2015

BOTANY

(Major)

Theory Paper: 2.1

(Gymnosperms, Palaeobotany and Plant Anatomy)

Full Marks - 60

Time - 21/2 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. Answer the following:

 $1 \times 7 = 7$

- (a) What is the other name of Bennettitales?
- (b) Name a fossil genus belonging to the class Equisetinae.
- (c) What is precocious germination?
- (d) What is tent pole?
- (e) In which living cell of Angiosperm the nucleus is not found?

- (f) Find the asymptotes of the hyperbola $2x^2 + 5xy + 2y^2 + 4x + 5y = 0$
- 6. Answer any four parts: $5\times4=20$
 - (a) Find the condition that the two lines whose equations are

$$\frac{x - x_1}{l_1} = \frac{y - y_1}{m_1} = \frac{z - z_1}{n_1}$$

and
$$\frac{x-x_2}{l_2} = \frac{y-y_2}{m_2} = \frac{z-z_2}{n_2}$$

may intersect and also find the equation of the plane in which they lie.

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- (b) Prove that the plane ax + by + cz = 0 cuts the cone yz + zx + xy = 0 in perpendicular lines if $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} = 0$
- (c) Find the equation of the cylinder whose generators are parallel to the line

$$2x = y = 3z$$

and which passes through the circle

$$y = 0, \quad x^2 + z^2 \approx 8$$

- 4. Answer any three of the following: $10\times3=30$
 - (a) Describe with diagram the structure of tissues found in Dicotyledonous stem. How does it help in normal secondary growth?
 - (b) Give an illustrated account of anomalous primary structures found in some plants of Angiosperms citing examples.
 - (c) Describe the development of male and female gametophytes of *Cycas*.
 - (d) Giving suitable diagrams write an account of the external morphology and strobilar structure of *Lepidodendron*. What is its importance in origin of seed habit?
 - (e) Describe the structures of the male and female cone of *Pinus*.
 - (f) Write the salient features of Cycadofilicales. What is its importance in evolution?