PERIYAR UNIVERSITY PERIYAR PALKALAI NAGAR SALEM – 636 011



DEGREE OF MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY

CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM

SYLLABUS FOR M.PHIL. BOTANY

FOR THE STUDENTS ADMITTED FROM THE

ACADEMIC YEAR 2012 – 2013 ONWARDS

COURSE STRUCTURE

SEM	CODE	Course title	Hrs.	Marks		Total		
				IA	EA			
I	Core course –I	Research methodology	6	25	75	100		
	Core course -II	Advances in Botany	6	25	75	100		
	Core course -III	Papers On Topic of Research (Guide will prepare the syllabus and it will send be sent to the COE)		25	75	100		
	Core course -IV	Dissertation and Viva voce		D	Viva voce	on -150 marks voce -50marks - 200 marks		

CIA COMPONENTS

Test - 15Marks

Seminar – 10 marks

SEMESTER I CORE COURSE I - RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Unit I - Centrifugation and microscopy

Centrifugation: Principle and Types of centrifuges. Ultracentrifugation, density gradient centrifugation and continuous centrifugation.

Microscopy - Differential interference contrast (DIC), polarization, fluorescent Microscopy, dark field and phase contrast microscopy. Electron microscope- SEM and TEM. Atomic Force Microscopy.

Unit II - Spectrometry, Electrophoresis and Separation techniques

Spectrophotometer - Principle - Beer Lambert's Law. UV, IR, FTIR, Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy, CD, Stop Flow, Mass, MALDI-TOF and NMR.

Electrophoresis: Principle of Gel electrophoresis, Polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (PAGE & SDS PAGE) and Agarose gel electrophoresis, comet assay and capillary electrophoresis. Two dimensional electrophoresis and isoelectrofocussing.

Chromatography: Principle, Procedures and Application of TLC, PC, Gel Filtration and Ion exchange, Affinity Chromatography, GC, GLC, HPLC/FPLC and HPTLC.

Unit III - Molecular biological techniques

Molecular biological techniques: Isolation and amplification of nucleic acid- Genome DNA (*E.coli*), Plasmid DNA, total RNA, Polymerase chain reaction – Types and its application.

Gene cloning techniques: Phosphatase treatment of cloning vectors, use of adapters and linkers in cloning-screening of recombinants-labeling of nucleic acids by radioactive methods plaque and colony hybridization-southern blotting and western blot-Northern blot-DNA finger printing and Microarray.

Unit IV - Biostatistics

Biostatistics: Collection and Presentation of Experimental data – Measures of Central Tendency: Arithmetic Mean, Median, Mode, Position of averages, Geometric Mean, Harmonic mean and percentile – Measures of Dispersion: Range, Inter quartile range, variance, standard deviation and standard error.

Correlation and Regression: Correlation coefficient – Types of correlation – Regression–Simple and Linear regression – Biological significance of correlation and regression – Tests of significance: Basis of statistical inference – Student's 't' test for mean, difference

of means and test for correlation and regression coefficients – Chi-square test – Analysis of variance and DMRT. 3

Unit V- Data collection, analysis and Research publications

Data collection and analysis-Web browsing and searching - Electronic biological data bases - NCBI, Pub Med, Sequence and Structure data bases. Research publications, Preparation of manuscripts-full paper, short communications and LCD preparations. Review paper, Thesis writing, Bibliography, Index card and Proof reading.

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SEMSTER I

CORE COURSE - II ADVANCES IN BOTANY

Unit-I. Plant Biodiversity

Concepts, principles and scope. *In situ* conservation: Sanctuaries, National parks, Biosphere reserves, Mangroves – *Ex situ* conservation: Botanical gardens, Gene banks, Seed Banks, Cryobanks – Activities of IUCN, NBPGR – Applications of molecular markers in Biodiversity. Plant biodiversity databases

Unit-II. Plant Cell and Molecular Biology

Structural organization of the plant cell – Fundamental aspects of cell organelles – Organization of plastid and mitochondrial genomes. Techniques in cell biology – Replication in prokaryotes and eukaryotes , Central dogma of Molecular biology – transposons -retro transposon - Mutation – types ,biochemical basis . *in situ* hybridization for location of transcripts in cell types – FISH, GISH.

