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## जीव विज्ञान (सैद्धान्तिक)

### BIOLOGY (Theory)

निर्धारित समय : 3 घण्टे

अधिकतम अंक : 70

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Maximum Marks : 70

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- (i) प्रश्न-पत्र में पाँच खण्डों में 26 प्रश्न दिए गए हैं। सभी प्रश्न अनिवार्य हैं।
- (ii) खण्ड A में प्रश्न संख्या 1 से 5 अति लघु-उत्तरीय प्रश्न हैं, प्रत्येक प्रश्न 1 अंक का है।
- (iii) खण्ड B में प्रश्न संख्या 6 से 10 लघु-उत्तरीय प्रश्न I प्रकार के हैं, प्रत्येक प्रश्न 2 अंकों का है।
- (iv) खण्ड C में प्रश्न संख्या 11 से 22 लघु-उत्तरीय प्रश्न II प्रकार के हैं, प्रत्येक प्रश्न 3 अंकों का है।
- (v) खण्ड D में प्रश्न संख्या 23 मूल्य आधारित प्रश्न 4 अंकों का है।
- (vi) खण्ड E में प्रश्न संख्या 24 से 26 दीर्घ-उत्तरीय प्रश्न हैं, प्रत्येक प्रश्न 5 अंकों का है।
- (vii) प्रश्न-पत्र में समग्र पर कोई विकल्प नहीं है, फिर भी 2 अंकों वाले एक प्रश्न में, 3 अंकों वाले एक प्रश्न में और 5 अंकों वाले सभी तीनों प्रश्नों में भीतरी चयन-विकल्प दिए गए हैं। प्रत्येक परीक्षार्थी को ऐसे प्रश्नों के दो विकल्पों में से कोई एक प्रश्न हल करना है।

**General Instructions :**

- (i) There are a total of 26 questions and five sections in the question paper. All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Section A contains questions number 1 to 5, very short-answer type questions of 1 mark each.
- (iii) Section B contains questions number 6 to 10, short-answer type I questions of 2 marks each.
- (iv) Section C contains questions number 11 to 22, short-answer type II questions of 3 marks each.
- (v) Section D contains question number 23, value based question of 4 marks.

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- (vi) Section E contains questions number 24 to 26, long-answer type questions of 5 marks each.
- (vii) There is no overall choice in the question paper, however, an internal choice is provided in one question of 2 marks, one question of 3 marks and all the three questions of 5 marks. In these questions, an examinee is to attempt any one of the two given alternatives.

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**SECTION A**

1. अर्धसूत्री विभाजन (मीओसिस) किसी भी जीव के लैंगिक जीवन-चक्र में एक अति आवश्यक घटना है। दो कारण बताइए। 1
- Meiosis is an essential event in the sexual life cycle of any organism. Give two reasons.
2. अपहासित कूट और असंदिग्ध कूट में अंतर बताइए। 1
- How does a degenerate code differ from an unambiguous one ?
3. ओपेरिन और हाल्डेन द्वारा प्रतिपादित परिकल्पित प्रस्तावों को लिखिए। 1
- Write the hypothetical proposals put forth by Oparin and Haldane.
4. RNA पॉलिमरेज़ II का क्या कार्य होता है ? 1
- Write the function of RNA polymerase II.

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“मनुष्य प्राथमिक और द्वितीयक उपभोक्ता दोनों ही हो सकता है।” इस कथन की पुष्टि कीजिए। 1

“Man can be a primary as well as a secondary consumer.” Justify this statement.

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### SECTION B

6. किसानों द्वारा संकर किस्मों के असंगजनिक (एपोमिक्टिक) बीजों के उपयोग करने के दो लाभों का सुझाव दीजिए। 2

Suggest two advantages to a farmer for using apomictic seeds of hybrid varieties.

7. एक आनुवंशिकविद् को परीक्षार्थ संकरण (टेस्ट क्रॉस) की कब आवश्यकता पड़ती है ? इस प्रक्रिया को किस प्रकार संपादित किया जाता है ? 2

When does a geneticist need to carry a test cross ? How is it carried ?

8. बहिःप्रजनन और बहिःसंकरण के बीच अंतर बताइए। 2

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घर पर बनाए फल के ज्यूस की तुलना में बोतलबंद फल के ज्यूस अधिक निर्मल होते हैं। स्पष्ट कीजिए। 2

Differentiate between outbreeding and outcrossing.

### OR

Bottled fruit juices are clearer as compared to those made at home. Explain.

9. *Print less... Save paper... Save trees....Save our Earth!* *EBC*  
जब आप किसी उच्च तुंगता वाले स्थान पर भ्रमण करने जाते हो, तब आपको पहले दो दिन आराम करने की सलाह दी जाती है। कारण बताते हुए टिप्पणी कीजिए। 2

When you go for a trek/trip to any high altitude places, you are advised to take it easy and rest for the first two days. Comment, giving reasons.

10. संयुक्त वन प्रबंधन क्या होता है ? इससे वन-संरक्षण में किस प्रकार सहायता मिलती है ? 2

What is joint forest management ? How can it help in conservation of forests ?

