

Chapter – 8 | Microbes in human welfare**QUIZ
PART-05**

1. Biological control refers to:

- A. Use of chemical pesticides to kill pests
- B. Use of biological methods to control plant diseases and pests
- C. Use of fertilizers to increase crop production
- D. Use of genetically modified plants only (B)

Explanation : Biological control involves the use of natural organisms or biological methods to control plant diseases and pests.

2. Excessive use of chemical pesticides causes:

- A. Increase in soil fertility
- B. Soil and groundwater pollution
- C. Increase in biodiversity
- D. Improvement in ecosystem balance (B)

Explanation : Chemical pesticides can cause pollution of soil and groundwater and may harm humans, animals, and crops.

3. Aphids are controlled biologically by:

- A. Dragonflies
- B. Ladybird beetles
- C. Baculoviruses
- D. Rhizobium (B)

Explanation : Red and black striped ladybird beetles act as natural predators of aphids.

4. Mosquito population can be controlled by:

- A. Trichoderma
- B. Bacillus thuringiensis
- C. Dragonflies
- D. Azotobacter (C)

Explanation : Dragonflies act as natural predators and help control mosquito populations.

5. Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) is used to control:

- A. Butterfly caterpillars
- B. Aphids
- C. Mosquito larvae only
- D. Plant fungal diseases (A)

Explanation : Bt produces toxins that help control insect larvae, especially butterfly caterpillars.

6. Bt cotton is developed by:

- A. Introducing Rhizobium genes into cotton
- B. Introducing Bt toxin gene into plants
- C. Using chemical pesticides on cotton
- D. Applying fungal spores to cotton (B)

Explanation : Bt cotton is produced by transferring the Bacillus thuringiensis toxin gene into cotton plants through genetic engineering.

7. Trichoderma is used as:

- A. Biofertilizer bacteria
- B. Biocontrol fungal agent
- C. Nitrogen-fixing cyanobacteria
- D. Chemical pesticide (B)

Explanation : Trichoderma fungi are used as biological control agents against plant diseases.

8. Most baculoviruses used as biocontrol agents belong to the genus:

- A. Rhizobium
- B. Nucleopolyhedrovirus
- C. Lactobacillus
- D. Azospirillum (B)

Explanation : Most baculoviruses used in biological control belong to the genus Nucleopolyhedrovirus and are species-specific insecticides.

9. Symbiotic association of Rhizobium occurs in the roots of:

- A. Leguminous plants
- B. Cereal plants
- C. Fruit plants
- D. Flowering plants only (A)

Explanation : Rhizobium forms root nodules in leguminous plants and helps in nitrogen fixation.

10. Azospirillum and Azotobacter help plants by:

- A. Producing antibiotics
- B. Fixing atmospheric nitrogen
- C. Controlling insect pests
- D. Producing plant hormones only (B)

Explanation : Azospirillum and Azotobacter are free-living soil bacteria that fix atmospheric nitrogen and improve soil fertility.