

2018

BOTANY

( Major )

Paper : 6.3

( Plant Physiology )

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

1. Answer the following questions : 1×7=7

- (a) A cell has osmotic potential of -12 bars and its pressure potential is 8 bars. Find out its water potential.
- (b) Name the element which forms the core constituent of the ring structure of chlorophyll.
- (c) Name the metal present in the water splitting complex associated with photosynthesis.
- (d) What is the site of functioning of catalase?

- (e) Which is the most important limiting factor in photosynthesis?
- (f) Who coined the term 'vernalization'?
- (g) Under water stress condition what is the most common amino acid accumulated in plants?

2. Answer the following questions : 2×4=8

- (a) What is photorespiration?
- (b) What is the role of molybdenum in plants?
- (c) Name the essential cofactors required for the formation of acetyl coenzyme-A.
- (d) What is the significance of osmotic potential?

3. Answer any *three* of the following : 5×3=15

- (a) Describe the role of  $K^+$  in opening of stomata
- (b) Describe the ion Pump theory of salt absorption
- (c) Define stress. Describe briefly xenobiotic stress with example.
- (d) Describe how radioactive tagging technique is used in understanding bidirectional movement of solute in plants.
- (e) Briefly explain the pathway of CAM.

4. (a) How are solutes translocated from source to sink? Describe the mechanism with modern theory. Justify the acceptability of the theory. 7+3=10

Or

Mention the properties of water important to plants. Justify "Transpiration is a necessary evil". 5+5=10

- (b) Justify "C<sub>4</sub> cycle is more efficient than C<sub>3</sub> cycle". Describe C<sub>4</sub> cycle with proper pathway and explanation. 3+7=10

Or

What is the function of electron transport system in mitochondria? How does it work and from what source it derive reducing power for operation? 3+7=10

- (c) Describe the possible role of auxin for apical dominance and abscission. 5+5=10

Or

What is dormancy? Explain the methods used and principle involved to break seed dormancy. 2+8=10

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