Unit-III. Plant Physiology and Biochemistry

Membrane Transport Proteins – Signal transduction – Light harvesting complexes – CO_2 sequestration – overview of respiratory cycles – Synthesis of membrane lipids – Phytochemical and biochemical properties of cryptochromes – Physiological role of brassinosteroids – Polyamines – Genetic and molecular analysis of photoperiodism – Molecular aspects of stress physiology.

Unit-IV Plant Biotechnology

Genetic engineering of plants – Genetic and physical mapping of genes, Functioning of genomics– Protein profiling and its significance., Genome mapping .Tissue culture – organogenesis , embryogenesis , Role of tissue cultural in secondary metabolite production and technology. Intellectual property Rights – Forms of protection – copy right, trade mark, patent - Plant Breeders rights -

Unit-V Nanobiotechnology

Social background of technological revolution –Nano technology and its types, magnitude of size, shape and phase of molecules – top down and bottom up approaches - delivery systems (Liposome nanocontainers for drug and gene delivery) –

Fluorocarbons for drug delivery- Bionanomachines – protease nanolithography (quantum dots) – microparticles, Nanorobots..

Reference books

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MODEL QUESTION PAPER

M.Phil., BOTANY DEGREE EXAMINATION

(For Students Admitted from the academic year 2012 – 2013)

CORE COURSE I - RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Time: 3Hrs. Max. Marks: 75

Part A

 $5 \times 5 = 25$

Answer all questions; all questions carry equal marks, (either a or b) Draw diagrams wherever necessary, each answer should not exceed 300 words.

1. a)Write a short notes on Principle of centrifugation

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- b) Explain the working mechanisms of phase contrast microscope
- 2. a) discuss NMR Sectroscopy

Or

- b) Write the application of TLC
- 3. a) define Plasmid DNA and explain its structure and function

Or

- b)Explain DNA finger printing
- 4. a) write significance of percentile calculation

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- b) Discuss about the application of measures of dispersion in biological research
- 5. a)Write notes on NCBI and PubMed

Or

b)"Editing is essential for manuscript preparation "-Justify

Part B

 $5 \times 10 = 50$

Al questions carry equal marks, (either a or b) Draw diagrams wherever necessary, each answer should not exceed 1000 words.

6. a) Explain in detail different types of centrifuge and their application

Or

- b) Give detail account on SEM
- 7. a) Discuss the principle and mechanism of Spectrophotometer

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- b) Explain two dimensional Electrophoresis and write its application
- 8. a) Describe PCR and its working procedure

Or

- b)Explain techniques of Western blotting and its application
- 9. a) A cross involving different gene gave rise to F2 generation of tall and dwarf in the ratio of 110:90 by means of chi -square test prove whether this value is deviating from 3:1 ratio (Table value = 3.841 and level of significance 5%)

Or

- b) Explain relationship between coefficient of correlation and regression with example
- 10. a) write in detail various method of literature collection

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b) Explain the procedure for preparation of manuscript

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Part A $5 \times 5 = 25$

Answer all questions; all questions carry equal marks, (either a or b) Draw diagrams wherever necessary, each answer should not exceed 300 words

1. a)Write a short notes on Biosphere reserves

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- b) Discuss the activities of NBPGR
- 2. a) Describe organization of Mitochondrial Genome

Or

- b) Give a short account on FISH
- 3. a) Write a short notes on signal transduction

Or

- b) Briefly write about polyamines and its application
- 4. a) Write about plant breeder rights

Or

- b) Discuss the advantages of genetically engineered plants
- 5. a) Define magnitude of Nanobiotechnology

Or

b) Give notes on nanorobots

Part B $10 \times 5 = 50$

Answer all questions; all questions carry equal marks, (either a or b) Draw diagrams wherever necessary, each answer should not exceed 1000 words

6. a)Explain the *Ex situ* conservation with suitable example

Or

b) Discuss the various molecular markers and write its application

7. a)Discuss the techniques adopted in cell biology

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- b) Explain the Plasmid replication
- 8. a) Discuss the adaptive mechanisms in *Arabidopsis thaliana* to varying day length
 - b) Write an essay on light harvesting complex
- 9. a) sketch out scheme for genetic engineering in plants

Or

- b) Explain the role of tissue culture in secondary metabolites production
- 10. a) Describe the technique of Liposome mediated Drug delivery

Or

b) Discuss - nanomedicines are BOON or BANE

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CORE COURSE III - PAPERS ON TOPIC OF RESEARCH

PART A

5 questions 05X05=25 marks (either or, one from each unit)

PART B

5 questions 5X10=50 Marks (either or, one from each unit)