemble:

- A) Algae
- B) Fungi

C) Protozoa

D) Viruses

Answer: B) Fungi

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2□□4□□ An important antibiotic produced by Actinomycetes is:

- A) Penicillin
- B) Streptomycin
- C) Tetracycline
- D) Both B and C

Answer: D) Both B and C

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2□□5□□ Actinomycetes are important in:

- A) Soil nutrient recycling
- B) Causing viral diseases
- C) Degrading plastics only
- D) None of these

Answer: A) Soil nutrient recycling

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2□□6□□ Plasmids are:

- A) Linear DNA molecules only
- B) Circular, extra-chromosomal DNA
- C) RNA molecules only
- D) Part of nuclear genome

Answer: B) Circular, extra-chromosomal DNA

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2□□7□□ Plasmids are important in:

- A) Viral replication only
- B) Genetic engineering
- C) Food preservation
- D) ATP synthesis

Answer: B) Genetic engineering

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2□□8□□ Plasmids can carry genes for:

- A) Antibiotic resistance
- B) Photosynthesis only
- C) Viral coat proteins
- D) Cell wall synthesis only

Answer: A) Antibiotic resistance

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2□□9□□ Actinomycetes help in producing:

- A) Insecticides
- B) Antibiotics
- C) Beverages

D) Plastics

Answer: B) Antibiotics

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3□□0□□ Mycoplasma can be economically important because:

- A) Used in antibiotics production
- B) Help in nitrogen fixation
- C) Cause economic losses in crops and animals
- D) Source of vitamins

Answer: C) Cause economic losses in crops and animals

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## Unit 2

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**1□□ Prokaryotic cells differ from eukaryotic cells by lacking:**

- A) DNA
- B) Plasma membrane
- C) Nucleus with nuclear membrane
- D) Ribosomes

**Answer:** C) Nucleus with nuclear membrane

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**2□□ Ribosomes in prokaryotes are of type:**

- A) 80S
- B) 60S
- C) 70S
- D) 90S

**Answer:** C) 70S

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**3□□ Cell wall of most bacteria is made of:**

- A) Cellulose
- B) Chitin
- C) Peptidoglycan
- D) Lignin

**Answer:** C) Peptidoglycan

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**4□□ Eukaryotic cells possess:**

- A) Plasmids
- B) Membrane-bound organelles
- C) 70S ribosomes only
- D) Nucleoid region

**Answer:** B) Membrane-bound organelles

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**5□□ Gram-positive bacteria have:**

- A) Thin peptidoglycan layer
- B) Thick peptidoglycan layer
- C) Outer membrane
- D) No cell wall

**Answer:** B) Thick peptidoglycan layer

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**6□□ Gram-negative bacteria are characterized by:**

- A) Presence of teichoic acid
- B) Absence of outer membrane
- C) Presence of lipopolysaccharides
- D) Staining purple in Gram stain

**Answer:** C) Presence of lipopolysaccharides

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**7□□ The Gram stain was developed by:**

- A) Koch
- B) Gram
- C) Pasteur
- D) Jenner

**Answer:** B) Gram

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**8□□ The genetic material in bacteria is present in:**

- A) True nucleus
- B) Nucleoid region
- C) Chloroplast
- D) Mitochondria

**Answer:** B) Nucleoid region

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**9□□ The structure used for bacterial motility is:**

- A) Pili
- B) Capsule
- C) Flagella
- D) Ribosome

**Answer:** C) Flagella

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**A bacterial capsule mainly functions in:**

- A) Energy production
- B) Protection against phagocytosis
- C) DNA replication
- D) Nutrient synthesis

**Answer:** B) Protection against phagocytosis

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**1 □ 1 □ Chemotaxis in bacteria refers to:**

- A) Movement towards light
- B) Movement in response to chemicals
- C) Random movement
- D) Only upward movement

**Answer:** B) Movement in response to chemicals

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**1 □ 2 □ Bacteria detect chemical gradients using:**