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### SECTION C

11. मानव शुक्राणु का एक नामांकित आरेख बनाइए। 3

Draw a labelled diagram of a human sperm.

12. उल्लेखन क्या होता है ? इस पर वैधानिक प्रतिबंध क्यों लगा दिया गया है ? 3

What is amniocentesis ? Justify the statutory ban on it.

13. (a) निम्नलिखित स्थितियों में होने वाले मानव रोगों/विकारों के नाम बताइए :  
(i) फिनाइल ऐलानिन हाइड्रोलेज़ नामक एंजाइम के कूटन के लिए उत्तरदायी जीन में उत्परिवर्तन हो जाए  
(ii) 21वें गुणसूत्र की एक अतिरिक्त प्रति (कॉपी) विद्यमान हो  
(iii) कैरियोटाइप (गुणसूत्र प्ररूप) XXY हो  
(b) ऊपर दिए गए प्रश्नों में नामित रोगों/विकारों का कोई एक लक्षण बताइए। 3

- (a) Name the kind of diseases/disorders that are likely to occur in humans if
- (i) mutation in the gene that codes for an enzyme phenyl alanine hydrolase occurs,
  - (ii) there is an extra copy of chromosome 21,
  - (iii) the karyotype is XXY.
- (b) Mention any one symptom of the diseases/disorders named above.

14. DNA-प्रतिकृतियन की अर्धसंरक्षी योजना के प्रायोगिक प्रमाण प्रस्तुत करने के लिए नाइट्रोजन के भारी समस्थानिक को किस प्रकार प्रयुक्त किया गया ? 3

How was a heavy isotope of nitrogen used to provide experimental evidence to semi-conservative mode of DNA-replication ?

15. दो उदाहरणों की सहायता से अभिसारी विकास की व्याख्या कीजिए । 3

Explain convergent evolution with the help of two examples.

16. बायोगैस का निर्माण करने के लिए वाहित-मल का किस प्रकार इस्तेमाल किया जा सकता है ? समझाकर बताइए । 3

How can sewage be used to generate biogas ? Explain.

17. वांछित जीन के बेसों को अनुक्रम में व्यवस्थित करने के लिए उस जीन की अनेक प्रतियों की आवश्यकता होती है । इस वांछित जीन की बड़ी संख्या में प्रतियाँ तैयार करने में प्रयुक्त प्रक्रिया का नाम बताइए तथा उसकी व्याख्या कीजिए । 3

Many copies of a specific gene of interest are required to study the detailed sequencing of bases in it. Name and explain the process that can help in developing large number of copies of this gene of interest.

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18. प्रतिबंधन एंडोन्यूक्लियेज एंजाइम EcoRI की क्रिया द्वारा पुनर्योजन DNA निर्माण को दर्शाने के लिए एक प्रवाह चार्ट बनाइए । 3

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DNA-खण्डों को पृथक करने में तथा जैवप्रौद्योगिकी के प्रयोगों के लिए उन्हें उपलब्ध कराने में प्रयुक्त तकनीक का नाम बताइए तथा उसकी व्याख्या कीजिए । 3

Prepare a flow chart in formation of recombinant DNA by the action of restriction endonuclease enzyme EcoRI.

**OR**

Name and explain the technique used for separating DNA fragments and making them available for biotechnology experiments.

19. जैवप्रौद्योगिकी का एक प्रमुख योगदान यह रहा है कि इससे पीड़कनाशी-प्रतिरोधी कपास के पौधों की किस्में विकसित की जा सकती हैं । समझाकर बताइए कि यह किस प्रकार संभव किया जा सका । 3

One of the major contributions of biotechnology is to develop pest-resistant varieties of cotton plants. Explain how it has been made possible.

20. एक पारितंत्र में अपघटकों के महत्त्व का औचित्य बताइए । 3

Justify the importance of decomposers in an ecosystem.

21. सहोपकारिता (म्यूचुअलिज़्म), परजीविता और सहभोजिता के बीच अंतर बताइए । इनमें से प्रत्येक का एक-एक उदाहरण दीजिए । 3

Differentiate between mutualism, parasitism and commensalism. Provide one example for each of them.



22. *Print less... Save paper... Save trees... Save our Earth!* *EBC*  
उपयुक्त उदाहरणों की सहायता से जैव-विविधता संरक्षण के लिए संकीर्ण रूप से उपयोगी और व्यापक रूप से उपयोगी तर्कों की तुलना कीजिए ।

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Compare narrowly utilitarian and broadly utilitarian approaches to conserve biodiversity, with the help of suitable examples.

