

**Msc Botany**  
**Semester III Internal II**  
**Question bank paper III : Stress physiology**

**I. Multiple choice questions**

1. Metal stress in plants mainly results in

- a) Increased growth
- b) Enzyme inhibition
- c) Enhanced photosynthesis
- d) Cell elongation

Answer: b) Enzyme inhibition

2. Aluminum toxicity is commonly observed in

- a) Alkaline soils
- b) Neutral soils
- c) Acidic soils
- d) Saline soils

Answer: c) Acidic soils

3. Excess manganese in plants causes

- a) Chlorosis
- b) Necrosis and brown spots
- c) Increased flowering
- d) Delayed senescence

Answer: b) Necrosis and brown spots

4. Iron toxicity is generally associated with

- a) Well-drained soils
- b) Flooded or waterlogged soils
- c) Sandy soils

d) Dry soils

Answer: b) Flooded or waterlogged soils

5. Zinc toxicity in plants affects

a) Protein synthesis

b) Chlorophyll synthesis

c) Root elongation

d) All of the above

Answer: d) All of the above

6. Allelochemicals are

a) Plant hormones

b) Toxic metals

c) Secondary metabolites influencing other plants

d) Nutrients

Answer: c) Secondary metabolites influencing other plants

7. Which of the following is an allelochemical

a) Auxin

b) Gibberellin

c) Phenolic acids

d) Cytokinin

Answer: c) Phenolic acids

8. Allelopathy mainly affects

a) Photosynthesis only

b) Seed germination and growth

c) Respiration only

d) Transpiration only

Answer: b) Seed germination and growth

9. Allelochemicals are released into the environment through

- a) Root exudation
- b) Volatilization
- c) Decomposition
- d) All of the above

Answer: d) All of the above

10. Salt stress primarily causes

- a) Increased water uptake
- b) Osmotic stress
- c) Enhanced nutrient absorption
- d) Cell division

Answer: b) Osmotic stress

11. High salt concentration in soil leads to

- a) Water stress in plants
- b) Increased turgor
- c) Faster growth
- d) Improved yield

Answer: a) Water stress in plants

12. Salt succulence refers to

- a) Salt exclusion
- b) Storage of salt in leaves
- c) Salt secretion
- d) Salt elimination through roots

Answer: b) Storage of salt in leaves

13. Regulation of salt content in plants occurs by

- a) Ion exclusion
- b) Ion compartmentation
- c) Salt glands
- d) All of the above

Answer: d) All of the above

14. Salt tolerance in plants is mainly due to

- a) Reduced transpiration
- b) Osmotic adjustment
- c) Reduced respiration
- d) Increased flowering

Answer: b) Osmotic adjustment

15. Ultraviolet-B radiation wavelength range is

- a) 100–280 nm
- b) 280–320 nm
- c) 320–400 nm
- d) 400–700 nm

Answer: b) 280–320 nm

16. UV-B radiation primarily damages

- a) Cell wall
- b) DNA and proteins
- c) Vacuole
- d) Mitochondria

Answer: b) DNA and proteins

17. UV-B radiation affects photosynthesis by

- a) Increasing chlorophyll content
- b) Damaging PSII
- c) Increasing CO<sub>2</sub> fixation
- d) Enhancing electron transport

Answer: b) Damaging PSII

18. UV-B induced chemical changes in plants include

- a) Increased phenolics
- b) Reduced flavonoids
- c) Reduced antioxidants
- d) Increased respiration only

Answer: a) Increased phenolics

19. UV-B defense mechanisms in plants include

- a) DNA repair
- b) Antioxidant production
- c) UV-absorbing compounds
- d) All of the above

Answer: d) All of the above

20. UV-B radiation influences gene expression by

- a) Suppressing all genes
- b) Activating stress-responsive genes
- c) Preventing transcription
- d) Inhibiting translation

Answer: b) Activating stress-responsive genes

## **II.Fill in the blanks**

1. 1. Excess accumulation of metals in plants leads to \_\_\_\_ stress.

Answer: Metal

2. Aluminium toxicity primarily affects \_\_\_\_ growth in plants.

Answer: Root

3. Manganese toxicity causes brown spots on \_\_\_\_ leaves.

Answer: Older

4. Iron toxicity commonly occurs in \_\_\_\_ soils.

Answer: Waterlogged

5. Zinc is required for the synthesis of the plant hormone \_\_\_\_.

Answer: Auxin

6. Chemical substances released by plants that affect neighboring plants are called \_\_\_\_.

Answer: Allelochemicals

7. The phenomenon involving chemical interaction between plants is known as \_\_\_\_.

Answer: Allelopathy

8. Allelochemicals may be released into the environment through \_\_\_\_, leaching, or volatilization.

Answer: Root exudation

9. High salt concentration in soil leads to \_\_\_\_ stress in plants.

Answer: Salt

10. Salt stress causes \_\_\_\_ stress by reducing water availability to roots.

Answer: Osmotic

11. Excess sodium ions disturb \_\_\_\_ balance in plant cells.

Answer: Ionic

12. Salt elimination in halophytes occurs through \_\_\_\_ glands.

Answer: Salt

13. Salt succulency helps plants by \_\_\_\_ excess salts in vacuoles.

Answer: Storing

14. Accumulation of compatible solutes helps plants maintain \_\_\_\_ balance.

Answer: Osmotic

15. UV-B radiation ranges between \_\_\_\_ nm in wavelength.

Answer: 280–320

16. UV-B radiation damages \_\_\_\_ and proteins in plant cells.

Answer: DNA

17. Exposure to UV-B radiation reduces the rate of \_\_\_\_.

Answer: Photosynthesis

18. Flavonoids act as \_\_\_\_ compounds against UV-B radiation.

Answer: Protective

19. UV-B induces the expression of \_\_\_\_ related genes.

Answer: Defense

20. Increased UV-B radiation alters the \_\_\_\_ composition of plants.

Answer: Chemical

### **III, One word answers**

1. Mineral nutrition

2. Growth regulators

3. Allelochemicals

4. Ion toxicity

5. Metal toxicity

6. UV-B radiation

7. Metal stress

8. Water stress

9. Gene expression

10. Zinc