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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualification:–

M.Sc.

Biochem Eng G24: Integrated Biochemical Engineering Design

COURSE CODE : BENGEG24

DATE : 03-MAY-05

TIME : 10.00

TIME ALLOWED : 3 Hours

Answer **TWO QUESTIONS** from **PART A**, and the question in **PART B**.

Part A

1. What are the financial 'exit routes' available to refund venture capitalists financing a company in the life sciences in the UK and the U.S. Explain the advantages and the disadvantages of each. [25]
2. What are the major factors influencing the healthcare market worldwide? Give reasons and illustrate your answer with examples. [25]
3. Give details of development pathway and regulatory hurdles for a biological therapeutic drug, including timescales, in the UK. [25]

Part B

1. How would you evolve a suitable specification for a repeat high dose protein derived from *E.coli*? [15]

How would the process sequence used to deliver this product differ to one for the same product but now derived from a mammalian cell source? [15]

How might you contemplate using scale-down and modelling tools to assist in arriving at your final design solution? [20]

(You might care to take a couple of unit operations as examples to demonstrate your understanding of the concepts here.)

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