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### SECTION D

23. आप अपने सहपाठी द्वारा दी गयी जन्मदिन-पार्टी में शामिल हुए । वहाँ आपने देखा कि कुछ मेहमान एक कोने में बैठे काफ़ी शोर मचा रहे थे और किसी पदार्थ का सेवन कर रहे थे । थोड़ी देर बाद इस ग्रुप में से एक लड़का चीखने लगा, असामान्य व्यवहार करने लगा और वह पसीने से लथपथ हो गया । ज्ञात करने पर पता लगा कि ये लड़के मादक (नशीले) पदार्थ का सेवन कर रहे थे ।

- (a) क्या आप अपने माता-पिता/स्कूल के अधिकारियों को इस बात की सूचना देंगे ? हाँ/ना । अपने उत्तर की पुष्टि करने के लिए कारण बताइए ।
- (b) किन्हीं दो नशीले पदार्थों के स्रोतों और उनसे होने वाली हानियों के बारे में एक नोट स्कूल के साथियों में बाँटने के लिए तैयार कीजिए ।
- (c) अपने स्कूल के प्रिंसिपल को किन्हीं दो विधियों का सुझाव दीजिए ताकि इन नशीले पदार्थों के प्रयोग किए जाने के खिलाफ नौजवानों में जागृति पैदा की जा सके ।

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You have attended a birthday party hosted by one of your classmates. You found some guests at the party sitting in a corner making a lot of noise and consuming 'something'. After a while one of the boys from the group started screaming, behaving abnormally and sweating profusely. On enquiry you found that the group members were taking drugs.

- (a) Would you inform your parents/school authorities ? Yes/No. Give reasons in support of your answer.
- (b) Prepare a note to be circulated amongst the schoolmates about the sources and dangers of any two drugs.
- (c) Write any two ways that you will suggest to your school principal so as to promote awareness amongst the youth against the use of these drugs.

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**SECTION E**

24. (a) ऐंजियोस्पर्मों में परागण के बाद से आरंभ करके बीज के निर्माण तक की घटनाओं की व्याख्या कीजिए ।
- (b) एक ऐल्बुमिनी बीज के विभिन्न भागों की कोशिकाओं के गुणसूत्रता-स्तर (सूत्रगुणता) का उल्लेख कीजिए ।

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मानवों में निषेचन और अंतरोपण प्रक्रियाओं की व्याख्या कीजिए ।

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- (a) Explain the events after pollination leading to the formation of a seed in angiosperms.
- (b) Mention the ploidy levels of the cells of different parts of an albuminous seed.

**OR**

Explain the process of fertilisation and implantation in humans.

25. *Print less... Save paper... Save trees... Save our Earth!* *EBC*
- (a) एक एकसंकर क्रॉस में मेंडेल द्वारा प्रस्तावित विसंयोजन नियम बताइए तथा उसकी व्याख्या कीजिए ।
- (b) एक द्विसंकर क्रॉस में मेंडेलीय  $F_2$  लक्षणप्ररूपी अनुपात को बताइए । इस अनुपात के आधार पर मेंडेल द्वारा प्रस्तावित नियम का उल्लेख कीजिए । यह नियम किस प्रकार विसंयोजन नियम से भिन्न है ?

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- (a) उस प्रयोग का वर्णन कीजिए जिसमें “रूपांतरित सिद्धांत” का सुस्पष्टीकरण हुआ ।
- (b) एवरी, मैकलिओड और मैक्कार्टी ने उपर्युक्त “रूपांतरित सिद्धांत” के जैवसायन स्वरूप को किस प्रकार निर्धारित किया ?
- (a) State and explain the law of segregation as proposed by Mendel in a monohybrid cross.
- (b) Write the Mendelian  $F_2$  phenotypic ratio in a dihybrid cross. State the law that he proposed on the basis of this ratio. How is this law different from the law of segregation ?

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OR

- (a) Describe the experiment which demonstrated the existence of “transforming principle”.
- (b) How was the biochemical nature of this “transforming principle” determined by Avery, MacLeod and McCarty ?

26. पोलियो-निवारक कार्यक्रम के अंतर्गत, देश से पोलियो का उन्मूलन करने के लिए नियमित अवधियों पर बड़े पैमाने पर बच्चों को पोलियो के टीके लगाए गए ।
- (a) टीका (वैक्सिन) क्या होता है ? समझाइए कि बच्चे में इससे किस प्रकार रोग के खिलाफ प्रतिरक्षा उत्पन्न हो जाती है ।
- (b) एक-एक उपयुक्त उदाहरण की सहायता से सक्रिय और निष्क्रिय प्रतिरक्षा के बीच अंतर बताइए ।

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जैव-उर्वरक क्या होते हैं ? कृषि में उनकी भूमिका का वर्णन कीजिए । रासायनिक-उर्वरकों की अपेक्षा जैव-उर्वरकों को क्यों वरीयता दी जाती है ?

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Under polio prevention programme, infants in India were given polio vaccines on a large scale at regular intervals to eradicate polio from the country.

- (a) What is a vaccine ? Explain how does it impart immunity to the child against the disease.
- (b) With the help of an example each, differentiate between active and passive immunity.

**OR**

What are biofertilizers ? Describe their role in agriculture. Why are they preferred to chemical fertilizers ?

