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FOURTH SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION APRIL 2023

Microbiology

MBG 4B 04—SOIL AND AGRICULTURAL MICROBIOLOGY

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time: Two Hours and a Half

Maximum: 80 Marks

Part A

All questions can be attended. Each question carries 2 marks.

Maximum Ceiling 25.

- 1. Rhizosphere.
- 2. Frankia.
- 3. PGPR.
- 4. Advantages of Mycorrhiza.
- 5. Any two examples for associative nitrogen fixers.
- 6. Crown gall.
- 7. Any two examples for fungi used as bio control agents.
- 8. Denitrification.
- 9. Define microbial inoculants.
- 10. What is commensalism?
- 11. Anabaena
- 12. Symptoms of citrus canker.
- 13. Write any *two* examples for viral plant pathogens.
- 14. What are the importance of Azospirillum?
- 15. Auxins.

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Part B

All questions can be attended. Each question carries 5 marks.

Maximum Ceiling 35.

- 16. Write on factors affecting microbial population in soil.
- 17. Write on the effect of pesticides on soil microbes.
- 18. Biopesticides.
- 19. Symbiotic nitrogen fixation.
- 20. Write on any two fungal disease of plants and their control measures.
- 21. Explain Associative symbiosis with examples.
- 22. Humus formation and its importance.
- 23. Animal microbe interaction.

Part C

Essay any two questions.

Each question carries 10 marks.

- 24. Explain the disease symptoms, disease cycle and control of rice blast and tomato wilt.
- 25. Explain types of soil microbes and their role in soil fertility.
- 26. Explain on various microbe microbe interactions.
- 27. Explain on Biopesticides and their advantages on chemical pesticides.

 $(2 \times 10 = 20 \text{ marks})$