

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)

BSc DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2025
(Second Semester)

Branch - BIOTECHNOLOGY

GENETICS

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

SECTION-A (10 Marks)

Answer ALL questions.

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(10 × 1 = 10)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	1	What is the correct term for genes found on the homologous region of the X and Y chromosomes? a) Sex-linked genes b) Autosomal genes c) Partially sex-linked genes d) Y-linked genes	K1	CO1
	2	Which of the following characteristics of pea plants was not used by Mendel in his experiments? a) seed colour b) seed shape c) pod length d) flower position	K2	CO1
2	3	Which of the following could be due to duplication? a) Co-dominance b) Dominance c) Incomplete dominance d) Pleiotropy	K1	CO1
	4	Histones are rich in a) Lysine & arginine b) Lysine & histidine c) arginine & histidine d) leucine & valine	K2	CO2
3	5	Exchange of genetic material takes place in a) vegetative reproduction b) asexual reproduction c) sexual reproduction d) budding	K1	CO2
	6	Who coined the term "heterosis"? a) Gregor Mendel b) Charles Darwin c) G.H. Shull d) Gregor Mendel	K2	CO2
4	7	In human genetics, an alternative form of a gene is known as a(n): a) Allele b) Locus c) Phenotype d) Genotype	K1	CO1
	8	Which area of the body is typically affected first by the muscle weakness in DMD? a) Arms and shoulders b) Neck and respiratory muscles c) Hips, pelvic area, and thighs d) Fingers and hands	K2	CO2
5	9	Which of the following conditions is NOT required for a population to be in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium? a) No mutation. b) Random mating c) A large population size d) Natural selection	K1	CO2
	10	What is the founder effect? a) A random evolutionary change that affects a small group of individuals b) When a small group of individuals from a larger population colonizes a new area c) A large group of individuals from a smaller population leaving to colonize a new area d) The process of random mating within a population.	K2	CO2

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SECTION - B (35 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

 $(5 \times 7 = 35)$

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	11.a.	State Mendel's Law of Dominance. (OR)	K2	CO1
	11.b.	Discuss what a sex-linked trait is and provide an example, such as hemophilia.		
2	12.a.	Discuss the role of aneuploids in genetics, with reference to plants. (OR)	K3	CO2
	12.b.	Explain different types of chromosomal rearrangements, with example and their potential impact.		
3	13.a.	Illustrate cytoplasmic male sterility. (OR)	K3	CO2
	13.b.	Narrate the role of heterosis and genetic basis of heterosis.		
4	14.a.	Explain the general principles of managing an acute episode of an inborn error of metabolism. (OR)	K2	CO3
	14.b.	Analyze how mutations in mitochondrial DNA lead to a failure in energy production.		
5	15.a.	Compare and contrast the roles of mutation and sexual reproduction in creating genetic variation in population. (OR)	K3	CO4
	15.b.	Explain Genetic drift with examples.		

SECTION -C (30 Marks)

Answer ANY THREE questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

 $(3 \times 10 = 30)$

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	16	Elaborate chromosomal theory of inheritance and explain how it relates to Mendelian laws.	K3	CO1
2	17	Compile the chromosomal abnormality that causes Down syndrome and explain common phenotypic characteristics.	K3	CO2
3	18	Assess the types of structural variations occur in chloroplast genomes across different or single species?	K3	CO2
4	19	Examine the inheritance pattern of X-linked recessive disorders, explaining why they primarily affect males.	K4	CO3
5	20	Explain the key sources of genetic variation in a population, such as mutation, recombination, and random mating.	K4	CO4