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FIFTH SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION NOVEMBER 2023

Botany

BOT 5D 02—APPLIED BOTANY

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 60 Marks

Section A

Answer **all** questions. Each question carries 2 marks. Ceiling : 20 Marks.

- 1. What is the composition of potting mixture for garden plants?
- 2. Explain the term *Fertilizer Grade*.
- 3. Mention the advantages of drip irrigation over surface irrigation.
- 4. Define seed dormancy. Mention its' significance.
- 5. Define Explant. Mention any one.
- 6. What is meant by Budding. Mention any *two* types.
- 7. Define Spawn. Mention the most common type of spawn.
- 8. W hat are Biofertilizers ? Mention a Phosphorus biofertilizer.
- 9. Mention four orchids used in floriculture.
- 10. What is meant by *Bonsai*?
- 11. Mention botanic name of one solanaceous and one cucurbitaceous vegetable.
- 12. Specify botanic name, family and morphology of useful part of wheat.

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Section B

Answer **all** questions. Each question carries 5 marks. Ceiling : 30 Marks.

- 13. Define Biological control. Mention technical names of two antifungal and two insecticidal biocontrol agents.
- 14. Explain nutritional contents, types application and significance of organic manure.
- 15. Enlist advantages and disadvantages of vegetative propagation.
- 16. Write note on transplanting and aftercare of seedlings.
- 17. Outline steps on Oyster mushroom cultivation.
- 18. Explain the technique of vermicomposting.
- 19. Write note on methods of propagation in orchids.

Section C

Answer any **one** question. The question carries 10 marks.

- 20. Give a detailed account on Micropropagation.
- 21. Give a detailed account on soil-composition, types, texture, pH, correction of pH and humus content.

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