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## M.Sc. DEGREE (C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, OCTOBER 2019

## First Semester

Faculty of Science Branch VI—Botany

## MYCOLOGY AND CROP PATHOLOGY

(2012 to 2018 Admissions)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Weight: 30

- I. Answer any six of the following in not less than 50 words each. Weight 1 each:
  - 1 What are aflatoxins?
  - 2 What are mycoherbicides?
  - 3 What is ectomycorrhiza? Where it is seen?
  - 4 Name two fungal parasites of plants?
  - 5 Name two edible mushrooms.
  - 6 What are fungus gardens?
  - 7 Name two plant diseases transmitted by vectors.
  - 8 Explain the activity of nematodes in plant roots.

 $(6 \times 1 = 6)$ 

- II. Answer any seven of the following in not less than 100 words each. Weight 2 each:
  - 9 How lichens act on indicators of pollution?
  - 10 Write notes on fungal parasites on nematodes.
  - 11 Write notes on coprophilono fungi with examples.
  - 12 Describe the reproduction in Basidio myeotina.
  - 13 Explain biochemical defense mechanism.
  - 14 Write notes on altered biosynthetic pathway.

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- 15 Give an account of the common diseases of coconut.
- 16 Describe the abiotic causes of plant diseases.
- 17 What are the symptoms and control measures of rust of coffee?
- 18 What are the common symptoms of viral diseases?

 $(7 \times 2 = 14)$ 

- III. Answer any two of the following in not less than 250 words each. Weight 5 each:
  - 19 Mention the agricultural significance of fungi.
  - 20 Explain the biological means of disease control.
  - 21 Explain the role of fungi in agricultural biotechnology.

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