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### SECTION A

Q. Nos. 1 - 5 are of one mark each

1. Meiosis is an essential event in the sexual life cycle of any organism. Give two reasons.

Ans. (i) Meiosis helps in formation of gametes by reductional division & maintains number of chromosomes constant / maintains ploidy =  $\frac{1}{2}$

(ii) Recombination of genes in offsprings / brings variation =  $\frac{1}{2}$

[1 Mark]

2. How does a degenerate code differ from an unambiguous one?

Ans. Degenerate Code : one amino acid coded by more than one codon =  $\frac{1}{2}$

Unambiguous code : One codon for one amino acid =  $\frac{1}{2}$

[1 Mark]

3. Write the hypothetical proposals put forth by Oparin and Haldane.

Ans. Oparin & Haldane : First form of life could have (origin of life) come from pre existing non living organic molecules =  $\frac{1}{2}$

formation of diverse organic molecules from inorganic constituents/ formation of life was preceded by chemical evolution =  $\frac{1}{2}$

[1 Mark]

4. Write the function of RNA polymerase II.

Ans. RNA polymerase II - transcribes precursor of mRNA/ hn RNA

[1 Mark]

5. "Man can be a primary as well as a secondary consumer." Justify this statement.

Ans. Vegetarian diet - Primary consumer =  $\frac{1}{2}$

Non vegetarian diet - Secondary consumer =  $\frac{1}{2}$

[1 Mark]

### SECTION B

Q. Nos. 6 - 10 are of two marks each

6. Suggest two advantages to a farmer for using apomictic seeds of hybrid varieties.

Ans. (i) No segregation of characters in hybrid progeny = 1

(ii) Apomictic hybrid seeds can be used to grow crop year after year /

economical as ordinary hybrid seeds are not used to grow crop year after year = 1

[2 Marks]

7. When does a geneticist need to carry a test cross? How is it carried?

Ans. To know unknown genotype of the dominant trait (homozygous or heterozygous) = 1

by crossing the unknown genotype with corresponding recessive trait, =  $\frac{1}{2}$

if progeny is 50% dominant -Heterozygous/ }  
if all dominant - Homozygous } 1/2

[2 Marks]

**8. Differentiate between outbreeding and outcrossing.**

Ans. Outbreeding -Breeding of unrelated animals (no common ancestor for 4 - 6 generations) belonging to same breed or different breed or different species = 1

Outcrossing - breeding within the animals of same breed having no common ancestors for 4 - 6 generation on either side of their pedigree = 1

[2 Marks]

**OR**

**Bottled fruit juices are clearer as compared to those made at home. Explain.**

Ans. Enzyme Pectinase , protease are added for clearing them = 1 + 1

[2 Marks]

**9. When you go for a trek / trip to any high altitude places, you are advised to take it easy and rest for the first two days. Comment, giving reasons.**

Ans. Altitude sickness / }  
due to low O<sub>2</sub> availability } = 1/2

Body compensates low oxygen availability during rest by increasing R.B.C production , decreasing the binding capacity of haemoglobin , increasing breathing rate = 1/2 + 1/2 + 1/2

[2 Marks]

**10. What is joint forest management? How can it help in conservation of forests?**

Ans. JFM - A programme (initiated by Govt. of India in 1980) where govt. works closely with local communities for protecting & managing forests = 1

Forests are conserved by locals in a sustainable manner as locals are also benefitted with forest products / (fruits / gum / rubber / medicines etc) = 1

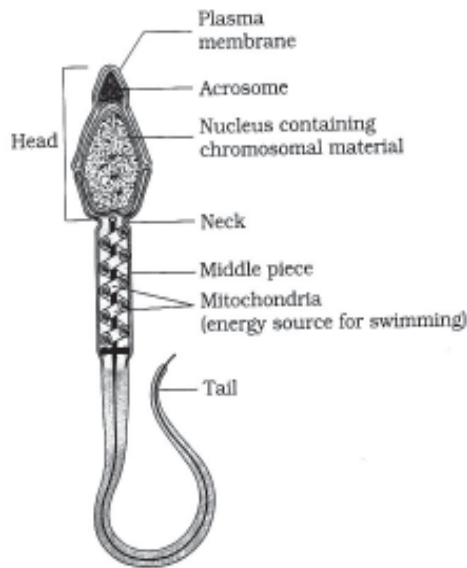
[2 Marks]

**SECTION C**

**Q. Nos. 11 - 22 are of three marks each**

**11. Draw a labeled diagram of a human sperm.**

Ans.



