SEMESTER-III

Max. Marks – 40+10* Time- 3 Hrs.

PAPER – I BIOLOGY AND DIVERSITY OF SEED PLANTS-I

Note: Attempt five questions in all, selecting two questions from each unit.

Question No. 1 is compulsory (short answer type).

Nine questions are to be set spread over the entire syllabus. All questions carry equal marks.

UNIT- I

General characters and diversity of Gymnosperms (seed plants without fruits).

Pilger and Melchior's (1954) system of classification.

Geological Time Table; Evolution of Seed Habit.

Palaeobotany-Fossils and Fossilization (Processes involved, types of Fossils and Importance of Fossils; Reconstruction of the following fossil plants:

Lyginopteris

Williamsonia

Cycadeoidea (=Bennettites).

UNIT- II

Morphology and anatomy of root, stem leaf/leaflet and reproductive parts including mode of reproduction, life-cycle and economic importance of the following:

Cycas

Pinus

Ephedra

General characters of Angiosperms including primitive angiosperms (Amentiferae, Ranales, Magnoliales).