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# Sixth Semester B.Sc. Degree Examination, March 2021 Career Related First Degree Programme under CBCSS Group 2 (a) - Botany & Biotechnology BB1672 - ENVIRONMENTAL BIOTECHNOLOGY (2018 Admission Regular)

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

#### SECTION - A

Answer all questions in a word or one or two sentences. Each question carries 1 mark.

- 1. What are bioplastics?
- 2. Comment on lagooning.
- 3. Name any two water pollutants.
- 4. What is an effluent?
- 5. Name any test used for measuring the microbial quality of water.
- 6. What is biomass?
- 7. What are methanogenic bacteria?
- 8. Mention two advantages of vermicomposting over open composting.

- 9. Comment on superbug.
- 10. Which organization standardizes the water quality parameters across nations?

# SECTION - B

Answer any eight questions. Each question carries 2 marks. (Answer not to Exceed One Paragraph.)

- 11. What is landfilling?
- 12. What are ores? How can microbes contribute to their enrichment?
- 13. Mention the effects of fecal bacteria in potable water.
- 14. List out the common air pollutants and their effects.
- 15. Comment on the preparation of compost from organic wastes.
- 16. Comment on biosphere.
- 17. Comment on the fertilizer value of slurry.
- 18. Comment on the potential of Jojoba as an energy crop.
- 19. Does the organic load in aquatic systems affect the quality of water.
- 20. What are the potential applications of biomineralization?
- 21. How can environmental awareness be increased in the society?
- 22. What is COD?
- 23. What is bioaccumulation?
- 24. Comment on microbial degradation of pesticides.

- 25. Can energy be produced from photosynthetic pigments? Comment.
- 26. Explain the laboratory techniques for detecting coliform bacteria in food.

 $(8 \times 2 = 16 \text{ Marks})$ 

# SECTION - C

Answer any six questions. Each question carries 4 marks. (Answer not to exceed 120 words)

- 27. What is bioleaching?
- 28. Elaborate the effects of pathogenic bacteria from water on humans.
- 29. What is phytoremediation?
- 30. Comment on BOD.
- 31. Explain microbial hydrogen production.
- 32. How does industrial effluents affect the aquatic systems?
- 33. Comment on the prospects of vegetable oils as engine fuels.
- 34. Explain bioaugmentation.
- 35. What is the scope of environmental biotechnology with respect to economic aspects?
- 36. Explain the steps and process of biogas production.
- 37. Comment on the gasohol experiment.
- 38. How sludge can be disposed of?

 $(6 \times 4 = 24 \text{ Marks})$ 

Answer any two questions. Each question carries 15 marks. (Answer not to exceed three pages)

- 39. Explain the treatment of solid wastes.
- 40. Detail the treatment methods of municipal wastes and hazardous industrial effluents.
- 41. Explain the application of microbes in production of fuels from biomas.
- 42. Explain various methods and protocols in bioremediation.
- 43. Explain in detail the environmental legislation laws.
- 44. What is pollution? Mention its types, sources and effects.

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(2015 - 2017 Admission)

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

### PART - A

Answer all the questions in a word or one or two sentences. Each question carries 1 mark.

- 1. Name any one of the species used for vermicomposting.
- 2. Define Xenobiotics.
- 3. Identify the composition of biogas
- 4. Expand COD
- 5. What is Bioaccumulation?
- 6. What is Gasohol?
- 7. Which year is water Act is enacted in India?
- 8. Define biomass.

- 9. What is Aerobic composting?
- 10. Define smog.

#### PART - B

Answer any eight questions. Each question carries 2 marks. Answer not to exceed one paragraph.

- 11. What is biodiesel?
- 12. Give a note on open windrow composting.
- 13. Give note on bioplastic.
- 14. What is superbug?
- 15. What is biomineralisation?
- 16. Mention the importance of environmental biotechnology.
- 17. Give note on dark fermentation.
- 18. What is biosphere?
- 19. What do you mean by Total coliform count?
- 20. Explain direct biophotolysis.
- 21. Write a note on Jatropha.
- 22. Explain the ways by which the plant pigments release their energy.

 $(8 \times 2 = 16 \text{ Marks})$ 

#### PART - C

Answer any six questions. (Answer not to exceed 120 words) Each question carries 4 marks.

- 23. Explain the potential of Jojoba as an energy crop.
- 24. Differentiate between BOD and COD.
- 25. Explain the idea photosynthetic pigments as a means for future energy source.
- 26. Give an account on the methods for the detection of coliforms in water.
- 27. Enumerate different methods of land filling.
- 28. Explain the effects of organic matter contamination in a pond ecosystem.
- 29. How to use biomass as a source for energy production?
- 30. Write a note on environmental legislation in India.
- 31. Explain advantages and disadvantages while using bioplastics instead of plastics.