(any six labels =  $\frac{1}{2} \times 6$ )

[3 Marks]

**12. What is amniocentesis? Justify the statutory ban on it.**

Ans. Study of chromosomal pattern in amniotic fluid of foetus ,  
It is misused to detect the sex of the foetus ,  
ban to check female foeticide

(=  $1 \times 3$ )

[3 Marks]

**13. (a) Name the kind of diseases/disorders that are likely to occur in humans if**

- (i) Mutation in the gene that codes for an enzyme phenyl alanine hydrolase occurs,**
- (ii) There is an extra copy of chromosome 21,**
- (iii) the karyotype is XXY.**

**(b) Mention any one symptom of the diseases/disorders named above.**

Ans. (a & b)

- (i) Phenylketonuria , mental retardation =  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$
- (ii) Down' s syndrome , short statured / small round head / furrowed tongue / partially open mouth / broad palm with characteristics palm crease / retarded mental physical and psychomotor development =  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$
- (iii) Klinefelter's Syndrome , Overall masculine development with feminine features (enlarged breast / Gynaecomastia) / sterile =  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$

(any one symptom from each category , any other appropriate symptom)



[3 Marks]

**14. How was a heavy isotope of nitrogen used to provide experimental evidence to semi-conservative mode of DNA-replication?**

Ans. E.coli were allowed to grow on medium containing  $^{15}\text{N}$  for many generations so that  $^{15}\text{N}$  was incorporated in newly synthesized DNA making it heavy DNA (Nitrogen is important constituent of DNA) =  $\frac{1}{2}$

The heavy DNA can be differentiated from light DNA by Caesium Chloride Density Gradient centrifugation, =  $\frac{1}{2}$

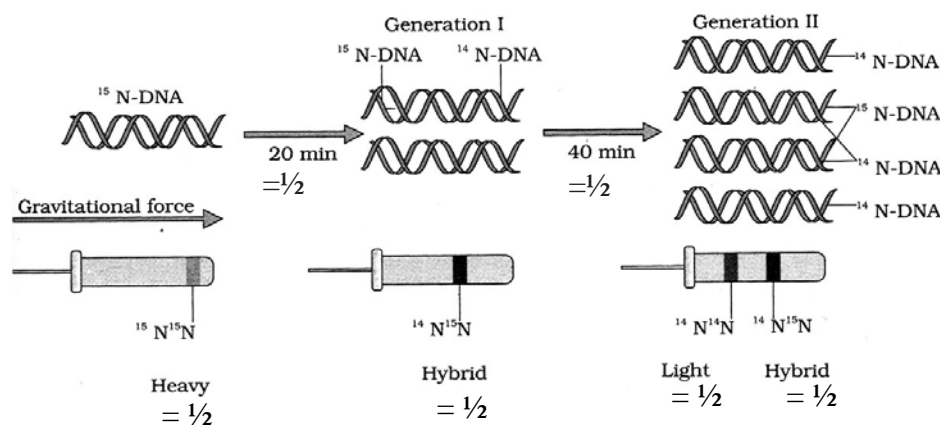
The above E.coli (with  $^{15}\text{N}$ ) were then transferred in medium containing  $^{14}\text{N}$  and, samples were taken out after 20 minutes and after 40 minutes =  $\frac{1}{2}$

Extracted DNA was centrifuged and measured to get their density, =  $\frac{1}{2}$

DNA extracted after 20 minutes (1<sup>st</sup> Generation) showed an intermediate hybrid density /  $^{14}\text{N}^{15}\text{N}$ , =  $\frac{1}{2}$

DNA extracted after 40 minutes (2<sup>nd</sup> Generation) showed equal amount of Light DNA /  $^{14}\text{N}$  and hybrid DNA /  $^{14}\text{N}^{15}\text{N}$  =  $\frac{1}{2}$

=  $\frac{1}{2} \times 6$



[3 Marks]

**15. Explain convergent evolution with the help of two examples.**

Ans. Convergent Evolution

Presence of organs in different organisms that are not anatomically similar but they perform similar functions, and two or more group of unrelated animals come to resemble each other for similar mode of life or habitat =  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$

- eg. (i) Wings of butterfly and Wings of birds / Wings of bats
- (ii) Potato (stem) - sweet potato (root)
- (iii) Eye of octopus and eye of mammals

- (iv) Flippers of Penguin and flippers of dolphins  
(or any other example of Analogous organs)  
(any 2 examples) = 1 + 1

[3 Marks]

**16. How can sewage be used to generate biogas ? Explain.**

Ans. When BOD of sewage is reduced , effluent is passed into a settling tank for bacterial flocs to settle down (which is Activated sludge) =  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$

Activated sludge is pumped into anaerobic sludge digesters , Bacteria grow anaerobically and digest bacteria & fungi in sludge =  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$

During digestion bacteria produce a mixture of gases containing methane , hydrogen sulphide and  $\text{CO}_2$  =  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$

