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# FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2021

(CBCSS)

Botany

BOT 1C 01-PHYCOLOGY, BRYOLOGY, PTERIDOLOGY AND GYMNOSPERMS

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

### **General Instructions**

- 1. In cases where choices are provided, students can attend **all** questions in each section.
- 2. The minimum number of questions to be attended from the Section / Part shall remain the same.
- 3. The instruction if any, to attend a minimum number of questions from each sub section/sub part/ sub division may be ignored.
- 4. There will be an overall ceiling for each Section / Part that is equivalent to the maximum weightage of the Section / Part.

### Part A

Answer any **four** questions. Each question carries 2 weightage.

- 1. Discuss the phylogenetic criteria for algal classification giving an example.
- 2. Comment on the biological importance of phytoplanktons.
- 3. Give an account of progressive sterilization of sporogenous tissue in bryophytes.
- 4. Write a general account of fossil bryophytes and their affinities.
- 5. Write notes on the cytology in Pteridophytes.
- 6. Discuss the evolutionary and phylogenetic significance of Psilopsida.
- 7. List the important characters of Pteridospermales.

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#### Part B

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### Answer any **four** questions. Each question carries 3 weightage.

- 8. Write an account of various modes of reproduction in Chlorophyta.
- 9. Describe the fine structure of a) Chloroplast and pyrenoid ; b) Flagella ; and c) Eye spot in algae.
- 10. Discuss the general account of anatomy, reproduction and phylogeny of Sphagnales.
- 11. Write a detailed account on the evolutionary trends in the gametophyte of pteridophytes.
- 12. Give an account on the economic importance of pteridophytes.
- 13. Discuss the distribution of gymnosperms in India.
- 14. Describe the morphology, reproduction and interrelationship of Gnetales.

 $(4 \times 3 = 12 \text{ weightage})$ 

#### Part C

## Answer any **two** questions. Each question carries 5 weightage.

- 15. 'There exists a definite range and wide variety of thalli in algae'. Elaborate the statement.
- 16. Write a detailed account on the economic importance of bryophytes.
- 17. Bring out detailed account of the origin and evolution of sporangia in pteridophytes.
- 18. Write an essay on the reproductive structures in different orders of gymnosperms mentioned in the syllabus.

 $(2 \times 5 = 10 \text{ weightage})$