MSc DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION- APRIL 2018 SEMESTER 2 : BOTANY

COURSE: 16P2BOTT05; BRYOLOGY AND PTERIDOLOGY

(For Regular - 2016 admission)

Time: Three Hours Max. Marks: 75

Section A Answer any 8 (2 marks each)

- 1. Mention the phylogenetic importance of Rhynia.
- 2. What are the xerophytic adaptations of Bryophytes?
- 3. Explain any two types of vegetative reproduction found in Bryophytes with examples.
- 4. What is the difference in the rhizoids of liverworts and mosses?
- 5. Write down four important characters of Jungermaniales.
- 6. Comment on spore dispersal in Marchantiales.
- 7. Explain heterospory with two examples.
- 8. What are club mosses? Why they are called so?
- 9. What is organ sui-generis?
- 10. Describe tassel in Osmunda.
- 11. Name a fern without roots. How do they absorb nutrients?
- 12. How solenostele is developed from protostele?

 $(2 \times 8 = 16)$

Section B Answer any 7 (5 marks each)

- 13. Write a note on fossil history and evolution in Bryophytes.
- 14. Comment on the water relations exhibited by Bryophytes citing examples.
- 15. Compare the internal structure of the gametophytes of *Targionia* and *Lunularia*.
- 16. How do Jungermaniales resemble Marchantiales?
- 17. 'Peridophytes were the simplest vascular plants'. Discuss.
- 18. Give a brief account on Smith's classification.
- 19. Describe the strobilus and spore dispersal mechanisms in *Equisetum*.
- 20. Write brief explanatory notes on the heterospory and origin of seed habit.
- 21. With the help of suitable diagrams explain the evolution of stele in Pteridophytes.
- 22. Give an account on pteridophytes used as food source.

 $(5 \times 7 = 35)$

Section C Answer any 2 (12 marks each)

23. Give a comparative and illustrated account of the gametophytes of *Sphagnum* and *Pogonatum*.

- evolutionary link to higher plants?
- 25. Give an account on the structure and development of gametophytse in Lycopsida.
- 26. Suggest the possible steps along which the evolution of sporophytic generation might have taken place among vascular cryptogams.

 $(12 \times 2 = 24)$