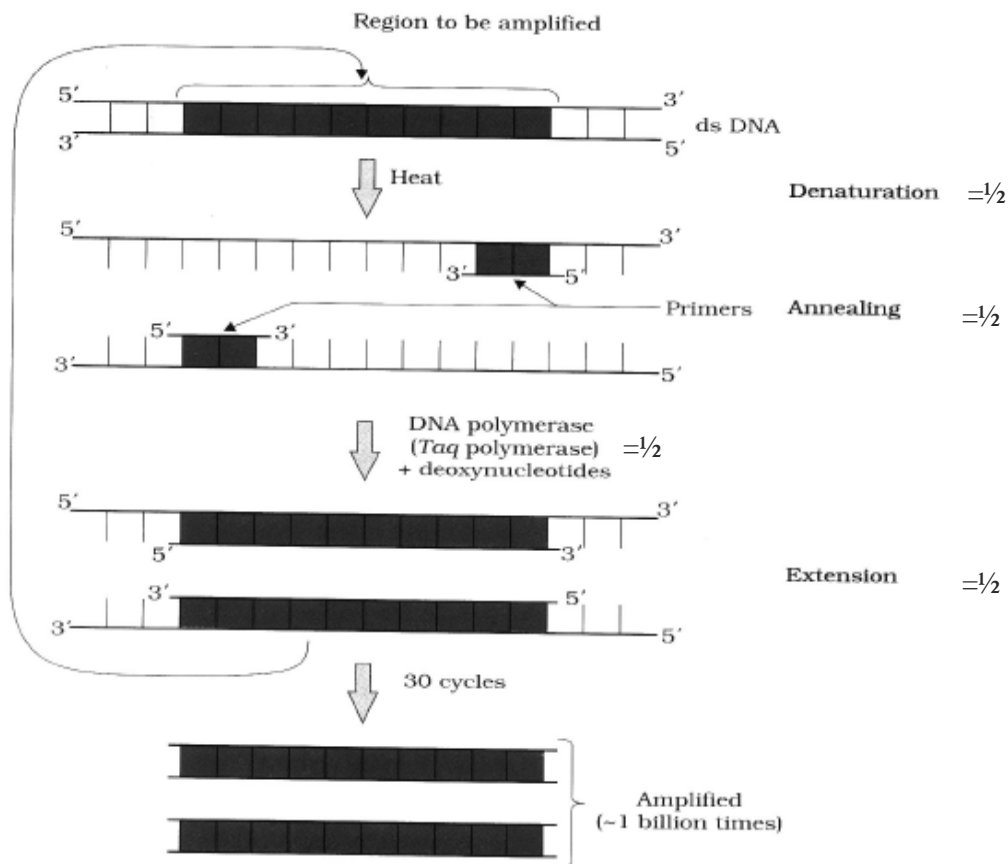
[3 Marks]

**17. Many copies of a specific gene of interest are required to study the detailed sequencing of bases in it. Name and explain the process that can help in developing large number of copies of this gene of interest.**

Ans. Polymerase Chain Reaction = 1

- Denaturation / Separation of ds DNA (by high temperature) =  $\frac{1}{2}$
- Annealing - Two sets of primers are added which anneal to 3' end of each separated strand as they act as initiator of replication =  $\frac{1}{2}$
- Extension - DNA Polymerase / Taq polymerase =  $\frac{1}{2}$ , extends primer by adding nucleotides using DNA as templates =  $\frac{1}{2}$





[3 Marks]

18. Prepare a flow chart in formation of recombinant DNA by the action of restriction endonuclease enzyme EcoRI.

Ans. Restriction endonuclease (EcoRI) inspects the length of the DNA sequence of both vector and foreign DNA ,

↓  
binds to the specific recognition sequence / palindromic sequence ,

↓  
cuts the strand of DNA between G and A ,

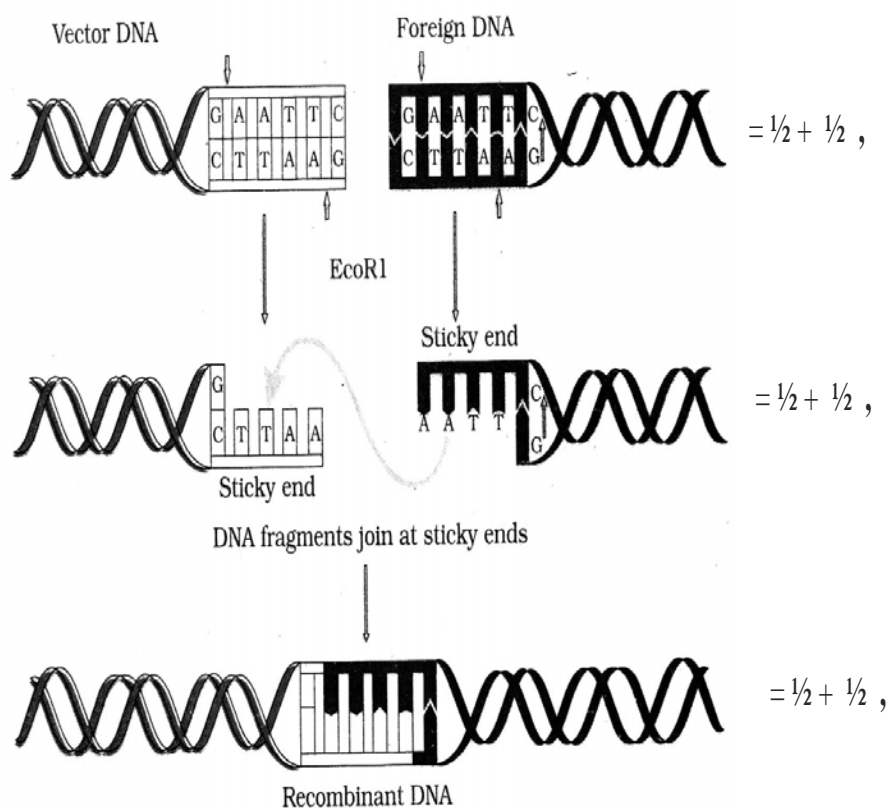
↓  
only when the sequence GAATTC is present in the DNA ,

↓  
leaving single stranded overhanging stretches called sticky ends ,

↓  
Ligases joins host and foreign DNA strands at sticky ends to form recombinant DNA

= 1/2 × 6

// diagram can also be accepted in lieu of flow chart



[3 Marks]

OR

Name and explain the technique used for separating DNA fragments and making them available for biotechnology experiments.

