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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualifications:-

B.Sc.

B.Sc. (Intercal)

Virology C308: Molecular Virology

COURSE CODE

: VIRLC308

UNIT VALUE

: 0.50

DATE

: 11-MAY-06

TIME

: 10.00

TIME ALLOWED

: 3 Hours

VIRL3001 MOLECULAR VIROLOGY

Candidates must answer Sections A and B.

Each question must be answered in a separate book.

All questions carry equal weighting.

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Section A: 135/180 (essay, 3 from 6)

Section B: 45/180 (short answers, 1 from 2)

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SECTION A

Answer THREE questions

- 1. Describe, with examples, how new and emerging virus infections are identified and how Koch's postulates can be modified to prove disease causation for new pathogens.
- 2. Compare and contrast the properties and most appropriate clinical applications of adenovirus and lentivirus vectors.
- 3. Compare and contrast the ways of inhibiting retrovirus, herpesvirus and influenza virus replication with antiviral drugs.
- 4. Focusing on protein translation discuss the intracellular response that limits viral replication and how viruses circumvent these responses.
- 5. Describe the steps of the incoming retrovirus life cycle leading to the establishment of a provirus. Also describe how cellular antiviral proteins can inhibit infectivity and protect the host.
- 6. Describe the functions of virus specific T-cells and how these are affected in chronic viral infection.

SECTION B

Answer ONE of the following two questions

- 1. Discuss the ways retroviruses can cause cancer.
- 2. Describe the Baltimore classification scheme with examples of virus genome types and replication strategies.

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