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First Semester

Botany

PLANT SYSTEMATICS MAXIMUM MARKS :30 ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

- 1. (a) Describe the concepts and basic components of systematics.
 - (b) Describe the principles, rules and recommendations of nomenclature.
- 2. (a) Give angiosperm phylogeny group classification.
 - (b) Give a brief account of Basal angiosperms and Magnoliids.
- 3. (a) Explain the role of cytology in resolving taxonomic disputes.
 - (b) Explain the role of Botanical Survey of India.

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PLANT SYSTEMATICS MAXIMUM MARKS :30 ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

- 1. (a) How taxonomic keys are helpful in plant identification?
 - (b) How do you prepare an herbarium? What are its uses? Name five important herbaria of India and the world.
- 2. (a) Explain the role of primary and secondary metabolites in chemosystematics.
 - (b) Describe restriction site analysis and allozymes and their role in molecular systematics.

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REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY OF ANGIOSPERMS MAXIMUM MARKS :30 ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

- 1. (a) Describe floral meristem and mutations affecting floral differentiation.
 - (b) Describe the ultrastructure of mature embryo sac and add a note on its nutrition.
- 2. (a) Describe the types of endosperm, cytology and functions.
 - (b) Give an account of pollination mechanisms and vectors.
- 3. (a) Describe gene expression during embryogenesis.
 - (b) Classify polyembryony and its practical applications.

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REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY OF ANGIOSPERMS MAXIMUM MARKS :30 ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

- 1. (a) Describe the role of palynology in resolving taxonomic disputes.
 - (b) Give an account of families with special embryological features.
- 2. (a) Give an account of microsurgical experiments and applications.
 - (b) Describe the technique of endosperm culture.

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BIOLOGY AND DIVERSITY OF VIRUSES, BACTERIA, ALGAE AND FUNGI MAXIMUM MARKS :30 ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

- 1. (a) Describe the structure, cultivation and purification of viruses.
 - (b) Give a brief account of bacteriophages and their economic importance.
- 2. (a) Describe the morphology and ultra structure of bacteria.
 - (b) Describe the economic importance of Cyanobacteria.
- 3. (a) Describe the thallus organization in algae.
 - (b) Give an account of algal blooms and toxins.

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BIOLOGY AND DIVERSITY OF VIRUSES, BACTERIA, ALGAE AND FUNGI MAXIMUM MARKS :30 ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

- 1. (a) Give the classification of fungi.
 - (b) Give a brief account of Zygomycotina and Ascomycotina.
- 2. (a) Describe ecto- and endomycorrhizal associations.
 - (b) Explain the role of fungi in agriculture and industry.

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OUTLINES OF BRYOPHYTES, PTERIDOPHTES, GYMNOSPERMS AND PLANT FOSSILS

MAXIMUM MARKS :30 ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

- 1. (a) Describe the thallus organization and reproduction in Hepaticopsida.
 - (b) Describe the evolutionary trends in gametophytes and sporophytes of Bryophytes.
- 2. (a) Describe the variation in stele in Lycopsida.
 - (b) Describe heterospory and seed habit in Pteridophytes.
- 3. (a) Describe the distribution and economic importance of Gymnosperms.
 - (b) Enumerates the salient features of wood in Gymnosperms.

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MAXIMUM MARKS :30 ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

- 1. (a) Describe the principles of Paleobotany and describe geological time scale.
 - (b) Give an account of fossil Gymnosperms.
- 2. (a) Describe the ecological, economic, evolutionary and industrial applications of Gymnosperms.
 - (b) Describe the recent trends and model plants from Bryophyte plants.