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There are *six* questions.

Attempt any *four* questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

Question No. 1 is compulsory.

1. (a) Indicate whether True or False with appropriate justification (any six) :

- (i) Meristem cultures are infected with viruses.
- (ii) Plant respiration is completely inhibited by cyanide and azide.
- (iii) Low fluence responses are non-photoreversible.
- (iv) Migration of bacteria towards roots of the host plant is a chemotactic response.
- (v) In plants, the control of glycolysis comes from the "bottom up".
- (vi) Atmospheric nitrogen is directly accessible to the living organisms.
- (vii) Stomata remain closed during daytime in CAM plants.

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- (b) Discuss the contribution of the following scientists :
- (i) Robert Hill
 - (ii) Guha and Maheshwari
 - (iii) Hatch and Slack. 12,3
2. Differentiate between the following :
- (a) Form I and Form II of RUBISCO
 - (b) Primary and secondary cell wall
 - (c) C_3 and C_4 plants
 - (d) Nitrite and Nitrate reductase
 - (e) NADP-Malic and NAD-Malic enzyme pathway. 15
3. (a) Give a brief account of the biological role of the following plant hormones :
- (i) Auxin
 - (ii) Gibberellin
 - (iii) Ethylene.
- (b) Write down a short note on cereal seed storage proteins. 9,6
4. (a) Elaborate the steps involved in formation of symbiotic relationship between *Rhizobium* and legume plant.
- (b) Explain how RubisCO is regulated by Mg^{2+} , activase and CO_2 .
- (c) Differentiate between hydrolysable and condensed Tannins. Maintain plant sources of tannins and also their biological roles. 6,4,5

5. (a) Photorespiration is a wasteful process. Explain.
- (b) What are the different classes of Alkaloids ? Provide *one* example of alkaloid having the following activity :
- (i) Antimalarial
 - (ii) Analgesic
 - (iii) Anticancer.
- (c) Under what conditions these alternative pathways become active in plants ? Explain the mechanism of plant respiration adopted by plants growing under water-logged condition. 5,6,4
6. Write short notes on the following :
- (a) Protoplast culture
 - (b) Cell suspension
 - (c) Somatic embryogenesis. 5,5,5