Ans. Gel electrophoresis = 1

- Negatively charged DNA fragments are forced to move towards the anode under electric field on agarose gel ,
- DNA fragments get separated according to their size / Small fragments cover large distance & large fragments cover small distances ,
- These fragments are visualised after staining with ethidium bromide followed by exposure under UV rays
- The separated bands of DNA are cut out from the gel & extracted (elution) =  $\frac{1}{2} \times 4$

[3 Marks]

19. One of the major contributions of biotechnology is to develop pest-resistant varieties of cotton plants. Explain how it has been made possible.

- Ans. (i) Introducing Bt toxin gene / cry gene from *Bacillus thuringiensis* , into cotton plant using r-DNA technology =  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$
- (ii) cry gene produces insecticidal protein in inactive stage (protoxin) which after ingestion is converted into active form in the gut of insect , due to alkaline pH there =  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$
- (iii) This toxin binds to surface of midgut epithelial cells , causes swelling and lysis leading to death of insect =  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$

[3 Marks]

**20. Justify the importance of decomposers in an ecosystem.**

Ans.

- Natural cleansing agents / scavengers ,
- Help to breakdown dead and waste material into simple inorganic materials ,
- Help in recycling of nutrients =  $1 \times 3$

[3 Marks]

**21. Differentiate between mutualism, parasitism and commensalism. Provide one example for each of them.**

Ans. Mutualism - Relationship between two organisms in which both organisms get benefitted =  $\frac{1}{2}$

Eg. Mycorrhizae ( Roots of higher plants and fungi ) / Lichen (algae and fungi) / any other suitable example =  $\frac{1}{2}$

Parasitism - Relationship / interaction in which only one species gets benefitted and other get harmed =  $\frac{1}{2}$

Eg. Round worm in human intestine // cuscuta and higher plants (angiosperms) // hedge plants or any other suitable example =  $\frac{1}{2}$

Commensalism - Interaction in which one species is benefitted & the other is neither harmed nor benefitted =  $\frac{1}{2}$

Eg. Orchid growing as an epiphyte on mango tree branch / any other suitable example =  $\frac{1}{2}$

=  $\frac{1}{2} \times 6$

[3 Marks]

**22. Compare narrowly utilitarian and broadly utilitarian approaches to conserve biodiversity, with the help of suitable examples.**

Ans. Narrowly Utilitarian - Humans derive countless direct economic benefits from nature = 1

eg. dyes / resin / food / wood etc (or any other suitable example) =  $\frac{1}{2}$

Broadly utilitarian - plays major role in many ecosystem services that nature provides = 1

eg. pollination / aesthetic pleasure / production of oxygen (or any other suitable example) =  $\frac{1}{2}$

[3 Marks]

## SECTION D

Q. No. 23 is of four marks

23. You have attended a birthday party hosted by one of your classmates. You found some guests at the party sitting in a corner making a lot of noise and consuming 'something'. After a while one of the boys from the group started screaming, behaving abnormally and sweating profusely. On enquiry you found that the group members were taking drugs.

- Would you inform your parents/school authorities ? Yes / No. Give reasons in support of your answer.
- Prepare a note to be circulated amongst the schoolmates about the sources and dangers of any two drugs.
- Write any two ways that you will suggest to your school principal so as to promote awareness amongst the youth against the use of these drugs.

Ans. (a) Yes, so that it does not become a habit by repeated use / consumption of drugs may cause harmful effects / any other reason = 1

- Drug : Cocaine - Source is plant Erythroxylum coca =  $\frac{1}{2}$   
Danger - effects central nervous system / interferes with transport of neurotransmitter (dopamine) =  $\frac{1}{2}$
  - Drug : Opioids / heroin / smack - source is latex of Papaver somniferum / poppy plant =  $\frac{1}{2}$   
Danger - slows down body function =  $\frac{1}{2}$
  - Drug : Cannabinoids source is Cannabis (sativa) =  $\frac{1}{2}$   
Danger - effects cardiovascular system =  $\frac{1}{2}$

( Any two drugs and their danger ) = 1 + 1

(c) By organising :-

Poster competitions / Street play / talk by experts / interviews / any other appropriate awareness campaign (any two) =  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$

[4 Marks]

## SECTION E

Q. Nos. 24 - 26 are of five marks each

24. (a) Explain the events after pollination leading to the formation of a seed in angiosperms.  
(b) Mention the ploidy levels of the cells of different parts of an albuminous seed.

