

**PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS) -**

**BSc DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2017
(Sixth Semester)**

Branch- BIOCHEMISTRY

PLANT BIOCHEMISTRY

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

SECTION-A (20 Marks!)

Answer **ALL** questions

ALL questions carry **EQUAL** marks (10 x 2 = 20)

- 1 What is Hill reaction?
- 2 What are photosynthetic pigments?
- 3 Define C₃ cycle.
- 4 Give any two significance of CAM.
- 5 Define non-symbiotic N₂ fixation.
- 6 What is nitrate reduction?
- 7 Mention any two function of ethylene.
- 8 Write the physiological role of auxin.
- 9 Define seed dormancy.
- 10 What is meant by germination?

SECTION - B (25 Marks)

Answer **ALL** Questions

ALL Questions Carry **EQUAL** Marks (5 x 5 = 25)

- 11 a Write briefly about photosystem I and II.
OR
b Describe the structure of chloroplast.
- 12 a Discuss C₄ (Hatch - stack) pathway. • :
OR
b Comment on starch degradation in plants.
- 13 a Explain nitrogen cycle.
OR
b Write short notes on sulfur metabolism.
- 14 a Explain the biosynthesis of auxin.
OR
b Outline physiological function of cytokinins.
- 15 a Give brief account on dormancy.
OR
b Explain the glyoxylate cycle.

SECTION - C (30 Marks!)

Answer any **THREE** Questions

ALL Questions Carry **EQUAL** Marks (3 x 10 = 30)

- 16 Explain the cyclic and non-cyclic photophosphorylation mechanisms of photosynthesis.
- 17 Describe the C₃ Calvin's cycle with a neat sketch.
- 18 Discuss the mechanism of nitrogen fixation in leguminous plant.
- 19 Explain biosynthesis and physiological function of ethylene.
- 20 Give an account of seed germination.