# M.Sc. (Previous) DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2008.

#### First Year

#### **Botany**

### Paper IV — PLANT PHYSIOLOGY AND METABOLISM

Time: Three hours Maximum: 100 marks

# SECTION A — $(5 \times 8 = 40 \text{ marks})$

## Answer any FIVE questions.

# Each question carries 8 marks.

- 1. Components of water potential.
- 2. Membrane transport proteins.
- **3.** Enzyme nomenclature.
- 4. Photo oxidation of water.
- **5.** Classification of proteins.
- **6.** Glyoxylate cycle.
- 7. Hormone receptors in plants.
- 8. Plant responses to water stress.

### SECTION B — $(4 \times 15 = 60 \text{ marks})$

### Answer ALL questions.

# Each question carries 15 marks.

**9.** (a) What are micronutrients? Explain the role of any two micronutrients in the life of higher plants.

 $\mathbf{Or}$ 

- (b) Write a detailed account on the regulation of stomatal movements.
- **10.** (a) Describe C<sub>4</sub> cycle and add a note on its importance.

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- (b) Describe the mechanism of ATP synthesis using suitable experimental evidences.
- 11. (a) Write an essay on biological nitrogen fixation.

Or

- (b) Describe the structure and functions of membrane lipids.
- 12. (a) What are plant growth regulators? Describe the physiological effects of gibberellins and abscisic acid.

(b) Give an account of phytochrome induced plant responses.