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### B.Sc DEGREE (CBCS) REGULAR / REAPPEARANCE EXAMINATIONS, MARCH 2023

#### Sixth Semester

## CHOICE BASED CORE COURSE - CH6CBT03 - SOIL AND AGRICULTURAL CHEMISTRY

Common for B.Sc Chemistry Model I, B.Sc Chemistry Model II Industrial Chemistry & B.Sc Chemistry Model III

Petrochemicals

2017 Admission Onwards

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Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

#### Part A

Answer any **ten** questions.

Each question carries **2** marks.

- Name three type of rock systems in formation of soil.
- 2. Which are the major factors that affect the formation of soil?
- 3. What is soil mapping?
- 4. Differentiate bulk and particle density of soil.
- 5. Define buffering capacity.
- 6. Name three type of problem soil.
- 7. What is saline soil? Give any one cause of saline soil.
- Give any two sources of pottasium obtained by plants naturally.
- 9. How is pottasium deficiency treated in plants?
- 10. Write any two methods for determining nutrient needs.
- 11. What is the role of azolla in agriculture?
- 12. Give any two impacts of pesticides on soil.

 $(10 \times 2 = 20)$ 

#### Part B

Answer any **six** questions.

Each question carries **5** marks.

13. Explain the solid, liquid and gaseous phase of soil.



- 14. Explain the role of soil temperature and soil air in plant growth.
- 15. Explain the ion exchange reactions of soil that affects nutrient availability, microbial activity and plant growth.
- 16. How soil organic matter enriches the soil fertility?
- 17. Describe the uses of liquid fertilizers.
- 18. Explain mixed fertilizers.
- 19. Describe the efficient usage of various fertilizers.
- 20. What are the important safety measures that we have to take while dealing with pesticides?
- 21. Describe about mercury fungicides.

 $(6 \times 5 = 30)$ 

#### Part C

# Answer any **two** questions. Each question carries **15** marks.

- 22. Discuss the followings a) Microbes in pest and disease management b) Bio conversion of agricultural wastes
- 23. Explain (a) Various factors affecting nutrient absorption. (b) The deficiency symptoms of nutrient absorption.
- 24. Explain the following (a) NPK fertilizers (b) straight fertilizers (c) complex fertilizers
- 25. Explain nitrocompounds, propionic acid derivatives and boron compounds as herbicides.

 $(2 \times 15 = 30)$