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# PART - D

Answer any two questions. (not more than three pages) Each question carries 15 marks.

- 32. Give a detailed note on solid waste treatment.
- 33. What is bioremediation? Give a detailed note on different approaches of bioremediation.
- 34. Explain steps and process of biogas production.
- 35. Explain the various methods in sewage water treatment

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(2015 Admission onwards)

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

## SECTION - A

Answer all the questions in a word or one or two sentences. Each question carries 1 mark.

- 1. What is meant by garbage?
- 2. Give the Binomial of the organism used in vermicomposting.
- 3. Which year 'Water act' came into force?
- 4. What is BOD?
- 5. What is meant by 'coliforms'?
- 6. What is Mycorrhiza?
- 7. What are chemoautotrophs?
- 8. Name any two examples for methanogenic bacteria.

- 9. What is meant by '3R's?
- 10. Name an organism used for bioleaching.

# SECTION - B

Answer any eight questions. Each question carries 2 marks. (Answer not to exceed one paragraph).

- 11. How COD is measured?
- 12. What are the constituents of hydrosphere?
- 13. Briefly mention the steps in biogas production.
- 14. Define Phytoremediation.
- 15. What is meant by lagooning?
- 16. What is biodiesel?
- 17. What are the major sources of air pollution?
- 18. Biopesticides.
- 19. Write a short note on soil pollutants.
- 20. What are the effects of Industrial waste in ecosystem?
- 21. Define bioaugmentation.
- 22. Role of microbes in effluent treatment systems.

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- 23. Write a short account on the scope of biotechnology in environment protection.
- 24. Describe the methods to assess quality of drinking water.
- 25. Write about the role of bacteria in biogas production.
- 26. Give a short account on Bioplastics.
- 27. Describe how microbes can be used in degrading xenobiotics.
- 28. Briefly discuss Environmental protection act.
- 29. Discuss how the household wastes can be managed for better environment and energy production.
- 30. Give a short account on biofuel crops.
- 31. Discuss about the Preventive measures for air pollution.

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# SECTION - D

Answer any two questions. Each question carries 15 marks. (Answer not to exceed three pages)

- 32. Write a detailed account on solid waste management strategies.
- 33. What are non conventional energy sources? Describe how biomass can be utilized for the production of energy?
- 34. Write an essay on the causes of water pollution? What are strategies to prevent it?
- 35. What is Bioleaching? Describe the various bioleaching methods.

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BB 1672: ENVIRONMENTAL BIOTECHNOLOGY

(2017 Admission)

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

#### SECTION - A

Answer all the questions in a word or one or two sentences. Each question carries 1 mark.

- 1. Write the year at which environmental Protection Act enacted in India.
- 2. Name the most important contribution of Ananda Mohan Chakrabarty in environmental biotechnology.
- 3. Define Lithosphere.
- 4. What is Activated Sludge?
- 5. What is the importance of Ruminococcus albus?
- 6. What is a Flocculation Process?
- 7. Name any one of the hydrogen producing microorganism.
- 8. What is herbicide?

- 9. What is meant by biomass?
- 10. Identify the significance of Jatropha.

# SECTION - B

Answer any eight questions. Each question carries 2 marks. Answer not to exceed one paragraph.

- 11. What is In Situ Bioremediation?
- 12. Give a note on lagooning.
- 13. Name any two Indicator Microorganisms in water quality assessment.
- 14. What is Bioaccumulation?
- 15. What is Total Viable Count?
- 16. What is Sludge Thickening?
- 17. Give note on composting.
- 18. What is Brilliant green lactose bile broth test?
- 19. What do you mean by Trickling Filter?
- 20. Explain Primary treatment process in waste water treatment.
- 21. Write a note on forest conservation act.
- 22. Explain the concept of biostimulation.

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Answer any six questions. (Answer not to exceed 120 words) Each question carries 4 marks.

- 23. Explain bioleaching.
- 24. Differentiate between direct and indirect photolysis.
- 25. Explain the scope and importance of environmental biotechnology.
- 26. What are water-borne diseases?
- 27. Briefly explain different methods of treatment for hazardous waste.
- 28. Explain biodiesel and its production.
- 29. What is phytoremediation? Give suitable examples.
- 30. Write a note on water act.
- 31. Explain the heavy-metal pollution and its consequences in environment.

 $(6 \times 4 = 24 \text{ Marks})$ 

# SECTION - D

Answer any two questions. (not more than 3 pages). Each question carries 15 marks.

- 32. Write an essay on various methods to assess the microbial quality of water.
- 33. What is a bioassessment and how it helps in preserving environmental quality?
- 34. Write detailed note on important environmental laws in India.
- 35. Explain the various source and the controlling measures of pollution.

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**BB 1672: ENVIRONMENTAL BIOTECHNOLOGY** 

(2018 Admission)

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 8

# SECTION - A

Answer all questions. Each carries 1 mark.

