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# MSc DEGREE (CSS) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2020

#### **Second Semester**

M Sc BOTANY

## **CORE - BY010204 - MOLECULAR BIOLOGY**

2019 Admission Onwards 41AE02EE

Time: 3 Hours Weightage: 30

### Part A (Short Answer Questions)

Answer any **eight** questions.

Weight **1** each.

- 1. What are the functions of microRNA?
- 2. What are nicrosatellites?
- 3. What are RdRPs?
- 4. What is cistron?
- 5. Explain the intrinsic mode of transcription termination in prokaryotes.
- 6. What are exons?
- 7. What is Wobble hypothesis?
- 8. In addition to the normal nucleotides, tRNAs contain modified nucleotides. Substantiate the statement, citing examples.
- 9. How is the correct initiation sequence is determined in prokaryotic mRNAs?
- 10. What are riboswitches?

(8×1=8 weightage)

#### Part B (Short Essay/Problems)

Answer any **six** questions.

Weight **2** each.

- 11. Explain how Z-DNA is formed.
- 12. Write a brief account on the structure and diversity of mitochondrial genome.
- 13. Describe the events during the initiation of replication at the origin of replication in E. coli.



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- 14. What are enhancers? What is its role in eukaryotic gene transcription?
- 15. Explain the autogenous circuit that regulate the synthesis of  $\lambda$  repressor when a  $\lambda$  phage is in lysogeny.
- 16. Explain the Holliday model for the homologous recombination of DNA.
- 17. What is parental imprinting? Give examples.
- 18. What are the post-replication repair mechanisms?

(6×2=12 weightage)

## Part C (Essay Type Questions)

Answer any **two** questions.

Weight **5** each.

- 19. 'RNA is a structurally diverse and and functionally most versatile biomolecule on earth.' Critically evaluate the statement
- 20. When the cell reproduces, it has to pass all of its genetic information accurately to the daughter cells. Describe in detail, the process involved in this information transfer.
- 21. Write an essay on post-translational modifications of proteins with special reference to the mechanisms tools involved.
- 22. Describe the various types of gene expression control mechanisms in eukaryotes.

(2×5=10 weightage)

