

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN SCIENCE



**Total Mark: 100**

### **Botany-II Appendix 'A'**

#### **(Outlines of Tests)**

Paper-A:	Cell Biology, Genetics and Evolution (Written)	:	35 Marks
Paper-B:	Plant + Physiology and Ecology (Written)	:	35 Marks
Paper-C:	(Practical-I)	:	15 Marks
Paper-D:	(Practical-II)	:	15 Marks

#### **Note:**

- The 70% portion of question paper will be subjective type and 30% objective type, the question paper will be section wise and each question will be divided in parts.
- The choice in attempting the question will be minimized to some extent.

### **Appendix 'B'**

#### **(Syllabi and Courses of Reading)**

**Paper-A: Cell Biology, Genetics and Evolution**

**35 Marks**

#### **Cell Biology:**

- Structures and Functions of Bio-Molecules
  - Carbohydrates
  - Lipids
  - Proteins
  - Nucleic Acids
- Cell: The Physico-chemical nature of Plasma membrane and cytoplasm.
- The ultra structure of plant cell with a brief description and functions of the following organelles
  - Endoplasmic reticulum
  - Plastids
  - Mitochondria
  - Ribosomes
  - Dictyosomes
  - Vacuole
  - Microbodies (Glyoxysomes + Peroxisomes)
- Nucleus: Nuclear membrane, nucleolus, ultrastructure and morphology of chromosomes, karyotype analysis
  - Reproduction in somatic and embryogenic. cell, mitosis & meiosis, cell cycle



2. Chromosomal aberrations.
  - i. Change in the number of chromosomes. Aneuploidy and Euploidy
  - ii. Changes in the structure of chromosomes, Deletion, Duplication, Inversion and Translocation.

### Genetics:

1. Introduction scope and brief history of genetics. Mendelian inheritance; Laws of segregation and independent assortment, back cross, test cross, dominance and incomplete dominance.
2. Sex linked inheritance, sex linkage in Drosophila and man (colour blindness. XO. X Y. WZ mechanism, sex limited and sex linked characters, sex determination.
3. Linkage and crossing over: Definition, Linkage groups, Construction of linkage maps, Detection of linkage.
4. Molecular genetics ; DNA replication- Nature of gene, Genetic code, Transcription, Translation, Protein synthesis, Regulation of gene expression (e.g. lac operon).
5. Transmission of genetic material in Bacteria: Conjugation gene recombination in E. coli Transduction and Transformation.
6. Principles of genetic engineering biotechnology; Basic genetic engineering techniques.
7. Application of genetics in plant improvement: Induction of genetic variability (gene mutation, recombination), Physical and chemical mutagens, Selection, Hybridization and plant breeding techniques, Establishment of varieties Release of new varieties.
8. Recombinant DNA technology, Plasmid vector, Cloning vectors, Polymerase chain reaction, Genetic Transformation in Plants.

### Paper-B: Plant Physiology and Ecology

35 Marks

#### Physiology:

1. Types and properties of solutions. Electrolytes and non-electrolytes. SI units for expressing concentration of solutions, acids, bases and salts, pH. Definition of buffers and their role in biological systems. Colloidal systems, their nature, properties, and biological significance.
2. Water relations (water potential, osmotic potential, pressure potential, matric potential) Absorption and translocation of water. Transpiration, factors affecting transpiration. Stomatal structure and functions.
3. Mineral nutrition: Soil as a source of minerals. Passive and active transport of nutrients. Essential mineral elements, their role and deficiency symptoms with emphasis on N, K, P & Ca.
4. Enzymes: Definition, nature, classification and properties.
5. Photosynthesis: The process; absorption and action spectra. Mechanism: light reactions (electron transport and photophosphorylation) and dark reactions (Calvin cycle). Factors

affecting this process; concept of limiting factors. Products of photosynthesis.

6. Respiration: Definition and mechanism, Glycolysis. Krebs cycle. Electron transport system and oxidative phosphorylation. Anaerobic respiration. Respiratory substrates and respiratory quotients.
7. Nitrogen Metabolism: Biological nitrogen fixation.
8. Growth: Definition; role of auxins, gibberellins, cytokinins abscisic acid and ethylene in controlling growth, introduction to plant tissue culture.
9. Photoperiodism: Definition. Historical background, Short day, Long day and day neutral plants. Role of phytochromes and hormones in photoperiodism.
10. Dormancy: Definition and causes of seed dormancy: Methods of breaking seed dormancy.
11. Vernalization : Annual and biennial forms. Hormonal concept and phasic development theory.
12. Plant Movements: tropic movements - phototropism, Gravitropism and their mechanisms. Nastic movements.