Ans. (a) (i) Pistil accepts right type pollen , pollen grain germinates to produce pollen tube that grows and reaches the ovary , male gametes enter the ovule through micropyle , one male gamete fuses with nucleus of egg cell to form diploid zygote , other male gamete fuses with two polar nuclei forming primary endosperm cell which develops into endosperm , diploid zygote develops into embryo , followed by development of ovule into seed =  $\frac{1}{2} \times 8$

(b) Embryo -  $2n$  / diploid =  $\frac{1}{2}$

Endosperm -  $3n$  / triploid =  $\frac{1}{2}$

[5 Marks]

OR

**Explain the process of fertilization and implantation in humans.**

Ans. Fertilisation : Sperm comes in contact with zona pellucida layer of ovum , and induces changes in the membrane that blocks the entry of additional sperms , this induces completion of second meiotic division to form second polar body and haploid ovum (ootid) , nucleus of sperm fuses with that of ovum to form diploid zygote =  $\frac{1}{2} \times 4$

Implantation : Repeated cleavage in zygote results in formation of blastocyst , whose outer layer is called trophoblast , and an inner group of cells called inner cell mass , trophoblast layer gets attached to endometrium , inner cell mass gets differentiated as embryo , uterine cells divide rapidly and covers the blastocyst that becomes embedded in the endometrium =  $\frac{1}{2} \times 6$

[5 Marks]

25. (a) **State and explain the law of segregation as proposed by Mendel in a monohybrid cross.**
- (b) **Write the Mendelian  $F_2$  Phenotypic ratio in a dihybrid cross. State the law that he proposed on the basis of this ratio. How is this law different from the law of segregation?**

Ans. (a) Law of segregation : Paired alleles get segregated during gamete formation , and a gamete receives only one of the two alleles =  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$

cross	$TT$	$\times$	$tt$
	$\downarrow$		$\downarrow$
gamete	$\textcircled{T} \textcircled{T}$		$\textcircled{t} \textcircled{t} = 1$

- (b) Phenotypic ratio  $\rightarrow 9 : 3 : 3 : 1 = 1$

Law of Independent Assortment , =  $\frac{1}{2}$

It states that when two pairs of traits are combined in a hybrid segregation of one pair of character is independent of other pair of characters =  $\frac{1}{2}$

In law of segregation two alleles of same trait (gene) get segregated , while in law of independent assortment two genes pairs of different traits get segregated =  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$

[5 Marks]

OR

- (a) **Describe the experiment which demonstrated the existence of “transforming principle”.**
- (b) **How was the biochemical nature of this “transforming principle” determined by Avery, MacLeod and McCarty?**

Ans. (a) (Frederick Griffith) Streptococcus pneumoniae are grown on culture plate and found having two strains ,

R - Non Virulent (rough) ,

S - Virulent (smooth) ,

Mice infected with R-strain lived ,

Mice infected with S-strain died ,

Mice infected with heat killed S-strain - Lived ,

Mice infected with heat killed S + R - Died ,

He observed that R-strain has been transformed to S-strain =  $\frac{1}{2} \times 8$

- (b) They purified protein RNA & DNA from heat killed S - Strain , added these chemical to culture medium containing live R-cell separately and discovered that it was DNA only that transforms R strain to S strain =  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$

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Added these chemicals in culture medium separately each containing protease RNAase and DNAase respectively extracted from heat killed S-strain and added live R-cells , Introduction of RNAases & proteases did not affect transformation but when DNAases was introduced it inhibited transformation  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$

[5 Marks]

**26. Under polio prevention programme, infants in India were given polio vaccines on a large scale at regular intervals to eradicate polio from the country.**

- (a) **What is a vaccine? Explain how it imparts immunity to the child against the disease.**  
(b) **With the help of an example each, differentiate between active and passive immunity.**

Ans. (a) Vaccine – It is inactivated or weakened pathogen that is inoculated into the body of the child = 1

Vaccines generate memory - B & T - cells that recognize the pathogen quickly on subsequent exposure , produce specific antibodies against the pathogen / antigen =  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$

- (b) Active Immunity – Immunity that an organism develops due to direct exposure of pathogen by producing antibodies in the body = 1

eg .vaccination / infections / hepatitis etc. =  $\frac{1}{2}$

Passive Immunity - readymade antibodies are directly given to protect the body from foreign pathogens = 1

eg. Colostrum / tetanus / antitoxin for snake bite etc. =  $\frac{1}{2}$

[5 Marks]

OR

**What are bio fertilizers? Describe their role in agriculture. Why are they preferred to chemical fertilizers?**

Ans. Biofertilizers – are organisms that enrich the nutrient quality of the soil = 1

- Role – (i) increase nutrient quality  
(ii) fix atmospheric nitrogen



- (iii) resistant to root borne pathogens
- (iv) tolerance to salinity and drought
- (v) overall increase in plant growth and development (any four) =  $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

These are preferred to chemical fertilizers because

- They do not pollute soil / air / water = 1
- do not spoil soil texture or pH of the soil = 1

[5 Marks]

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