

2020-21

Time - 3 hours

Full Marks - 60

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GROUP - A

1. Write notes on any five of the following with two important sentences each. [2 × 5

- (a) Ribonucleotides
- (b) RNA as genetic agent
- (c) Okazaki fragments
- (d) Central dogma in biology
- (e) Spliceosome
- (f) Polycentric m-RNA
- (g) Activator protein

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GROUP - B

Answer ALL questions.

2. With the help of Hershey and Chase experiment, explain DNA as the carrier of genetic information. [10]

OR

Write notes on any two : [5 × 2]

- (a) Work of Avery, McLeod and McCarty
- (b) Characteristics of genetic material
- (c) Griffith's experiment

3. Describe the structure and salient features of double helix model of DNA given by Watson and Crick. [10]

OR

Write notes on any two : [5 × 2]

- (a) Prokaryotic DNA replicating enzymes
- (b) Euchromatin structure and function
- (c) Rolling circle replication

4. What is genetic code ? Discuss the salient features of genetic code. [10]

OR

Write notes on any two : [5 × 2]

- (a) Split gene

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- (b) Processing of eukaryotic m-RNA
 - (c) Initiation of transcription
5. Describe the structure and assembly of prokaryotic and eukaryotic ribosomal subunits. [10]

OR

Write notes on any two : [5 × 2]

- (a) Charging of t-RNA
 - (b) Elongation of polypeptide chain
 - (c) Termination and post translational modification of protein
6. Give an account of Operon model for regulation of tryptophan synthesis in *E. coli*. [10]

OR

Write notes on any two : [5 × 2]

- (a) Transcription factors
- (b) Lac-operon
- (c) Gene silencing

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- (a) Symplast and Apoplast pathways
 - (b) Donan equilibrium
 - (c) Abscisic acid
 - (d) Essential and Beneficial elements
 - (e) Vernalin
 - (f) Criteria for essentiality
 - (g) Photo periodism

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GROUP - B

Answer **ALL** questions.

2. Describe the mechanism of active and passive absorption of water in higher plants. [10]

OR

Write notes on any two : [5 × 2]

- (a) Guttation
- (b) Cohesion-Tension theory
- (c) Source Sink relationship

3. What are trace elements ? Explain their role and deficiency symptoms in plants. [10]

OR

Write notes on any two : [5 × 2]

- (a) Role of chlorine and Molybdenum in plants
- (b) Use of nutrient solution
- (c) Hydroponics

4. Enumerate the proton ATPase pump and ion influx in plants. [10]

OR

Write notes on any two : [5 × 2]

- (a) Facilitated diffusion

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- (b) Carriers and Channels
- (c) Electrochemical gradients

5. Give the structure of Gibberellins and describe the physiological effects of GA. [10]

OR

Write notes on any two : [5 × 2]

- (a) Discovery and transport of Auxin
- (b) Ethylene
- (c) Role of cytokinin

6. What is dormancy ? Explain various causes of dormancy of seeds and the methods of breaking dormancy. [10]

OR

Write notes on any two : [5 × 2]

- (a) Photoperiodism
- (b) Chemical nature of phytochrome
- (c) Flowering stimulus

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1. Write notes on any five of the following in two or three sentences each. [2 × 5]
- (a) Undesirable consequence of plant breeding
 - (b) Polygenic inheritance
 - (c) Hybrid vigour
 - (d) Hybridization
 - (e) Acclimitization
 - (f) Domestication of crop plants
 - (g) Role of mutation in crop improvemets

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GROUP - B

Answer ALL questions.

2. Describe various objectives of plant breeding with suitable examples. [10]

OR

Write notes on any two : [5 × 2]

- (a) Important achievements of plant breeding
 - (b) Mode of reproduction in crop plants
 - (c) History of plant breeding in India
3. Give an account of the procedure followed during plant hybridization programme. [10]

OR

Write notes on any two : [5 × 2]

- (a) Pureline selection
 - (b) Domestication of crop plants
 - (c) Plant genetic resources
4. What is monogenic inheritance ? How does it differ from polygenic inheritance ? Explain with suitable examples. [10]

OR

Write notes on any two : [5 × 2]

- (a) Concept of quantitative inheritance

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(b) Role of environment in quantitative inheritance

(c) Penetrance and Expressivity

5. Give a note on the genetic basis of inbreeding depression. [10

OR

Write notes on any two : [5 × 2

(a) Physiological aspects of Heterosis

(b) Dominance hypothesis

(c) Achievements in crop improvements

6. Describe the role of mutation in crop improvements. [10

OR

Write notes on any two : [5 × 2

(a) Organogenesis

(b) Morphological and cytological features of Autopolyploidy

(c) Role of Allopolyploidy in crop improvements

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1. Write notes on any five of the following in two or three sentences each. [2 × 5]
- (a) Ex-situ conservation
 - (b) Non-degradable wastes
 - (c) Soil degradation
 - (d) CBD
 - (e) EIA
 - (f) Carbon footprint
 - (g) Aquifers

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GROUP - B

Answer ALL questions.

2. What is Sustainability ? Describe various types of natural resources. [10]

OR

Write notes on any two : [5 × 2]

- (a) Biotic resources
- (b) Mineral resources
- (c) Concept of sustainable utilization

3. Explain the methods of utilization and degradation processes of land resources. [10]

OR

Write notes on any two : [5 × 2]

- (a) Marine-water resources
- (b) Estuarine
- (c) Biological methods of management of soil degradation

4. Explain forest as a biological resource and describe its significance and management. [10]

OR

Write notes on any two : [5 × 2]

- (a) IPR

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(b) Major and minor forest products

(c) Bioprosperty

5. Explain various types of non-renewable energy resources. [10

OR

Write notes on any two :

[5 × 2

(a) Non-conventional source of energy

(b) Participatory resources appraisal

(c) GIS

6. What are the sources of solid wastes ? Describe the management method of non-biodegradable wastes. [10

OR

Write notes on any two :

[5 × 2

(a) National efforts in resources management

(b) Waste management

(c) Conservation of resources