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V Semester B.Sc. Degree (CBCSS – OBE – Regular/Supplementary/ Improvement) Examination, November 2024 (2019 to 2022 Admissions) CORE COURSE IN MICROBIOLOGY 5B09 MCB: Environmental Microbiology

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 40

SECTION - A

Answer all questions in one or two sentences. Each question carries 1 mark. (6×1=6)

- 1. Ammonification.
- 2. Antagonism.
- 3. Droplet nuclei.
- 4. Slit sampler.
- 5. Ecosystem.
- 6. Algal bloom.

SECTION - B

Write briefly on any six of the following. Each question carries 2 marks. (6×2=12)

- 7. Dissolved oxygen.
- 8. Microbial biofilm.
- 9. Bioleaching.
- 10. Polychlorinated biphenyls.
- 11. Biological nitrogen fixation.

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- 12. Bacterial Predation.
- 13. Air Impingement.
- 14. Importance of biogeochemical cycle.

SECTION - C

Write short essays on **any four** of the following. **Each** question carries **3** marks. **(4×3=12)**

- 15. Estuarine ecosystem.
- 16. Discuss the ways by which microbes transmitted in air.
- 17. Synthetic polymers.
- 18. What is meant by bio-corrosion?
- 19. Concepts of Bio-magnification.
- 20. In-situ and ex-situ bioremediation.

SECTION - D

Write essays on any two of the following. Each question carries 5 marks. (2×5=10)

- 21. Elaborate on the positive microbial interactions and their significance, providing suitable examples.
- 22. Discuss the microbial degradation of xenobiotic compounds with suitable examples.
- 23. Write an essay on physical factors affecting aquatic life and distribution of microbes in fresh water ecosystem.
- 24. Comment on the phosphorus cycle and its significances.