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Third Semester M.Sc. Degree Examination, February 2024 Botany

BO 231 : PLANT BREEDING, HORTICULTURE AND BIOSTATISTICS (2019 Admission onwards)

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 75

- Answer the following questions.
- 1. What is atomic gardening?
- 2. Name the cardamom research institute in Kerala.
- 3. Explain advantages of distant hybridisation.
- 4. Describe plant variety rights.
- 5. Write short notes on arboriculture.
- 6. What is vermicomposting?
- 7. Give short notes on cut flower industry.
- 8. What is ANOVA?
- 9. Describe the properties of binomial distribution.
- 10. Explain the use of LSD.

 $(10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ Marks})$

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- Answer the following questions in not more that 50 words.
- 11. (a) What do you mean by genetic modification techniques?

OR

- (b) What is center of diversity of a species?
- 12. (a) Compare auto and allopolyploidy.

OR

- (b) What are requirements of back cross breeding?
- 13. (a) Describe ideotype breeding and its significance.

OR

- (b) What is the role of seed certification?
- 14. (a) Give a short account on synthetic fertilisers.

OR

- (b) What are Bonsai?
- 15. (a) Why mean is considered to be the best measure of central tendancy?

OR

(b) How do you calculate the standard deviation?

 $(5 \times 2 = 10 \text{ Marks})$

- III. Answer the following questions in not more that 150 words.
- 16. (a) Describe the advantages and disadvantages of mutation breeding.

OR

- (b) Compare the pedigree and bulk methods of hybridization of self-fertilized crops.
- (a) Explain the breeding procedure used for the development of disease resistant varieties.

OR

(b) Compare an interspecific and intergeneric hybrids.

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18. (a) Distinguish between inbreeding and inbreeding depression.

OR

- (b) Give an account on genetic male sterility in crop plants.
- 19. (a) Give an account of plant growth structures and it's uses.

OR

- (b) Describe various types of gardens and their uses.
- 20. (a) Distinguish between hand tools and power tools used in gardening.

OR

- (b) What are cultural practices in horticulture? Explain the various pre-planting operations.
- 21. (a) Compare Bernoulli distribution and Poisson probability distribution.

OR

- (b) Explain the various tests of significance used in biological experiments.
- 22. (a) Give an account on correlation and regression analyses. Add notes on their coefficients.

OR

(b) Give an account of various types of randomized block designs used in science.

 $(7 \times 5 = 35 \text{ Marks})$

- IV. Answer the following questions in not more than 250 words:
- 23. (a) Explain various methods followed to overcome self-incompatibility in plants.

OR

(b) Give an account on the advances made in polyploidy breeding. Mention it's role in crop improvement.

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24. (a) Discuss on the various types of artificial methods of vegetative propagation. Give examples.

OR

(b) Compare the various forms of diagramatic and graphical representation of data.

 $(2 \times 10 = 20 \text{ Marks})$