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## ANSWERS

Subject – Life Science

Class - VIII

F.M.-80

### SECTION -A

I. Choose the correct option :-

1x10=10

1. Root hairs are outgrowths of the

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| a) Lenticels | b) epiblema |
| c) stomata   | d) cuticle  |

Ans. : b) Epiblema

2. Pollen grains are formed in the

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| a) anther | b) pistil   |
| c) style  | d) filament |

Ans : Anther

3. The gas that protects us from ultraviolet radiation is .

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| a) nitrogen        | b) carbon dioxide |
| c) sulphur dioxide | d) ozone          |

Ans. : Ozone

4. Blue Green algae are

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| a) Producers           | b) Primary consumers |
| c) Secondary Consumers | d) apex predators    |

ans: Producers

5. Which tree is found in a tropical rainforest ?

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| a) Pine        | b) Ebony |
| c) Indian Plum | d) Maple |

Ans : Ebony

II. Write true or false for the following statements : (1x5=5)

1. A lion and a deer are ecologically related through Symbiosis.

Ans : False.

2. Carrot is a Rhizome.

Ans :

3. Transpiration is affected by temperature.

Ans : True

4. Phosphorus is a macro nutrient.

Ans True

II. Fill in the blanks :

(1x5=5)

1. The embryo is protected within the uterus by amniotic fluid.

2. Bast fibres provide mechanical strength to the phloem.

3. A cell will shrink if placed in a hypertonic solution.

4. yeast cells produce small outgrowths called \_\_\_\_\_

5. Herbivores are the primary consumers consumers of an ecosystem.

### GROUP – B

III. Short Answer Questions :

(2x5)

1. What is diffusion ? Give 1 example of the process of diffusion in plants.

Ans. : Diffusion : A process in which particles of a substance move from an area of high concentration to an area of lower concentration until they are evenly distributed.

Eg. : Plant absorbs some dissolved minerals passively through their roots by diffusion.

2. What is entomophily ? Give 1 example.

Ans. : Entomophily – Insect pollination is known as entomophily.

Eg. : Jasmine, Sunflower, Fig, Rafflesia (Any 1 eg)

3. What is active transport ?

Active Transport – The process, by which minerals enter the root even if their concentration is higher inside the root than in the soil. This process requires energy by plants to expend.

4. Name two types of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems.

Ans. : Two types of aquatic ecosystems (i) fresh water (ii) Marine ecosystems.

Terrestrial ecosystem – grassland, forest, mountain, desert. Any 2

5. What is predation ? Give one example .

Ans : Predation – the relation in which one organism kills and eats another animal that hunts, kills, and eats other animals are called predators

Eg. Snakes, tigers, eagle sharks.

**III. Answer the following briefly : (any 5)**

**(3x5)**

1. Write 3 differences between biome and biosphere ?

Ans. : **Biome**

1) Several connected ecosystems in a large area of land or sea together form a biome.

2) Each biome is defined by climate and soil of the region and is inhabited by plants, animals

3) Eg desert is a biome.

**Biosphere**

a) All biomes together form biosphere

b) The parts of earth's atmosphere, hydrosphere, lithosphere together form biosphere.

c) E.g. sum total of all ecosystem forms biosphere.

2. What is pollination? How does self pollination differ from cross pollination.

Ans : Pollination – the transfer of pollen grains from the anther to the stigma is called pollination.

### **Self Pollination :**

1. When pollen is transferred from anther to the stigma of same flower or of flowers borne by same plant is self pollination
2. Self pollination may occur in flowers in which the anthers and stigma mature at same time.
3. eg Wheat. Oat, peach.

### **Cross pollination**

1. When pollen is transferred to the stigmas of flowers of other plants of the same species it is called cross pollination.
2. Cross pollination occurs in flowers in which the anthers and stigma mature at different times.
3. Eg. Apple, primrose.
3. How does transpiration help plants? any 3?

Ans. : Importance of transpiration –

(1) It helps plants get rid of unused water.

(2) As transpiration takes place rapidly during the day, the leaves start running short of water and a condition creates a force of suction called transpiration pull.

