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Second Semester M.Sc. Degree Examination, September 2022

Botany

**BO 222 : ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY, FOREST BOTANY,
PHYTOGEOGRAPHY AND CONSERVATION BIOLOGY**

(2019 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 75

I. Answer the following :

1. What is umbrella species?
2. What is Generation time?
3. Write the principle of remote sensing.
4. What are the merits of *in situ* conservation?
5. What is Alpha diversity?
6. What is Agroforestry?
7. What are particulate pollutants?
8. Define forest management.
9. What are the consequences of eutrophication?
10. Describe mutualism with an example.

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

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II. Answer the following questions in not more than **50** words.

11. (a) Write an example of marine food chain.

OR

(b) Write a note on project Tiger with its outcome.

12. (a) What are wetlands? Give the name of any two important wetlands.

OR

(b) Describe the use of remote sensing in wildlife management.

13. (a) Write short note on wind energy with its merits and demerits.

OR

(b) Explain the different ways to use solar energy in agriculture.

14. (a) Write a note on population bottleneck.

OR

(b) Explain the different types of competition found in nature.

15. (a) Write an account on important timber yielding trees of the Indian forest.

OR

(b) Write down the adaptations of hydrophytes.

(5 × 2 = 10 Marks)

III. Answer the following questions in not more than **150** words.

16. (a) Describe the diversity indices.

OR

(b) Describe the vegetation characteristics of tropical and temperate grasslands.



17. (a) Explain environmental impacts of deforestation.

OR

(b) What is the mission of Man and the Biosphere Programme of the UNESCO?

18. (a) Define threatened species and major causes of biodiversity loss.

OR

(b) Write a note on national parks and sanctuaries in India.

19. (a) Explain the causes and possible solutions to global energy crisis.

OR

(b) Write practises, methods and benefits of social forestry.

20. (a) Describe the hierarchy of categories.

OR

(b) Explain fundamental niche and realized niche with examples.

21. (a) Explain the theory of island biogeography.

OR

(b) Write a note on life tables, and its different types.

22. (a) Describe the Nitrogen cycle. What is its importance?

OR

(b) Explain the concept of climax with an example.

(7 × 5 = 35 Marks)



IV. Answer the following questions in not more than **250** words.

23. (a) Write an essay on current forest and wildlife legislations in India.

OR

(b) Describe the structure and functions of Estuaries.

24. (a) Write a note on different forest products of plant origin from Kerala.

OR

(b) Explain the evolution of plants through geological periods.

(2 × 10 = 20 Marks)

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BO 223 : CELL BIOLOGY, GENETICS AND EVOLUTION

(2019 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 75

I. Answer the following

1. What are episomes?
2. Explain the consequence of genetic drift.
3. Enlist the names of transcription factors in prokaryotic system.
4. What are telomeres and why are they important in aging?
5. What is genetic load? Discuss its importance?
6. What are cyclins? What is its function in cell cycle?
7. Explain dosage compensation.
8. What is the role of gyrase in DNA replication?
9. Write short notes on Philadelphia chromosome.
10. What are split genes?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

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II. Answer the following questions in not more than **50** words.

11. (a) Write a note on Neo-Darwinism.

OR

(b) Describe the factors that contribute to the high fidelity of DNA replication.

12. (a) What is cell potency? Name three major categories of potency.

OR

(b) What is meant by incomplete linkage? What does this have to do with pairing of homologous chromosomes during meiosis?

13. (a) Write a note on potential mutagens in the environment that mankind is exposed to.

OR

(b) Give details on high background radiation belts of Kerala.

14. (a) Write short notes on punctuated equilibria.

OR

(b) Write a note on C- value paradox.

15. (a) Describe the cause of Xeroderma pigmentosum.

OR

(b) Describe Ames test.

(5 × 2 = 10 Marks)



III. Answer the following questions in not more than **150** words.

16. (a) 'Structural complexity of eukaryotes is reflected in their subcellular structures'. Discuss.

OR

- (b) What are the major proteins involved in the interaction between the cells?
17. (a) How will you distinguish cytologically between a paracentric inversion and a pericentric inversion?

OR

- (b) Comment on the statement 'transcriptionally active DNA is repaired preferentially over transcriptionally silent DNA'.
18. (a) Describe the nuclear envelop and the structure of its pores.

OR

- (b) Explain the modern concept of evolution and discuss how does it support Darwinism.
19. (a) Briefly describe the genetic structure of a typical retrovirus.

OR

- (b) Describe DNA methylation and its functions.
20. (a) What is microfilament? Describe the structure and function of microfilament in the cell.

OR

- (b) Describe the role of sex factor in bacterial conjugation with reference to F⁺ and Hfr strains.



21. (a) Is there generally a correlation between locations of genes in a chromosome and their phenotypic effect? Give examples.

OR

- (b) Write a note on Hardy Weinberg law and its applications.

22. (a) Why are chromosomal aberrations considered to have less significance than gene mutations for subsequent generations?

OR

- (b) Who proposed one gene-one enzyme hypothesis? What evidence lead to this hypothesis?

(7 × 5 = 35 Marks)

- IV. Answer the following questions in not more than **250** words.

23. (a) What are the general steps in the processing of a pre mRNA into an mRNA? What is the role of the snRNAs and the spliceosome?

OR

- (b) Write an essay on the process of speciation.

24. (a) Discuss the extrinsic and intrinsic pathways of apoptosis.

OR

- (b) Write an essay on major type of metabolic errors in human. Mention the treatments available for these disorders.

(2 × 10 = 20 Marks)

