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**APJ ABDUL KALAM TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY**  
SEVENTH SEMESTER B.TECH DEGREE EXAMINATION(S), MAY 2019

**Course Code: CS465**

**Course Name: BIOINFORMATICS**

Max. Marks: 100

Duration: 3 Hours

**PART A**

*Answer all questions, each carries 4 marks.*

Marks

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| 1  | Define Bioinformatics. Enumerate the applications of Bioinformatics?  | (4) |
| 2  | Differentiate between mRNA and tRNA. If the sequence of the coding strand in a transcription unit is written as follows:<br><br>5' -ATGCATGCATGCATGCATGCATGC-3'<br><br>Write down the sequence of its mRNA. | (4) |
| 3  | Write short notes on nucleic acid sequence databases.   | (4) |
| 4  | What is sequence alignment in bioinformatics? State the difference between global alignment & local alignment.  | (4) |
| 5  | BLAST and FASTA are two widely used tools for sequence alignment. What are the similarities and differences in their approach?  | (4) |
| 6  | Differentiate between a Markov model and Hidden Markov Model (HMM).<br>What are the various applications of HMMs in bioinformatics?   | (4) |
| 7  | What does GC content mean? How do you find the GC content of a DNA?   | (4) |
| 8  | Distinguish between<br><br>(ii) Positive and negative regulation of gene expression.<br><br>(iii) Start codon and stop codon  | (4) |
| 9  | What is protein threading and how does it work?   | (4) |
| 10 | What are the four levels of protein structure? How do they differ?  | (4) |

**PART B**

*Answer any two full questions, each carries 9 marks.*

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| 11 | a) What is the central dogma of molecular biology? Explain.                        | (6) |
|    | b) What is DNA fingerprinting? Mention its applications.                           | (3) |
| 12 | a) Mention a highly annotated protein sequence database and describe its features. | (5) |
|    | b) Write short notes on  | (4) |
|    | I. EMBL  |     |
|    | II. DDBJ   |     |

- 13 a) What are nucleotides? Explain the structure of nucleic acids. (3)  
 b) Briefly describe the different levels of CATH databases. (6)

### PART C

*Answer any two full questions, each carries 9 marks.*

- 14 Consider the sequences S1 = ACTCG and S2 = ACAGTAG. Assume that the match score is +1, mismatch score is 0 and gap penalty is -1. Construct the dynamic programming alignment grid for a global alignment between sequences, S1 and S2. What is the score of the optimal global alignment and what alignment does this score correspond to? (9)
- 15 Use UPGMA to reconstruct a phylogenetic tree using the following distance matrix. (9)

Species	A	B	C	D
B	9	-	-	-
C	8	11	-	-
D	12	15	10	-
E	15	18	13	5

- 16 a) Compare PAM & BLOSUM matrices. (4)  
 b) What is phylogenetic analysis? Explain character based method of phylogenetic analysis (5)

### PART D

*Answer any two full questions, each carries 12 marks.*

- 17 With neat diagrams compare the secondary structure of a typical prokaryotic gene and eukaryotic gene. (12)
- 18 Explain the Chou-Fasman method for protein secondary structure prediction (12)
- 19 a) What do you mean by gene prediction? What are the different approaches for gene prediction? (6)  
 b) Explain the process for comparative modelling of protein structure. (6)

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