

Topic 3. Enzymes as biological catalysts. Functional organization (active and allosteric centers). Coenzyme functions of vitamins. Isozymes. Enzyme nomenclature.

Theoretical questions:

1. General characteristics of Enzymes.
2. Structure of enzymes.
 - 2.1. Active center, allosteric center, their structure and role.
 - 2.2. Role of Coenzymes. Vitamins as coenzymes.
3. Isozymes. Examples. Role of LDH and CK in clinical diagnostics.
4. Enzyme nomenclature. Short characteristic of every class, examples of enzymes.

Study Questions and Tasks

1. Structure of enzymes.

- a) Active center. Give a definition. Describe chemical structure.

- b) Allosteric center. Give a definition. Describe chemical structure.

2. Vitamins as coenzymes.

Vitamin	Name of vitamin	Active forms
B ₁		
B ₂		
B ₃		
B ₅		
B ₆		
B ₁₂		
Bc		
H		

3. Isozymes. Give a definition.

Lactate dehydrogenase

	Abbreviation	Subunit structure	Tissue
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

Creatine kinase

	Abbreviation	Subunit structure	Tissue
1			
2			
3			

5. Enzyme nomenclature:

<i>Class</i>	Enzymes	Catalyzed reactions
<i>I</i>		
<i>II</i>		
<i>III</i>		
<i>IV</i>		
<i>V</i>		
<i>VI</i>		
<i>VII</i>		

Text-books:

1. Biochemistry 5th Edition Ch.5, pp.53-68.
2. Prasad textbook of biochemistry OCR. Topic 7. pp. 117-149.