



# VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY

# M.Sc. Examinations 2020 Semester IV Subject: BOTANY Paper: 495 (Special Paper)

(Practical)

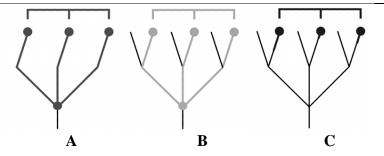
Full Marks: 50 Time: 3hrs.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

## Special paper: 495: Angiosperm Taxonomy & Molecular Systematics:

- 1. Write down the methodology of taxonomic study of unknown plants of local flora?
- 2. How to prepare identification 'Keys' and identification of an unknown plant by use of keys and matching?
- 3. Write short notes on Index Kewensis, Dictionaries, Manuals, Bibliographies and Flora which are commonly used in practical classes.
- 4. How to work out the inter /and intraspecific morphological variations?
- 5. How can you make a comparative study of the starch grains on different storage organs?
- 6. Make a comparative study of the stomata of different leaves and stems?
- 7. How can you make a comparative study of the ovules of different flowers?
- 8. Analysis the three (03) phylogenetic trees provided (A, B & C) and comment on the type (Polyphyly, Paraphyly and Monophyly).





- 9. How can you workout pollen morphology of angiospermic taxa?
- 10. How to determine the inter-/ intraspecific and intergeneric variation based on palynological studies with the help of the NPC system?
- 11. How to prepare the separating and stacking gel for SDS-PAGE?
- 12. How to prepare a typical herbarium for final submission in the examination?

# Special Paper 495: Cytogenetics & Biotechnology

Answer any one of the following questions (within 250 words):

- 1. Mention the roles of pretreating agents for karyotype studies.
- 2. What are the major function and other associated functions of fixatives used in fixing tissue for cytological studies?
- 3. Write the procedure for preparing a stain to workout karyotype.
- 4. Enumerate the steps to workout karyotyping of a species.
- 5. Illustrate the symmetric and asymmetric karyotype with the help of suitable figures.
- 6. How meiotic metaphase I can be distinguished from metaphase II?
- 7. Enumerate the steps for studying meiosis with right material of choice.
- 8. Briefly describe the stages of meiotic division responsible for chromatid separation.
- 9. Explain briefly the phenomena of cytomixis.
- 10. Mention the situation when regression analysis is useful.
- 11. State the procedure of regression analysis.
- 12. Comment on the use of ANOVA analysis.

#### Special Paper 495: Ecology & Biodiversity

Answer any one of the following questions (within 250 words):

- 1. How plant communities are studied through quadrats and transects?
- 2. Write utility of using quadrats in IVI study.
- 3. What aspects of plants are interpreted through studying ecological anatomy?
- 4. State importance of studying chemical characteristics of soil.



- 5. Why field based ecological studies are done.
- 6. How do you study abundance of plant population.
- 7. How do you study frequency of plants.
- 8. Write significance of studying IVI.
- 9. Mention anatomical adaptive features of Peperomia pellucida.
- 10. Mention anatomical adaptive features of Casuarina equisetifolia leaf.
- 11. Mention anatomical adaptive features of *Ipomoea aquatica*.
- 12. Mention anatomical adaptive features of *Enhydra flactuans*.

## Special Paper: 495 Microbiology: Basic & Applied

Answer any one of the following questions (within 250 words):

- 1. Mention the utility of the study of fermentation of sugar by different bacteria.
- 2. Write down the principle of starch and protein hydrolysis experiment.
- 3. How microbial assay of streptomycin can be done in a laboratory?
- 4. How survival curve of a bacterium can be done after UV exposure?
- 5. What are the different components added in polymerase chain reaction (PCR) mixture?
- 6. How MIC of an antibiotic is determined against different bacteria?
- 7. How phylogenetic tree can be made through BLAST?
- 8. How microbial growth curve can be prepared in a laboratory?
- 9. Mention different requisites for estimation of protein.
- 10. How amino acid pool of an organism can be determined by TLC?
- 11. How molecular weight of a protein can be determined by gel electrophoresis?
- 12. Write down the process for isolation of plasmid from bacteria.

#### Special Paper: 495 Mycology & Plant Pathology

Answer any one of the following questions (within 250 words):

- 1. Write a note on the preparation of fungal media.
- 2. Comment on the isolation of fungi from water.
- 3. Discuss about the isolation of fungi from soil.
- 4. Comment on the isolation of fungi from air.
- 5. How do you study ectomycorrhiza?
- 6. Mention the procedure of study of VAM.
- 7. Discuss on the morphological and reproductive structures of *Fusarium*.



- 8. Comment on the morphological and reproductive structures of *Cercospora*.
- 9. Discuss on the morphological and reproductive structures of *Clavaria*.
- 10. Comment on the morphological and reproductive structures of *Erysiphe*.
- 11. Mention the morphological and reproductive structures of *Peronospora*.
- 12. Discuss different sterilization processes.

#### Special Paper: 495: Palaeobotany, Palynology & Plant Reproductive Biology

Answer any one of the following questions (within 250 words):

- 1. Discuss the importance of field visit for palaeobotanical studies. Write some field techniques used during study of palaeobotany.
- 2. How megafloral assemblages of Lower Gondwana help in determining the actual age of occurrence of those fossil plants?
- 3. How megafloral assemblages of Middle Gondwana help in determining the actual age of occurrence of those fossil plants?
- 4. How megafloral assemblages of Upper Gondwana help in determining the actual age of occurrence of those fossil plants?
- 5. Discuss in detail the acetolysis technique (Erdtman, 1960) to study angiosperm pollen morphotypes.
- 6. Describe in detail the method of extraction of pollen grains from honey samples which are used in melissopalynological studies.
- 7. Discuss in detail the method of extraction of pollen grains from soil samples.
- 8. Write the pollen morphological features of the following taxa: Arecaceae, Poaceae, Amaranthaceae and Malvaceae.
- 9. Describe the method of *in-vitro* pollen germination and pollen tube growth.
- 10. Describe the *in-vitro* and *in-situ* method of pollen viability test.
- 11. Discuss the method of self incompatibility tests in flowering plants.
- 12. Describe the method of slide preparation from petrified plants.

# Special Paper 495: Plant Physiology, Biochemistry & Molecular Biology

Answer any one of the following questions (within 250 words):

- 1. Write the principle and technique of Quantitative estimation of ascorbic acid in plant tissue.
- 2. Describe the principle and importance of seed viability test using TTC.



- 3. Mention the principle and procedure of extraction and estimation of fat from plant tissue.
- 4. Write the procedure of protein analysis by SDS-PAGE.
- 5. Write the procedure of extraction of nucleic acids from plant samples.
- 6. Briefly describe the procedure of estimation of catalase extracted from normal and heat-stressed plant tissue.
- 7. Briefly describe the principle and chemicals required for estimation of amylase.
- 8. Write the principle and procedure of separation of phenolic compound from plant tissue using thin layer chromatography.
- 9. Write the principle and procedure of separation of amino acids by paper chromatography.
- 10. Describe the procedure of extraction and estimation of sugar from plant tissue.
- 11. How can you estimate Iron by using colorimetry?
- 12. Mention the experimental procedure of the effect of water stress on root metabolic activity.