

2009**3rd Semester Examination****MICROBIOLOGY****PAPER—XV***Full Marks : 40**Time : 2 Hours*

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

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

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

Answer any two questions from each group.

Group—A**[Marks : 20]**

1. Give an idea about somatic embryogenesis. How it helps in developing synthetic seeds ?

How do you develop plants through protoplast technology ?

What do you mean by cross inoculation group relating to nodule formation.

Why do we need Rhizobia inoculation in Indian agroclimatic condition — though lot of Rhizobia are present in Indian Soil. 2+2+2+2+2

2. State the role of microorganisms in N₂-cycling.

Briefly discuss the mechanism of N₂-fixation with special emphasis on associative N₂ fixation. 10

(Turn Over)

3. Write notes on (any four) :

2.5×4

- (a) Micropropagation;
- (b) *Azolla* as a biofertilizer;
- (c) Anaerobic composting;
- (d) PGPR;
- (e) Nitrogenase.

Group—B

[Marks : 20]

4. Write notes on (any four) :

2.5×4

- (a) Detoxification of pathogen toxin;
- (b) Significance of plant disease;
- (c) Local & systemic acquired resistance;
- (d) *Fusarium*;
- (e) GMO in disease resistance plant.

5. (a) Describe structural and chemical defenses of Plants with figures and examples.

(b) How chemical weapons of the pathogens helps them in disease development. 6+4

6. What do you mean by systemic acquired resistance? Give and example. Describe the process of immunization of plants against pathogens. 2+1+7