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## M.Sc. (Previous) DEGREE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2010.

#### First Year

#### Botany

# Paper II — SYSTEMATICS OF ANGIOSPERMS AND PLANT ECOLOGY

Time: Three hours Maximum: 100 marks

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

Answer any FIVE questions.

- 1. Give an account on plant distribution in the past and present.
- 2. Write a short note on pre Darwinian systems of classification.
- 3. Write a note on principles of nomenclature.
- 4. Give brief notes on evaluation of taxonomic categories.
- 5. Explain the concept of Ecosystem.
- 6. Explain homeostasis.

- 7. Write a short note on conservation of natural resources.
- 8. Give short notes on Alternate and additional energy sources.

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

Answer ALL questions.

9. (a) Compare and contrast the system of classification of Engler and Grantl and Hutchinson.

Or

- (b) Describe the vegetation types in India with suitable examples.
- 10. (a) Explain the International code of Botanical Nomenclature.

Or

- (b) What are the contributions of phytochemistry in resolving taxonomic dispute?
- 11. (a) Describe biogeochemical cycles with reference to carbon cycle.

Or

(b) Explain succession in plant communities.

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12. (a) Give an account on Environmental pollution.

Or

(b) Write an essay on principles of plant geography.

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