

B. Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2022  
BRANCH V (a) – PLANT BIOLOGY AND PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY  
SIXTH SEMESTER

COURSE : MAJOR – CORE  
PAPER : PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY  
TIME : 3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS: 100

**SECTION A**

Answer all the questions. (18 MARKS)

**I. Choose the correct answer:** (5 x 1 = 5)

- The technique for specific identification of RNA molecules  
a) Southern blotting b) Northern blotting c) Western blotting d) Dot blotting
- Formation of cell wall during protoplast regeneration requires  
a) Galactose b) Sucrose c) Maltose d) Lactose
- The DNA sequencing technique by Sanger was using \_\_\_\_\_ method  
a) chemical reagent b) primer walking c) sequencing d) dideoxynucleotide
- Most widely used detergent in PTC  
a) Tween 20 b) Ethyl alcohol c) Mercuric chloride d) Silver nitrate
- In the expansion of RFLP, the 'L' stands for \_\_\_\_\_  
a) long b) length c) longevity d) lengthy

**II. Fill in the blanks:** (5 x 1 = 5)

- The enzyme that breaks the phosphodiester bond of DNA is \_\_\_\_\_.
- The ability of an individual cell to develop into a whole plant is referred as \_\_\_\_\_.
- In PCR the denaturation takes places at \_\_\_\_\_ °C.
- The wounded plant cells release \_\_\_\_\_ compounds which attracts *Agrobacterium*.
- An example of chemical gene transfer method is \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. State Whether True or False:** (3 x 1 = 3)

- The production of same clones is called somaclonal variations.
- Biolistics is a combination of biological and ballistic techniques.
- In the original technique of PCR, Klenow fragment of *E.coli* DNA polymerase was used.

**IV. Match the following:** (5 x 1 = 5)

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| 14. Particle gun         | Klercker   |
| 15. Plant tissue culture | Maheswari  |
| 16. Haploids             | Nathans    |
| 17. Restriction enzyme   | Sanford    |
| 18. Protoplast           | Haberlandt |

**V. Answer any SIX of the following. Each answer should not exceed 50 words: (6 x 3 = 18)**

19. Ti plasmid
20. Synthetic seeds
21. Cybrids
22. PCR
23. Microinjection
24. Bioethics
25. DNA Ligase
26. PEG
27. BAC

**SECTION – B**

**Answer any FOUR of the following. Each answers not exceeding 200 words. (4 x 6 = 24)**

28. Enumerate the steps involved in haploid production.
29. Discuss plant nuclear genome organization.
30. Explain the different types of Restriction Endonucleases.
31. Explain the construction of YAC.
32. Illustrate RAPD.
33. Explain the gene transfer mechanism using particle bombardment technique.

**SECTION – C**

**Answer any TWO of the following. Each answers not exceeding 1000 words. (2 x 20 = 40)**

34. Give a detailed account on somatic hybridization and the steps involved in identification and selection of hybrid cells.
35. Summarise the structure and function of chloroplast genome.
36. Describe the procedure for obtaining insect resistance plant. Add a note on edible vaccines.
37. Elaborate *Agrobacterium* mediated gene transfer mechanism.

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