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University of Kerala

First Semester Degree Examination, November 2024 Four Year Under Graduate Programme Multi Disciplinary Course

BOTANY

UK1MDCBOT103-BOTANY IN FORENSIC SCIENCE

Academic Level: 100-199

Time:1 Hours Max. Marks: 28

Part A. Answer All Questions Objective Type. 1 Mark Each. (Cognitive Level: Remember/Understand) 4 Marks. Time: 5 Minutes

Qn. No.	Question	Cognitive Level	Course Outcome (CO)
1.	What is dendrochronology?	Remember	CO-1,6
2.	Give an example of a man-made fiber.	Remember	CO-2
3.	What is dye analysis?	Understand	CO-4
4.	Name any two physical properties of Woods	Understand	CO-4

Part B. Answer All Questions Short Answer. 2 Marks Each. (Cognitive Level: Understand/Apply) 8 Marks. Time: 15 Minutes

Qn. No.	Question	Cognitive Level	Course Outcome (CO)
5.	Why fungi are included in the 'non-plant group' in botany?	Understand	CO-5
6.	Wood porosity could be 'ring porous' or 'diffuse porously'. Are such wood types correlated to different climatic conditions?	Understand	CO-2,6
	How could forensic investigators identify the types of wood fragments found at a crime scene?	Apply	CO-4
8.	How can dye analysis of fiber assist in forensic investigations?	Apply	CO-4

Part C.

Answer all 4 Questions, choosing among options within each question. Long Answer. 4 Marks Each.

(Cognitive Level: Apply/Analyse/Evaluate/Create). 16 Marks. Time: 40 Minutes

Qn. No.	Question	Cognitive Level	Course Outcome (CO)
9	a) Briefly explain the biochemical examination of the paper, which is essential in identifying counterfeit currencies. or	Apply	CO-3,4
	b) How can the application of botanical evidence be crucial in solving a murder case?		CO-2,4
	a) Analyze the role of botanical evidence in the Lindbergh kidnapping case and how it contributed to the investigation.		CO-2,3
10	or	Analyze	
	b) How did forensic botany, particularly the discovery of filamentous algae, play a critical role in disproving John C. Hoeplinger's version of events and securing his conviction for the murder of his wife?	Timury 2C	CO-3
11	a) Explain the various diatom extraction and testing methods used in Forensic study and add a note on their forensic significance.		CO-4,2
	or b) Evaluate the significance of plant evidence in forensic investigations. ?	Evaluate	CO-1,2
	a) Illustrate and explain the structure of diatoms.		CO- 2
12	or c) What methods are used to analyze dyes on fibers, and how do they aid forensic conclusions?	Create	CO- 3,4