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## MSc DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION- MARCH/APRIL 2019 SEMESTER 4: BOTANY

COURSE: 16P4BOTT13: BIOTECHNOLOGY AND GENETIC ENGINEERING

(For Regular - 2017 Admission and Supplementary - 2016 Admission)

Time: Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

## Section A Answer any 8 (2 marks each)

- 1. What is sphaeroplast?
- 2. What are isoschizomers? Give an example.
- 3. What is GFP? Give an account on its applications.
- 4. What are opines?
- 5. What is the use of Benzoyl reagent in chemical synthesis of DNA?
- 6. What is antisense RNA?
- 7. Write a short note on "Super Weeds".
- 8. What is meant by site directed mutagenesis?
- 9. Explain immobilized cell biosensors.
- 10. Explain cDNA library.
- 11. What are genomic libraries?
- 12. What are edible vaccines?

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## Section B Answer any 7 (5 marks each)

- 13. Explain the methods to create sticky ends in blunt ended fragments.
- 14. What is the role of antibiotic resistance genes in selection of transformed cells? Explain with an example.
- 15. What are the functions of genes encoded in the T-DNA?
- 16. Explain phosphite-triester method of DNA synthesis.
- 17. Briefly explain the principle, procedure and applications of RNAi
- 18. Natural human genes cannot be patented. Why? Explain your reason.
- 19. Give an account on oligonucleotide directed mutagenesis with  $M_{13}$  DNA.
- 20. Give an account on the various types of biosensors.
- 21. Describe the basic steps involved in the construction of cDNA library.
- 22. Differentiate somatic cell and germline therapy.

## Section C Answer any 2 (12 marks each)

23. What are the steps involved and applications of cloning? Differentiate between topocloning and gateway cloning.

OR

- 24. Explain the RNA mediated gene silencing technologies with suitable examples.
- 25. Give an account on the procedure, variants and applications of PCR

OR

26. Write an essay on the problems and prospects of genetically modified crops.

 $(12 \times 2 = 24)$