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**HS/XII/Sc/Bio/NC/21**

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**BIOLOGY**

( New Course )

**( Theory )**

*Full Marks : 70*

*Time : 3 hours*

*General Instructions :*

- (i) Write all the answers in the Answer Script.
- (ii) Attempt all parts of a Group serially in one place.
- (iii) All questions are compulsory.
- (iv) The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.
- (v) This question paper consists of 5 (five) Groups—A, B, C, D and E.

Group—A consists of 12 questions (Multiple-choice type) of which 10 questions are to be answered. Each question (Q. Nos. **1–12**) carries 1 mark.

Group—B consists of 7 questions (Very short-answer type-I) of which 5 questions are to be answered. Each question (Q. Nos. **13–19**) carries 1 mark and to be answered in one sentence.

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Group—C consists of 5 questions (Short-answer type-I). Each question (Q. Nos. **20–24**) carries 2 marks with alternatives to be answered in 20–30 words.

Group—D consists of 12 questions (Short-answer type-II) of which 10 questions are to be answered. Each question (Q. Nos. **25–36**) carries 3 marks and to be answered in 30–40 words.

Group—E consists of 3 questions (Long-answer type). Each question (Q. Nos. **37–39**) carries 5 marks with alternatives to be answered in 60–80 words.

#### GROUP—A

Choose and write the correct answer of the following (any *ten*) : 1×10=10

1. In angiosperm triple fusion is required for the formation of
  - (a) embryo
  - (b) endosperm
  - (c) fruit
  - (d) seed
  
2. The hormone relaxin is secreted by
  - (a) ovary
  - (b) placenta
  - (c) scrotum
  - (d) uterus

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3. The hard outer layer of pollen grains is called
- (a) intine
  - (b) exine
  - (c) germ pore
  - (d) tapetum
4. Which of the following is a Mendelian disorder?
- (a) Down syndrome
  - (b) Klinefelter syndrome
  - (c) Haemophilia
  - (d) Genital herpes
5. In incomplete dominance, the genotypic ratio is
- (a) 3 : 1
  - (b) 9 : 3 : 3 : 1
  - (c) 9 : 7
  - (d) 1 : 2 : 1
6. A transgenic plant which may help in solving the problem of night blindness is
- (a) Bt soybean
  - (b) FlavrSavr tomato
  - (c) StarLink maize
  - (d) Golden rice

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- 7.** The organism which causes diseases in plants and animals is called
- (a) vector
  - (b) pathogen
  - (c) insect
  - (d) worm
- 8.** The function of restriction endonuclease is
- (a) to join DNA fragments
  - (b) to cleave DNA at specific point
  - (c) to produce complementary strands
  - (d) unwinding of DNA double helix
- 9.** The substance produced by a cell in viral infection that can protect other cells from further infection is
- (a) serotonin
  - (b) colostrum
  - (c) interferon
  - (d) histamine
- 10.** Emigration is the
- (a) number of individuals that have come into the habitat
  - (b) number of births in a given period
  - (c) number of deaths in a given period
  - (d) number of individuals that have left the habitat

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- 11.** Fungal association of roots of higher plants in mycorrhiza is
- (a) mutualism
  - (b) commensalism
  - (c) parasitism
  - (d) predation
- 12.** Which of the following is an *in situ* conservation of biodiversity?
- (a) National Park
  - (b) Botanical Garden
  - (c) Zoological Park
  - (d) Cryopreservation

GROUP—B

Answer the following questions in *one* sentence each  
(any *five*) : 1×5=5

- 13.** Define polyembryony.
- 14.** Who proposed the chromosomal theory of inheritance?
- 15.** What is a plasmid?
- 16.** What is a retrovirus?
- 17.** Expand IUCN.

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18. Define biotechnology.
19. Name two primary lymphoid organs.

GROUP—C

20. Write four characteristic features of a flower pollinated by wind.  $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$
21. What is codominance? Give an example.  $1 + 1 = 2$
- Or*
- Explain the law of dominance by a monohybrid cross. 2
22. What are antibiotics? From which microorganism the antibiotic Penicillin was extracted?  $1 + 1 = 2$
- Or*
- Draw a labelled diagram of a human sperm. 2
23. Explain biopiracy with a suitable example.  $1 + 1 = 2$
24. Draw a well-labelled diagram of an antibody molecule. 2

GROUP—D

Answer the following questions (any *ten*) :

25. Describe the process of fertilization in angiospermic plants. Give suitable diagram.  $2 + 1 = 3$
26. How is sex determined in human beings? 3

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- 27.** A child has blood group *O*. If the father has blood group *A* and mother has blood group *B*, work out the genotypes of the parents and the possible genotypes of the other offsprings. 3
- 28.** What are the goals of the Human Genome Project? 3
- 29.** What is Bt cotton plant? Explain how this cotton plant is able to resist the infestation by bollworms. 1+2=3
- 30.** Mention the steps involved in recombinant DNA technology. 3
- 31.** What is immunity? Distinguish between active and passive immunity. 1+2=3
- 32.** How is a cancerous cell different from a normal cell? 3
- 33.** Write the ecological adaptations in xerophytes. 3
- 34.** What is biogas? Explain the role of microbes in biogas production. 1+2=3
- 35.** The immune system of a person is suppressed. In the ELISA test, he was found positive to a pathogen.
- (a) Name the disease the patient is suffering from.
- (b) What is the causative organism?
- (c) Which cells of the body are affected by the pathogen? 1+1+1=3
- 36.** What is a biosphere reserve? What are the different zones of a biosphere reserve? 1+2=3

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GROUP—E

- 37.** Define linkage and crossing over. Give their significance.  
When does crossing over take place? 2+2+1=5

*Or*

Explain briefly the process of oogenesis in humans. 5

- 38.** What is Mendel's law of segregation? Explain with the help of a suitable cross. 1+4=5

*Or*

Explain the mechanism of DNA replication with suitable diagram. 4+1=5

- 39.** What is biodiversity? Describe the strategies involved in biodiversity conservation. 1+4=5

*Or*

What is population? Explain the different types of negative interactions in a population. 1+4=5

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