Answer any *five* questions:

(a) Define Panspermia.(b) What are coacervates?

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Time Allotted: 2 Hours Full Marks: 40

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

 $1 \times 5 = 5$

GROUP-A

	(c)	Name one medicinally important gymnosperm.	
	(d)	Write the source of Agar-agar.	
	(e)	Name one unicellular eukaryotic organism.	
	(f)	Who proposed three-kingdom classification?	
		Define Index fossil.	
	(h)	Which algal group is devoid of any flagellated structures?	
		GROUP-B	
2.		Answer any <i>three</i> questions:	$5 \times 3 = 15$
	(a)	Write briefly about the five kingdom classification proposed by R.H. Whittaker in 1969.	5
	(b)	Differentiate between-	$2\frac{1}{2} + 2\frac{1}{2}$
		(i) Archegoniates and Thallophytes	- 2 - 2
		(ii) Prokaryotic cell and Eukaryotic cell.	
	(c)	Write the salient features of Bryophytes.	5
	(d)	Define hydrophytes, mesophytes and xerophytes with one example in each category.	5
	(e)	Differentiate between allopatric and sympatric speciation. Explain why allopatric speciation is also called as geographic speciation.	3+2
		GROUP-C	
3.		Answer any <i>two</i> questions:	$10 \times 2 = 20$
	(a)	What is prebiotic soup? State and explain in brief, the different theories of evolution which were proposed by Lamarck, Wallace, Darwin and De Vries respectively.	2+8
	(b)	What is ICN? What is Encyclopaedia of Life? Discuss the industrial use of Algae and use of Algae as food.	1+1+4+4
	(c)	How do bryophytes and pteridophytes differ? Name a few plants that evolved during carboniferous period. Give a schematic representation of 7 kingdom classification.	3+2+5
	(d)	Write short notes on:	5+5
		(i) Miller-Urey Experiment	
		(ii) Geological time Scale.	
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