### Ecology:

1. Concepts of Ecology
2. Brief history of Ecology
3. Ecophysiology
  - (a) Light and temperature responses
    - i. Quantity of light
    - ii. Variation in light (temperature)
    - iii. Ecophysiological responses
  - (b) Edaphology
    - i. Brief introduction of soil forming process
    - ii. Texture, structure, and water
    - iii. Chemical Properties
    - iv. Biological components: Soil Organisms. Organic matters
    - v. Soil erosion, causes and solutions
  - (c) Water
    - i. Precipitation: kinds, and affectivity.
    - ii. Distribution of vegetation in relation to moisture.
  - (d) Water logging and salinity, causes, effects and reclamations
  - (e) Wind-Ecological importance of wind
4. Population Ecology
 

A brief introduction, history and background. Seed dispersed. Seed bank, Demography, Reproductive strategy.

5. Community Ecology
  - i. Concept of plant community-attributes
  - ii. Sampling methods
  - iii. Succession-history, concept, development and modern theories of succession
  - iv. Brief concept of productivity.
  - v. Local vegetation
6. Ecosystem
  - i. Definition and background with special reference to pond, Desert, Forest and grassland
  - ii. Ecological dynamics
  - iii. Biogeochemical cycle (Hydrologic and nitrogen cycle).
7. Pollutions: Soil, water and air pollution

**Paper-C: Practical-I**

**15 Marks**

**Cell Biology:**

1. Study of cell structure using compound microscope and elucidation of ultra-structure from electron microphotographs
2. Measurement of cell size.
3. Study of mitosis and meiosis by smear squash method and from prepared slides.
4. Study of chromosome morphology and variation in chromosome number.
5. Extraction and estimation of carbohydrate, protein, RNA, DNA from plant sources.

**Genetics :**

1. Genetical problems related to transmission and distribution of genetic material.
2. Identification of DNA in plant material. Carmine, orcein staining.
3. Study of salivary gland chromosomes of Drosophila.

**Paper-D: Practical-II**

**15 Marks**

**Physiology:**

1. Preparation of solutions of specific normality of acids/bases, salts, sugars, molal and molar solutions and their standardization.
2. Determination of uptake of water by swelling seeds when placed in sodium chloride of different concentrations.
3. Measurement of leaf water potential by the dye method.
4. Determination of the temperature at which beet root cells lose their permeability.
5. Determination of the effects of environmental factors on the rate of transpiration of a leafy shoot by means of a photometer/by cobalt chloride paper method.



- i. Starch
- ii. Cellulose
- iii. Lignin
- iv. Proteins



8. Extraction of chlorophyll from the leaves and separation of component pigments on a paper chromatogram. Study of absorption spectra using spectrophotometer.
9. Comparison of the effects of green, red and blue-coloured light on the amount of oxygen evolved by a photosynthesizing plant.
10. Estimation of oxygen utilized by a respiring plant by Winkler's method.
11. Extraction of amylase from germinating wheat seeds and study of its effect on starch breakdown.
12. Measurement of carbon dioxide evolution during respiration of germinating seeds by the titration method.
14. Measurement of growth by leaf area increase method.
15. Study of different stages of seed germination.

#### **Ecology:**

1. Measurement of light and temperature.
2. Effect of light and temperature on seed germination
3. Determination of soil texture by hydrometer method.
4. Determination of maximum water holding capacity.
5. Determination of carbonates, electrical conductivity and pH in Soil and Water.
6. Measurement of wind velocity.
7. Population demographic techniques.
8. Measurement of vegetation by Quadra: and plotless methods
9. Determination of productivity by harvest method
10. Trips / visits to ecologically diverse vegetations.



#### **Recommended Books:**

1. Barbour, M. G., J.H. Burke and W.D. Pitts, 1999. Terrestrial Plant Ecology, The Benjamin. Gunning Publishing Co. Palo Alto California. U.S.A.
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