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Botany

BOT 5B 08—GENERAL AND BIOINFORMATICS, INTRODUCTORY BIOTECHNOLOGY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 80 Marks

Section A

Answer all questions.
Each question carries 1 mark.

- 1. Name a social network site.
- 2. A website providing academic service.
- 3. A protein sequence database.
- 4. A set of three nucleotides designating an amino acid.
- 5. Name a tissue culture medium.
- 6. The source of Ti plasmid.
- 7. Expand PCR.
- 8. A GM crop.
- 9. Which bacteria is called the superbug?
- 10. Result of the fusion of the cytoplasm of two cells.

 $(10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ marks})$

Section B

Answer all questions.

Each question carries 2 marks.

- 11. Define search engines with an example.
- 12. What is NICNET? What is its significance?
- 13. What do you mean by green computing?
- 14. List the salient features of Species 2000.
- 15. Why are dideoxynucleotides significant in DNA sequencing?
- 16. DNA replication is said to be semiconservative. Why?
- 17. Differentiate between cistrons and recons.
- 18. What is central dogma?

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- 19. Give two characteristic features of a laminar air flow chamber.
- 20. Define somatic embryogenesis.

 $(10 \times 2 = 20 \text{ marks})$

Section C

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Answer any **five** questions. Each question carries 6 marks.

- 21. Write a note on genetically modified crops with examples.
- 22. Explain the process of southern blotting and its importance.
- 23. Give an account on the various types of mutations.
- 24. Describe the structure of a DNA molecule with diagram.
- 25. Explain the characteristics of the genetic code.
- 26. Write briefly on the applications of IT in education.
- 27. Analyze the benefits and hazards of using social network sites.
- 28. How can you retrieve information from biological databases by sequence alignment?

 $(5 \times 6 = 30 \text{ marks})$

Section D

Answer any **two** questions. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 29. Explain, in detail, the steps involved in recombinant DNA technology and selection of recombinants.
- 30. Discuss the proceses involved in micropropagation and add a note on its advantages.
- 31 Explain the operon concept in prokaryotes and describe gene regulation in Lac operon.

 $(2 \times 10 = 20 \text{ marks})$