- A) Flagella only
- B) Chemoreceptors
- C) Capsules
- D) Pili only

**Answer:** B) Chemoreceptors

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**1 □ 3 □ The phase where bacteria adapt to new environment is:**

- A) Lag phase
- B) Log phase

- C) Stationary phase
  - D) Death phase
- Answer:** A) Lag phase
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**1 □ 4 □ Maximum exponential growth occurs during:**

- A) Lag phase
- B) Log (exponential) phase
- C) Stationary phase
- D) Decline phase

**Answer:** B) Log (exponential) phase

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**1 □ 5 □ Nutrient depletion and waste accumulation lead to:**

- A) Lag phase
- B) Log phase
- C) Stationary phase
- D) Exponential phase

**Answer:** C) Stationary phase

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**1 □ 6 □ Mesophilic bacteria grow best at:**

- A) 0–15 °C
- B) 20–45 °C
- C) Above 55 °C
- D) Below 0 °C

**Answer:** B) 20–45 °C

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**1 □ 7 □ Extreme halophiles require:**

- A) High temperature
- B) High salt concentration
- C) Low pH
- D) Low oxygen

**Answer:** B) High salt concentration

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**1□08□□ Facultative anaerobes can:**

- A) Only grow without oxygen
- B) Only grow with oxygen
- C) Grow with or without oxygen
- D) Require extreme heat

**Answer:** C) Grow with or without oxygen

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**1□09□□ Turbidity measurement using a spectrophotometer estimates:**

- A) Cell mass
- B) Cell shape
- C) Cell motility
- D) Cell capsule size

**Answer:** A) Cell mass

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**2□00□□ Viable count method counts:**

- A) All cells
- B) Only dead cells
- C) Only living cells capable of forming colonies
- D) DNA molecules only

**Answer:** C) Only living cells capable of forming colonies

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**2□01□□ Dry weight measurement is useful for:**

- A) Bacteria only
- B) Filamentous microbes
- C) Viruses only
- D) All prokaryotes equally

**Answer:** B) Filamentous microbes

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**2□02□□ Batch culture is:**

- A) Continuous supply of nutrients
- B) Closed system with no new medium added
- C) Open system
- D) Chemostat operation

**Answer:** B) Closed system with no new medium added

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**2□03□□ In synchronous growth, all cells:**

- A) Are in different stages
- B) Divide at the same time
- C) Are non-dividing
- D) Are dead

**Answer:** B) Divide at the same time

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**2□04□□ Synchronous growth is useful for studying:**

- A) Sporulation only
- B) Specific cell cycle events
- C) Antibiotic resistance only
- D) Capsule synthesis only

**Answer:** B) Specific cell cycle events

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**2□05□□ Sporulation in bacteria usually occurs under:**

- A) Optimal conditions
- B) Starvation or stress conditions
- C) Abundant water
- D) High nutrient availability

**Answer:** B) Starvation or stress conditions

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**2□06□□ Bacterial spores are resistant to:**



- A) Heat
- B) Desiccation
- C) Chemicals
- D) All of the above

**Answer:** D) All of the above

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D) Mutation

**Answer:** C) Transformation

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**2 □ 7 □ □ The core of bacterial endospores contains:**

- A) High water content
- B) Calcium dipicolinate
- C) Lipid granules only
- D) No DNA

**Answer:** B) Calcium dipicolinate

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**2 □ 8 □ □ Transfer of DNA via bacteriophage is called:**

- A) Conjugation
- B) Transformation
- C) Transduction
- D) Transposition

**Answer:** C) Transduction

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**2 □ 9 □ □ Direct transfer of DNA using a pilus is:**

- A) Transformation
- B) Conjugation
- C) Transduction
- D) Sporulation

**Answer:** B) Conjugation

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**3 □ 0 □ □ Uptake of naked DNA from the environment by a bacterium is:**

- A) Transduction
- B) Conjugation
- C) Transformation