

SEMESTER-VI

Paper – I Biochemistry and Plant Biotechnology

Internal Assessment-10

Max. Marks – 40

Time– 3 Hrs.

Note: Five questions to be attempted in all, selecting two questions from each unit. Question No. 1 will be compulsory (short answer type). Nine questions are to be set spread over the entire syllabus. All questions carry equal marks.

UNIT-I

Basics of Enzymology: Discovery and nomenclature; characteristics of enzymes; concept of holoenzyme, apoenzyme, coenzyme and co-factors; regulation of enzyme activity; mechanism of action.

Growth and development: Definitions; phases of growth and development; Plant hormones- auxins, gibberellins, cytokinins, abscissic acid and ethylene, history of their discovery, mechanism of action; photo-morphogenesis; phytochromes and their discovery, physiological role and mechanism of action.

Lipid metabolism: Structure and functions of lipids; fatty acid biosynthesis; B-oxidation; saturated and unsaturated fatty acids; storage and mobilization of fatty acids.

UNIT-II

Nitrogen metabolism: Biology of nitrogen fixation; importance of nitrate reductase and its regulation; ammonium assimilation.

Genetic engineering and Biotechnology: Tools and techniques of recombinant DNA technology; cloning vectors; genomic and cDNA library; transposable elements; aspects of plant tissue culture; cellular totipotency, differentiation and morphogenesis; biology of Agro-bacterium; vectors for gene delivery and marker genes.