COMPLEMENTARY COURSES FOR MODEL I B Sc ZOOLOGY

SEMESTER I

Complementary course 1 Code: BO1CMT01 CRYPTOGAMS, GYMNOSPERMS AND PLANT PATHOLOGY

(Theory 36 hrs; Practical 36 hrs; Credits 2 + 1)

Objectives:

- Acquire fundamental knowledge in plant science and to make the student to understand that Botany is an integral part of the human life and developments.
- Foster and encourage an attitude of curiosity, appreciation and enquiry of various life forms of plants.
- Understand the identifying characters of the different types included in the syllabus.
- Understand the diversity of plants with respect to Algae, Fungi, Lichens, Bryophytes, Pteridophytes and Gymnosperms.

CRYPTOGAMS (27 hrs)

Module 1: Algae (13 hrs)

General characters of algae and their classification up to classes (F E Fritsch); range of thallus variation in Algae. Reproduction and life history of the following groups with reference to the types mentioned: Cyanophyceae - Nostoc; Chlorophyceae - Oedogonium (Volvox, Spirogyra, Cladophora vegetative features only); Phaeophyceae – Sargassum; Rhodophyceae – Polysiphonia.

Economic importance of Algae: food, industry, medicine, biofertilizers; algal bloom.

Module 2: Fungi and lichens (9 hrs)

General characters and outline on the classification of fungi by Ainsworth. General characters, thallus structure, reproduction and life history of the following groups with reference to the types mentioned: Zygomycotina – Rhizopus; Ascomycetes – *Xylaria*; Basidiomycetes – *Puccinia*.

Economic importance of Fungi: as food, industry, decomposition of organic matter. Fungal toxins and human health.

Lichens: Classification based on thallus morphology. Usnea - morphology and anatomy of vegetative and reproductive structure. Economic importance of lichen: food, industry, medicine.

Module 3: Bryophytes (2 hrs)

General characters of Bryophytes. Morphology, anatomy, reproduction and life cycle of Riccia.

Module 4: Pteridophytes (3 hrs)

General characters of Pteridophytes. Morphology, anatomy (stem), reproduction and life cycle of Selaginella.

Module 5: GYMNOSPERMS (4 hrs)

General characters of Gymnosperms. Morphology, anatomy (leaf let), reproduction and life cycle of Cycas.

PLANT PATHOLOGY (5 hrs)

Module 6: Plant diseases (5 hrs)

Classification of plant diseases on the basis causative organism and symptoms. Study the following diseases with special emphasis on causative organism, symptoms and control measures:

(i) Nut fall of Arecanut (ii) Bacterial blight of Paddy (iii) Leaf mosaic of Tapioca.

PRACTICAL (36 hrs)

- 1. Micropreparation and identification preparation of the following:
- (i) Algae: vegetative structure of Nostoc, Volvox, Spirogyra, Oedogonium, Cladophora, Polysiphonia. Vegetative and reproductive structure of Sargassum.
- (ii) Fungi: vegetative and reproductive structure of Rhizopus, Xylaria, Puccinia.
- (iii) Lichen: morphology of Usnea thallus and Apothecium.
- (iv) Bryophytes: *Riccia* thallus anatomy.
- (v) Pteridophytes: Selaginella anatomy of stem and morphology of strobilus.
- (vi) Gymnosperms: Cycas Anatomy of leaflet, morphological features of megasporophyll, microsporophyll and ovule.
- 2. Identify plant diseases mentioned in the syllabus.

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SEMESTER II

Complementary course 2

Code: BO2CMT02

PLANT PHYSIOLOGY

(Theory 36 hrs; Practical 36 hrs; Credits 2 + 1)

Objectives:

- Make the students realize the importance of all physiological processes which take place in
- Understand the mechanism of various physiological processes related to plant life.

Module 1: Water relations (11 hrs)

Plant water relations: Physical aspects of water absorption - Diffusion, DP, DPD. Imbibition. Osmosis - OP, Exosmosis, Endosmosis, Plasmolysis. Water potential and its components. Mechanism of water