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Paper Name: **Microbiology and Plant Pathology**Paper Code: **MBO-CC104**Time: **2 ½ hours**Maximum Marks: **60**

Note: This paper has 3 sections A, B, and C.

Section A: Answer all the questions.

Section B: Attempt any **4** Out of **6**.Section C: Attempt any **2** out of **3**.

Abbreviations used:

CLO-Course Learning Outcomes

On completing this course, the students should be able to

CLO1: recall history, characteristic features, classification and enumerate the economic importance of plant viruses, phytoplasma, bacteria and fungi (remember/ analyse);**CLO 2:** relate disease epidemics and epidemiology with host pathogen interaction (create);**CLO 3:** recognize innate and acquired immunity and disease resistance mechanisms of plants (understand); and**CLO 4:** explain diseases of plants with reference to the causal agents, symptomatology, disease cycle, transmission and management (evaluate).**BLT-Bloom's Taxonomy Levels**

1- Remembering, 2-Understanding, 3-Applying, 4-Analyzing, 5-Evaluating, 6-Creating

SECTION A

Very Short Type Question (15 questions)

15 x 1 = 15 marks

Q.No.	Question	Marks	CLO	BTL
1	Little leaf in brinjal is caused by -----	1	4	3
2	PCR is used to identify phytoplasma by amplifying 18S rRNA (T/F)	1	1	3
3	Plant viruses are primarily composed of and protein.	1	1	1
4	What Latin term did Beijerinck use to describe the agent of transmissible diseases?	1	1	1
5	Name one protein based technique used for detecting plant viruses.	1	1	2
6	What is the role of plasmids in bacteria?	1	1	2
7	Give an example of an insect that transmits phytoplasma	1	1	1
8	Define "RNA silencing".	1	2	2
9	What is the causal agent of Smut of wheat?	1	4	1
10	Name a bacterium that contributes to nitrogen fixation.	1	1	1

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11	Define antibiotic giving an example.	1	1	2
12	Name a commercially important product derived from <i>Aspergillus niger</i>	1	1	1
13	What is the term given to relationship between fungi and plant roots?	1	2	2
14	What constitutes “disease triangle”?	1	3	2
15	What is a monocyclic disease? Give an example.	1	2	2

SECTION B

Short Type Question. (Attempt any **FOUR**)

4 x 5 = 20 marks

Q.No.	Question	Marks	CLO	BTL
1	Briefly describe the history and discovery of plant viruses.	5	1	1
2	Explain the difference between innate and acquired immunity in plants.	5	3	2
3	Describe the ultrastructure of a bacterial cell with labeled diagrams.	5	1	2
4	Explain the hypersensitive response and its role in plant defence.	5	3	2
5	Write a note on the economic importance of fungi in agriculture, industry, and medicine.	5	1	3
6	Explain Koch’s postulates and their significance in plant pathology.	5	2	4

SECTION C

Long type Question (Attempt any **TWO**)

2 x 12.5 = 25 marks

Q.No.	Question	Marks	CLO	BTL
1	Describe the causal agent, symptoms, disease cycle, transmission and management of: a) Late blight of potato b) Phyllody of sesame	6.25 6.25	4	2
2	a) Explain the various modes of transmission of plant viruses. b) Write a detailed account of classification of viruses proposed by Baltimore.	7.5 5.0	1	2,4
3	a) Compare the cell wall structure of Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria. b) Tabulate significant differences among biotrophic, hemi-biotrophic, and necrotrophic plant pathogens.	5 7.5	1	4

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