- 1. Define pollution.
- 2. What is lithosphere?
- 3. Mention the disadvantages of landfills?
- 4. Define COD.
- 5. What is meant by energy crops?
- 6. What is primary treatment?
- 7. Define biomagnification.
- 8. What are methanogens?

- 9. Differentiate between domestic and hazardous waste.
- 10. State the desirable properties of pollution indicator micro organisms.

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#### SECTION - B

Answer any eight questions. Each carries 2 marks.

- 11. Which are the sources of air pollution?
- 12. What is compost tea?
- 13. State the significance of polyhydroxybutyrate.
- 14. How superbug is constructed?
- 15. What is biomineralization?
- 16. Define bioaugmentation.
- 17. What is BOD? Mention its significance.
- 18. State any one method used for disinfection of water.
- 19. What is meant by lagooning?
- 20. Vegetable oils are clean fuels. Justify.
- 21. What is sedimentation?
- 22. Define completed test.
- 23. What is ecologically sensitive zone?
- 24. Mention the significance of jojoba.
- 25. What is differential medium. Give an example.
- 26. Write briefly on windrows.

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Answer any six questions, Each carries 4 marks.

# Write a brief note on:

- 27. Which are the different layers of atmosphere?
- 28. Soil pollution.
- 29. Activated sludge treatment.
- 30. Explain co metabolism.
- 31. Postulates of water act.
- 32. What is tertiary treatment?
- 33. Causes of water Pollution.
- 34. Phytoremediation.
- 35. Bioassessment of environmental quality.
- 36. Forest act.
- 37. Production of Microbial hydrogen.
- 38. Types and applications of bioplastics.

 $(6 \times 4 = 24 \text{ Marks})$ 

# SECTION - D

Answer any two questions, Each carries 15 marks.

- 39. Explain the process of vermi composting.
- 40. Write an account on the important aspects of environment act.

- 41. Discuss bioleaching with suitable examples.
- 42. Explain microbial degradation of pesticides.
- 43. Describe the steps of water quality testing.
- 44. Discuss the steps of biogas production.

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(2019 Admission)

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 8

# SECTION - A

Answer all questions in a word or one/two sentences. Each question carries 1 mark.

- 1. Define environment.
- 2. What is mean by environmental degradation?
- 3. What are landfills?
- 4. Methanogens can act as an electron sink for anaerobic hosts. How?
- 5. What are energy crops?
- 6. Name any two Cyanobacteria that produce hydrogen.
- 7. What are superbugs?
- 8. Name an energy crop.
- 9. What is a smog?
- 10. Define bioleaching.

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Answer any eight questions. Each question carries 2 marks. Answer not to exceed one paragraph

- 11. What are the components of environment?
- 12. Differentiate BOD from COD.
- 13. How fecal coliforms are different from that of non-fecal ones?
- 14. What is the advantage of gasohol?
- 15. What are the functions of photosynthetic pigments?
- 16. What are the different ways through which energy stored in biomassis released?
- 17. Comment on any two enzymes involved in hydrogen production in cyanobacteria.
- 18. Discuss the applications of bioaugmentation.
- 19. What are the different types of phytoremediation?
- 20. List the advantages and disadvantages of bioleaching.
- 21. Comment on sludge evaporation lagoon.
- 22. Brief a note on Indian Forest Act.
- 23. What is vermicast?
- 24. What is the composition of earth's atmosphere?
- 25. Write the key features of biosphere.
- 26. What is Roundup herbicide? What purpose it is commonly used for?

 $(8 \times 2 = 16 \text{ Marks})$ 

Answer any six questions. Each question carries 4 marks. Short essay type)

- 27. Briefly mention scope and importance of environmental biotechnology.
- 28. How will you determine the microbial quality of water?
- 29. How hazardous industrial effluents are eliminated from drinking water?
- 30. Explain the process of biogas production.
- 31. Write an account on bioplastics.
- 32. How vegetable oils can be used for energy production?
- 33. Differentiate between bioaccumulation and biomineralisation.
- 34. How the environmental quality is assessed biologically?
- 35. What is composting? Explain its process.
- 36. What is water act? List out its salient points.
- 37. Explain the fundamentals of microbial hydrogen production. What are its applications?
- 38. Give an account on the composition and characteristics of lithosphere.

 $(6 \times 4 = 24 \text{ Marks})$ 

# SECTION - D

Answer any two questions. Each question carries 15 marks. Essay type

- 39. What are the sources of environmental pollutants? How biotechnological interventions address this problem?
- 40. Explain the current methods employed for the detection and enumeration of coliform bacteria.

- 41. Discuss the use of microbes in the production of fuels from biomass.
- 42. Give an account on bioremediation and its importance.
- 43. Explain the technique of vermicomposting? Add a note on its importance.
- 44. Write a note on environmental protection act and its significance.