(For candidates admitted from 2016-2021 batch)

B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2023.

Part III — Biotechnology — Major

PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY

Time: Three hours

Maximum: 75 marks

**SECTION A** —  $(10 \times 2 = 20)$ 

Answer ALL Questions

- 1. Triploids
- 2. Somatic embryogenesis
- 3. Endosperm
- 4. Protoplast
- 5. Cybrids
- 6. Bt toxin
- 7. Bioreactor
- 8. GMO
- 9. Biofertilizers
- 10. Monosodium glutamate

## SECTION B — $(5 \times 5 = 25)$

Answer ALL Questions, Choosing either (a) or (b)

11. (a) Write about haploids and their applications.

Or

- (b) Write a note on somaclonal variations.
- 12. (a) Give the importance of genetic engineering in plants.

Or

- (b) Give the applications of somatic hybridization.
- 13. (a) What are the applications of crop improvement?

Or

- (b) Comment of insect resistance in plants.
- 14. (a) Give the pros and cons of GM foods.

Or

(b) Explain GMO crops with an example.

15. (a) How to identify organic foods?

Or

(b) Write brief note on organic farming.

SECTION C — 
$$(3 \times 10 = 30)$$

Answer any THREE questions

- 16. What is plant tissue culture? Explain the culture of embryo and its applications.
- 17. How protoplasts are used in genetic manipulation of plants?
- 18. Write a detailed note on Plant as bioreactors.
- 19. Discuss on application, ecological impact and future aspects of transgenic plants.
- 20. What are preservatives? Give its applications, importance and limitations.

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