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First Semester

Botany — Core

ALGAE, FUNGI, LICHENS AND BRYOPHYTES

(For those who joined in July 2023 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (15 × 1 = 15 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. The classes of algae is know for its red coloration due to the presence of phycoerythrins?
- (a) Chlorophyceae      (b) Xanthophyceae  
(c) Rhodophyceae      (d) Chrysophyceae

2. Algae characterized by the presence of chlorophyll a, d, phycoerthrin, and phycocyanin belong to?
- (a) Chlorophyta      (b) Rhodophyta  
(c) Phaeophyta      (d) Bacillariophyta
3. Which class of algae is rich in protein content?
- (a) *Ulothrix*      (b) *Spirogyra*  
(c) *Chlorella*      (d) *Nostoc*
4. The structure of fungi includes long thread-like structures known as
- (a) Hyphae      (b) Mycelium  
(c) Spores      (d) Nuclei
5. The class of fungi that includes water molds and downy molds and downy mildews
- (a) Mastigomycotina      (b) Zygomycotina  
(c) Ascomycotina      (d) Basidiomycotina
6. The class of fungi known for their asexual reproductive structure called conidia
- (a) Mastigomycotina      (b) Zygomycotina  
(c) Ascomycotina      (d) Deuteromycotina

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7. The phycobiont in lichens is responsible for
  - (a) Providing the fungal partner with carbohydrates
  - (b) Providing the fungal partner protection
  - (c) Providing the fungal partner with minerals
  - (d) Providing the fungal partner with waste
8. The main function of the mycobiont in lichens is to
  - (a) Conduct photosynthesis
  - (b) Absorb water and minerals
  - (c) Facilitate reproduction
  - (d) Provide structural support
9. Ascoclichens reproduce through
  - (a) Ascospores
  - (b) Basidiospores
  - (c) Conidia
  - (d) Zoospores
10. Which genera exhibit unique structures and reproductive strategies?
  - (a) *Targionia* and *Lunularia*
  - (b) *Porella* and *polytrichum*
  - (c) All of the mentioned genera
  - (d) None of the mentioned genera

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11. How do bryophytes ensure their life histories?
  - (a) Through vegetative propagation
  - (b) By producing abundant spores
  - (c) Both (a) and (b)
  - (d) None of the above
12. Which of the following genera is known for its specialized reproductive feature?
  - (a) *Targionia*
  - (b) *Lunularia*
  - (c) *Porella*
  - (d) *Polytrichum*
13. Algae species produces a neurotoxin causing the death of aquatic animals?
  - (a) *Chlorella*
  - (b) *Gonyaulax*
  - (c) *Prototheca*
  - (d) *Cephaleuros*
14. In which algal species is important for cervical dilation?
  - (a) *Laminaria japonica*
  - (b) *Gracilaria*
  - (c) *Chondrus*
  - (d) *Gonyaulax catenella*
15. The economic importance of lichen?
  - (a) Food industry
  - (b) Horticulture
  - (c) Pollution indicator
  - (d) All of the above

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PART B — (5 × 4 = 20 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

16. (a) Describe the features of phaeophyceae.

Or

- (b) Mention about reproduction in *Ulva*.

17. (a) Write on general characters of fungi.

Or

- (b) Comment on heterothallism in fungi.

18. (a) Classify the Lichens.

Or

- (b) Describe about mycobionts in lichens.

19. (a) List out the general characters of bryophytes.

Or

- (b) Explain gemma cup in *Marchantiales*.

20. (a) Write notes on single cell protein.

Or

- (b) Explain the production of biofuel from algae.

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PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b)

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

21. (a) Give an account on sexual reproduction in *Gracillaria*.

Or

- (b) Describe thallus organization in charophyceae.

22. (a) Discuss on reproduction and life cycle of *Phytophthora*.

Or

- (b) Give an account on general characters of Ascomycotina.

23. (a) Discuss on reproduction in Ascolichens.

Or

- (b) Enumerate the reproduction in Basidiolichens.

24. (a) Explain the reproduction in *Lunularia*.

Or

- (b) Describe the evolution of gametophyte in Hepaticopsida.

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25. (a) Provide the economic importance of Bryophytes in medicine.

Or

(b) Write an essay on biofertilizer from algae.

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