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B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture (Semester – 2nd)

FUNDAMENTALS OF GENETICS

Subject Code: BAGRS1256

Paper ID: 21130117

Time: 03 Hours

Maximum Marks: 75

Instruction for candidates:

1. Section A is compulsory. It consists of 10 parts of two marks each.
2. Section B consist of 9 questions of 5 marks each. The student has to attempt any 7 questions out of it.
3. Section C consist of 3 questions of 10 marks each. The student has to attempt any 2 questions.

Section – A

(2 marks each)

Q1. Attempt the following:

- a. Which cell organelles show extranuclear inheritance?
- b. Define crossing over.
- c. What is interkinesis?
- d. Differentiate between transitions and transversions?
- e. Classify various classes of mutations?
- f. During the process of recombinant DNA technology, which enzyme is known as molecular scissor and which is known as molecular glue?
- g. At the time of DNA replication, which enzyme is responsible for breaking hydrogen bonds between two strands of DNA?
- h. Adjacent nucleotides are joined by which bond in DNA double helix?
- i. What are the key steps involved in gene expression?
- j. Why mutations play an important role during the process of evolution?

Section – B

(5 marks each)

- Q2. (a) What are the different types of genetic recombination in bacteria? (3)
(b) Differentiate between qualitative and quantitative traits? (2)
- Q3. (a) What is a nucleosome? Briefly describe its structure? (3)
(b) Are linked genes present on the same chromosome and why? (2)
- Q4. (a) What is Down's syndrome? (1)
(b) Write a short note on lac operon. (4)
- Q5. What are the various methods for the detection of mutations? Give details of Ame's test.
- Q6. (a) Write a short note on B- chromosomes? (3)
(b) Central dogma of molecular biology. (2)
- Q7. Compare and contrast repressible and inducible operons.
- Q8. Write a short note on:
a) Sex linkage. (2.5)
b) Explain diagrammatically, the process of repression in trp operon. (2.5)
- Q9. Define mitosis. Explain its different stages.
- Q10. (a) During the process of replication, which enzyme is involved in "unzipping" of DNA molecules? (2)
(b) How do genes direct the synthesis of proteins? (3)

Section – C

(10 marks each)

- Q11. (a) Draw Watson-Crick model of DNA double-helix. (4)
(b) Explain the process of meiosis in detail. (6)
- Q12. (a) Write a short note on homologous recombination. (5)
(b) How does protein synthesis occur in prokaryotes? (5)
- Q13. (a) Justify, " Genes are affected by environment" (5)
(b) Define Polygenic inheritance. (2.5)
(c) Explain how the photolyase enzyme is involved in breaking cyclobutane ring during photo-reactivation process of DNA repair? (2.5)