(3) It helps concentrate the cytoplasm of plant cell, which helps in osmosis.

4. What do you understand by a food chain ? Draw one simple food chain.

Ans. : Food Chain – A series of organisms linked with each other through the process of eating and being eaten forms a food chain.

5. What is layering ? Give 2 examples on which it propagates.

Ans. : Layering – It is a method of vegetative propagation in which a portion of one of the lowest branches of the plant is bent downwards so that it touches the soil. A ring of bark is removed from the portion, which is then covered with soil.

This method is used with plants like lemon, rose, jasmine.

6. How does osmosis differ from diffusion ?

Ans. : **Osmosis**

1) In osmosis, water moves across a semi permeable membrane from an area of higher concentration of molecules to one where there are less concentration.

2) Water passes from the soil into the root hairs.

### **Diffusion**

1) process in which particles of a substance move from an area of higher concentration to an area of lower concentration until they are evenly distributed.

2) It helps in gaseous exchange too with the atmosphere.

7. How does a food web differ from food chain ?

Ans. : Three groups of biotic components.

a) Producers – Green plants as they manufacture food for all animals, plants and microorganisms. As they do not depend on others they are also called autotrophs.

b) Consumers – Animals, non-green plants, microorganisms which depend upon producers are called consumers.

c) Decomposers – These are microorganisms and worms that live in the soil they break down organic matter and draw nutrition from it.

## GROUP – C

### IV. Long Answer Question :- (any 8)

1. What is a pyramid of numbers? Why does the number of organisms usually decrease at each trophic level ?

Ans. Pyramid of numbers – A pyramid of numbers is a representation of the numbers of organisms at different trophic levels of a food chain. It shows producers at base, with various consumers arranged successively upwards. A fraction of the energy is lost at each trophic level of a food chain. Thus, consumers at each level must eat a large amount of food to obtain enough energy. This is why the number of organisms at each trophic level is more than the number of organisms at the next level.

2. Explain 5 advantages of vegetative reproduction ?

Ans.: 5 advantages of vegetative reproduction .

- a) It is responsible for continuation of plant species that cannot produce viable seeds eg banana
- b) A plant capable of this can survive unfavourable conditions.
- c) Such plants attain maturity earlier than those produced from seeds.
- d) As features and qualities of offspring are identical to those of parent, vegetative propagation can be used to cultivate plants like Dahlia, etc.
- e) Plants can be grown from subaerial and aerial parts.

3. Draw a diagram and describe the types of cells found in xylem tissues.

Ans. :

4. What are the different types of symbiosis ? Explain with 2 examples.

Ans : Symbiosis 3 types. (1) Parasitism (2) Mutualism (3) Commensalism.

Eg. (i) some types of wasps lay their eggs in the body of other insects. The parasitic larvae hatch and grow inside the host, drawing nutrition from the host and eventually killing it.

(ii) Rhizobium live within the roots of leguminous plants and form nodules. These bacteria convert nitrogen present in the air into ammonia, which is converted into amino acids by plant cells. In return, bacteria obtain nutrition from plants eg. Lichens and algae.

5. Explain how transpiration occurs. What are the factors that affect transpiration ?

Ans. : Transpiration :-

Factors which affect transpiration

- 1) Light
  - 2) availability of soil water.
  - 3) Presence of moisture, humidity of the atmosphere.
  - 4) Temperature.
  - 5) atmospheric pressure.
6. What are the major differences between asexual and sexual reproduction ?
7. Draw the parts of flower showing the pollination process .
8. What role do producers and decomposers play ?
9. Draw the longitudinal section of ovary and explain the process of fertilisation in plants .
10. Why is a tropical deciduous forest called a monsoon forest ? Describe its characteristic features (any 3)

Ans. : Tropical deciduous forest – These forests receive less rainfall than the rain forests and have a wet season in which include they receive the maximum rainfall. So these forests are called monsoon forests.

Characteristics:

- 1) They have deciduous broad leaved trees that shed their leaves during dry season.
- 2) Teak, Sal, Sandalwood.
- 3) these are situated at higher altitudes than rainforest.
- 4) Tiger, deer, elephants are their habitat.