LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI - 600 034

c. DEGREE EXAMINATION - PLANT BIOLOGY AND PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY

FIFTH SEMESTER - NOVEMBER 2015

PB 5412 - AGRICULTURE & HORTICULTURE

| Date: | 13/11/2015 | Dept. No. | Max.: 100 Marks |
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| Time · | 09.00 - 12.00 | | |

Part A

(20 marks)

Answer the following, each within 50 words

 $(10 \times 2 = 20 \text{ marks})$

- 1. Differentiate Agronomy from Agriculture.
- 2. Mention the tools used in soil preparation.
- 3. Define tillage.
- 4. Mention the importance of NPK in agriculture.
- 5. What are sets?
- 6. How drip irrigation is useful in mango cultivation.
- 7. Define Bonsai.
- 8. Write the uses of earthen pots.
- 9. What is mulching?
- 10. Mention the propagation techniques for rose and jasmine?

PART B

 $(5 \times 7 = 35 \text{ marks})$

Answer the following, each within 500 words only. Draw diagrams and flowcharts wherever necessary.

11a. Give a brief account on classification of plant nutrients.

or

- b. Briefly explain the agronomic practices followed in agriculture.
- 12a. Write notes on alluvial soil and red soil.

or

- b. How is alkali soil reclaimed?
- 13a. Describe the agronomic practices followed in mango cultivation.

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- b. What is a weed? Explain the importance of inter cultivation in crop cultivation.
- 14a. Draw and label the different features of a garden.

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- b. Describe the structure of a nursery.
- 15a. Explain any three types of grafting.

or

b. Explain the factors affecting the quality of cut flower life. Add a note on some remedies to prolong the cut flower life.

Answer any three of the following, each within 1200 words only. Draw diagrams and flowcharts wherever necessary.

- 16. Give an account on green revolution.
- 17. Describe the methods of irrigation.
- 18. Explain the agronomic steps followed in sugarcane cultivation.
- 19. Write an essay on cuttings and layering.
- 20. Write notes on garden operations and adornments.
