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BOTANY

(Honours Core)

Paper : BOT-HC-602b

(Plant Biotechnology)

Full Marks : 60

Time : Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. Fill in the blanks : 1×7=7

(a) Molecules having new combination of sequences that were not present before are called as _____.

(b) A single stranded, radiolabelled molecule of nucleic acid is called as _____.

(c) Golden rice is a bioengineered crop with yellow coloured endosperm that contains _____.

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- (d) Digestion of DNA using two restriction enzymes in a single reaction is called as _____.
- (e) The two antibiotic resistant genes of vector p^{BR322} imparts resistance against _____ and _____.
- (f) _____ is the first commercially produced human hormone using r-DNA technology.
- (g) _____ vectors are designed to replicate in cells of two different host species.

2. Answer the following very briefly : $2 \times 4 = 8$

- (a) What is the role of DMSO in cryopreservation ?
- (b) What are cosmids ?
- (c) What is the source of Luciferase gene ?
- (d) State the difference between somatic and zygotic embryogenesis.

3. Answer **any three** of the following : $5 \times 3 = 15$

- (a) Discuss the practical applications of somatic embryogenesis.
- (b) Write a note on Lambda phage vector.

(c) Describe an engineered DNA molecule used to clone DNA sequences stating the common gene components present in it.

(d) What is an adaptor molecule ? How does it differ from linkers ?

(e) Why thermostable polymerase is used in PCR ? Mention *one* disadvantage of taq polymerase.

4. Answer **any three** of the following :

$10 \times 3 = 30$

(a) What are restriction endonuclease enzymes ? Describe the specific properties of type I and type II restriction endonucleases enzymes. Why are they so important for recombinant DNA technology ? $1 + 6 + 3 = 10$

(b) Describe various steps for the construction of cDNA library.

(c) Discuss elaborately the direct methods of gene transfer by electroporation and microinjection. $5 + 5 = 10$

(d) What are organic supplements ? Give an account of organic supplements used in tissue culture media.

(e) What are secondary metabolites ? Describe a tissue culture strategy for the production of secondary metabolites.

(f) Give an account of role of transgenics in bioremediation.
