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B. Sc. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022

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SEMESTER I - CORE COURSE (BOTANY)

BO1B01B18 - METHODOLOGY OF SCIENCE AND AN INTRODUCTION TO BOTANY

Time: 3 Hours Maximum Marks: 60

Part A

I. Answer any Ten questions. Each question carries 1 mark

(10x1=10)

- 1. State null hypothesis.
- 2. What is an independent variable?
- 3. How is accuracy of a result explained?
- 4. State abiogenesis.
- 5. Define species.
- 6. What is phyletic speciation?
- 7. Recall the uniqueness of the endosperm of angiosperms.
- 8. Define holocarpic fungi.
- 9. Write the expansion of BGA.
- 10. Give the meaning of "killing" in microtechnique.
- 11. Deduce the term normal solution.
- 12. Explain wet preservation.

Part B

II. Answer any Six questions. Each question carries 5 marks

(6x5=30)

- 13. Indicate the features of a valid hypothesis.
- 14. Discuss the importance of documentation in experiments.
- 15. Present a note on experimental error.
- 16. Explain briefly how paleontological evidences support organic evolution.
- 17. Explain vestigial organs and their significance.
- 18. Write an account on pigmentation in algae.
- 19. Write notes on the three domains, six kingdom classification by Carl Woese, 1990.
- 20. Give the formula and preparation of Carnoy's fluid.
- 21. Record the measures to be followed during the preparation of the killing and fixing agents.

Part C

III. Answer any Two questions. Each question carries 10 marks

(2x10=20)

- 22. Define experimental design. Explain the procedure of designing an experiment.
- 23. Explain Lamarckism and Neo-Lamarckism.
- 24. Explain the general features of Gymnosperms.
- 25. Prepare an account on the optical and mechanical components of a light compound microscope.