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Lab. 3: Media Preparation.

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Microorganisms need food to grow

- Primary ingredients required by all living organisms include:
 - a carbon source, water, minerals, and a nitrogen source.
- These nutrients together make a media.
- Different microbes need different amounts of these nutrients.



Culture media may be found in one of three states

- Broth (liquid).
- Semi-solid.
- Solid.



Aim

To prepare the solid and broth media which contain the water and nutrients required for the growth of both bacteria and fungi.



Material

1- Different Media:

- Nutrient Agar (NA).
- Nutrient Broth (NB).
- Potato Dextrose Agar (PDA).

2- Glassware:
(Test tubes, flasks).
3-Disposable petri plates.

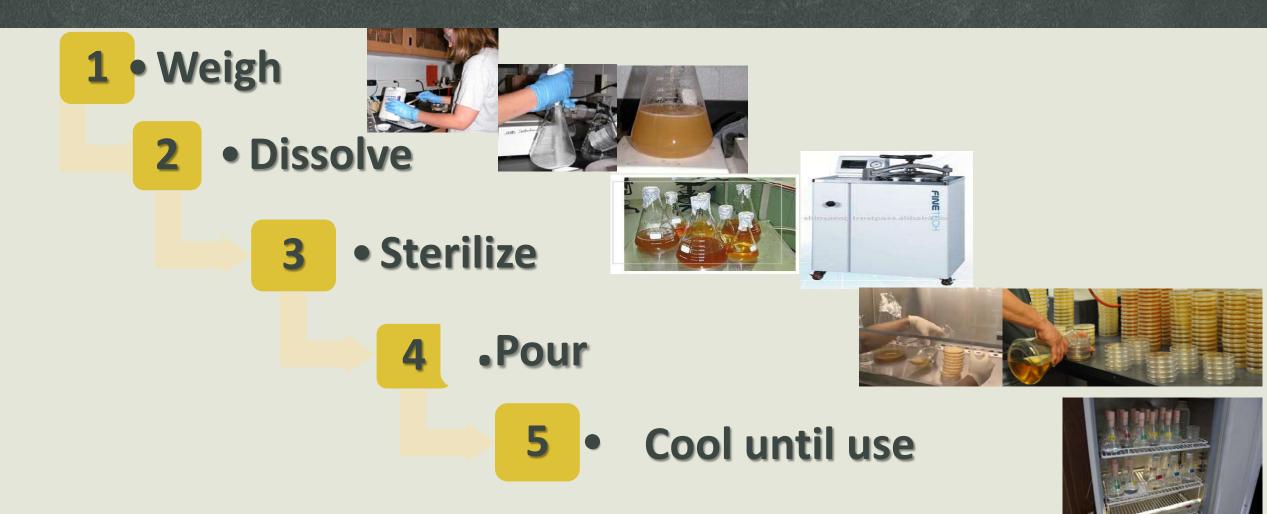
4- Scale.
5- Distilled water
6- Bunsen burners
7- Autoclave







Procedure



Different shapes of Media

How could you prepare those types of Media?



A-Pouring of Solid Media: In petri plates:

- 1. Write date and time on the bottom of plates.
- 2. Remove the lid slightly.
- 3. Pour the media near Bunsen burner.
- When solidify, invert the plate and store at 4°C.

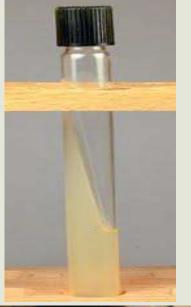


B- Pouring of Solid Media: In tubes:

For Agar media:

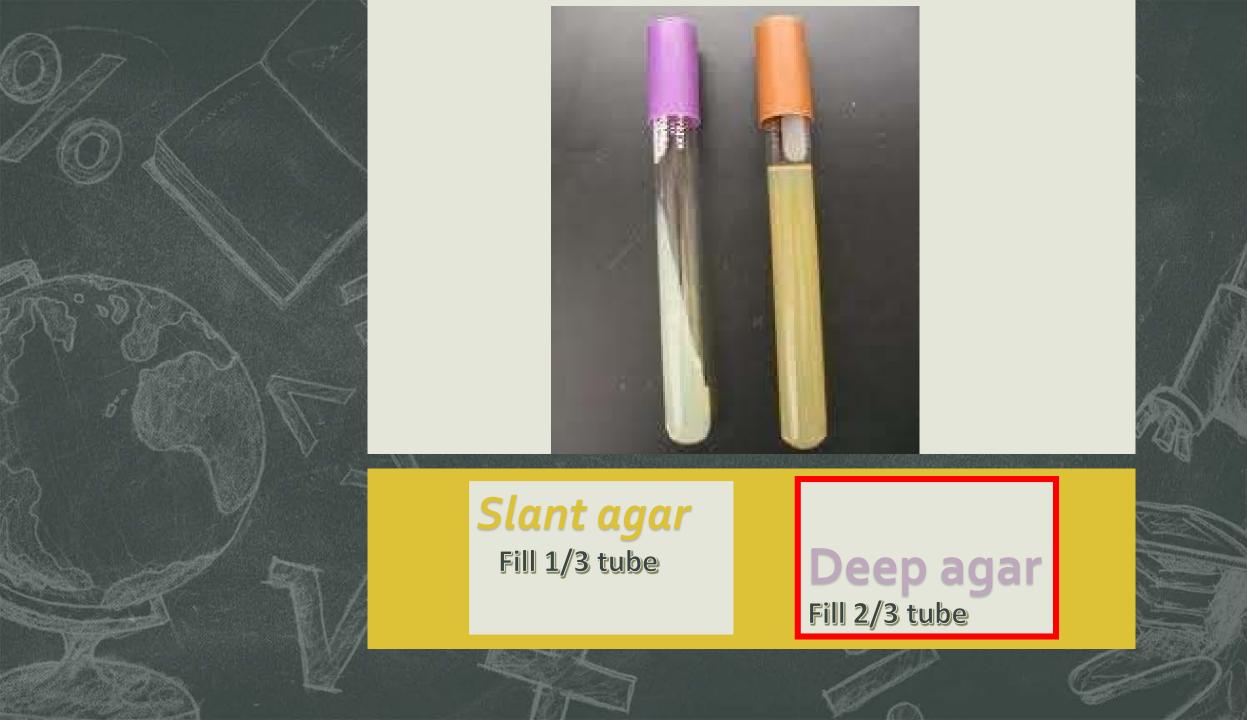
Slant Agar and / or Deep (Stab) Agar:

- Write labels on tubes
- After dissolving, pour media in test tubes .
- Autoclave with loose caps.
- Place in slant or vertical position till the media solidifies.









2- Pouring of Solid Media: In tubes:

For broth media:

- Place the test tube near a burner and remove the cap.
- Pour the media in the tube and close the cap at once then autoclave.
- Place the tube in upright position in the test tube stand.





Thanks for listening!

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