



**West Bengal State University**  
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**SYLLABI**  
**FOR**  
**THREE YEARS B. Sc. DEGREE COURSE**  
**(3 years 1+1+1 Examination System)**

**BOTANY**  
**(WBSU Code 121)**

**2009**

# West Bengal State University

## Barasat

Syllabi for 3 year - B. Sc. Degree Course  
 [3 years 1+1+1 Examination System]

### BOTANY

(GENERAL)

**[WBSU Code - 1212]**

2009

[Syllabus to be effective from 2010 – 2011 Session]  
**[Mode of internal assessment is to be made as per the directive given in the respective pages vide page No. 34 & 37]**

#### Distribution of Marks

Total Allotment – 400 Marks					
Terminal Examinations	Theoretical Assessment	Practical Assessment		Total Marks	
		External	Internal		
Part - I (Paper I) First Year	Paper I [100] 121201	Shall start and continue till the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr. Part II examination *	Nil	100	
Part – II (Paper II & III) Second Year	Paper II [100] 121202	Paper III Practical**		200	
		121203			
		80	20		
Part – III (Paper IV & V) Third Year	Paper IV [70] 121204	Paper V Practical		100	
		121205			
		20	10		
Total Marks	270	100	30	400	

\*/\*\* It is very important to note that the Practical Classes for the topics included in the Paper III (Scheduled for Part II Exam / 2<sup>nd</sup> year Terminal Exam), should be started from First Year so as to complete the curriculum in time (see detailed syllabus).

# BOTG

## PART - I [First Year Terminal] : 100 Marks

### Paper - I Theoretical 100 Marks [3hr.] (Code - 121201)

**Group A:** - Algae, Fungi & Lichen, Plant Pathology & Microbiology..... 40 Marks

**Group B:** - Bryophyta, Pteridophyta, Gymnosperms & Palaeobotany..... 30 Marks

**Group C:** - Morphology & Taxonomy of Angiosperms, and Palynology..... 30 Marks

#### **Group A:** - [40 Marks / 25 Periods]

**Algae** - [10 Marks / 6 Periods] General account.// Morphology, Reproduction & Examples of Cyanophyceae, Chlorophyceae, Bacillariophyceae, Phaeophyceae & Rhodophyceae.// Alternation of Generations in Chlorophyceae and Phaeophyceae.// Sources and uses of edible algae, agar, algin & diatomite.

**Fungi & Lichen** - [10 Marks / 6 Periods] General characters & types of spores.// Primary features and examples of Oomycota, Chytridiomycota, Zygomycota, Ascomycota and Basidiomycota.// Concept of Anamorph & Teleomorph.// Fungal symbiosis - Mycorrhiza, Lichens and their importance.// Sources and uses of ethanol, alpha amylase, penicillin & Griseofulvin.

**Plant Pathology** - [10 Marks / 6 Periods] Terms & Definitions - Pathogen, Propagule, Vector, Inoculum, Infection, Symptoms (necrosis, wilt, spot, blight, hypoplastic & hyperplastic).// Disease & Disease Cycle, Disease Triangle, Disease Management // Koch's postulates // Phytoalexins.// Symptoms, Causal organisms, Disease cycle & Control measures of - (a) Tungro virus disease of rice & (b) Late blight of potato.

**Microbiology** - [10 Marks / 7 Periods] Three Domains of Life.// Prokaryote & Eukaryote.// Binary fission & Exponential Growth.// Bacterial Cell Wall.// Salient features of Plant Virus & Phage.// Lytic (by T4 phage) cycle & Lysogeny (with Phage).// Horizontal gene transfer and gene recombination through - Transformation, conjugation & Transduction.// Sources & Uses of Amylase & Streptomycin.

#### **Group B:** - [30 Marks / 15 Periods]

**Bryophyta** - [8 Marks / 4 Periods] General character (the amphibian nature).// Characters and examples of Hepaticopsida, Anthocerotopsida & Bryopsida.// Reproductive Structures and Sporophytes of *Riccia*, *Anthoceros* and *Funaria*.

**Pteridophyta** - [8 Marks / 4 Periods] Characters and examples of Psilophyta, Lycophyta, Sphenophyta & Filicophyta.// Structure of reproductive organs in the Sporophytes of *Lycopodium*, *Selaginella* and *Dryopteris*.

**Gymnosperms - [8 Marks / 4 Periods]** Concept of Progymnosperms.// Characters and examples of Cycadophyta, Coniferophyta & Gnetophyta.// Structures of Microsporangia and Ovules of *Cycas*, *Pinus* & *Gnetum*.

**Palaeobotany - [6 Marks / 3 Periods]** Importance of fossil study.// Definitions and Examples of Impression, Cast and Amber // Organization of Reconstructed *Williamsonia Sewardiana*.

**Group C: - [30 Marks / 15 Periods]**

**Morphology - [5 Marks / 3 Periods]** Types of Inflorescences and Flowers with Examples.// Aestivation // Cohesion and Adhesion of floral parts.

**Palynology - [5 Marks / 2 Periods]** Definition.// Pollen Types.// Various Branches & Applications.

**Taxonomy - [20 Marks / 10 Periods]** Objectives & Functions.// Alpha & Omega taxonomy, Phylogenetic Classification & Data source.// ICBN - Principles, Binomial, Authors' citations, Suffixes for major taxa & sub-groups.// Definitions of Artificial, Natural and Phylogenetic systems of classification // Classification of Dicotyledonous angiosperms, following Bentham & Hooker, upto series with characters.// Diagnostic features of the following families - **Malvaceae, Leguminosae (Fabaceae), Solanaceae, Lamiaceae, Cucurbitaceae, Asteraceae, Poaceae & Orchidaceae.**

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## **PART - II [Second Year Terminal] : 100 Marks**

### **Paper - II Theoretical 100 Marks [3 hr.] (Code - 121202)**

**Group A: - Anatomy, Embryology, Economic Botany & Ecology.....40 Marks**

**Group B: - Cell Biology and Genetics .....30 Marks**

**Group C: - Biochemistry and Plant Physiology.....30 Marks**

**Group A: - [40 Marks / 25 Periods]**

**Anatomy - [10 Marks / 8 Periods]** Cell wall - chemistry, ultrastructure & function.// Stomatal types.// Evolution of stelar types.// Shoot apex (Tunica-Corpus) and root apex (Körper-Kappe).// Secondary growth in the stem of *Tecoma*.

**Embryology - [10 Marks / 6 Periods]** Sporogenesis and Gametogenesis.// Embryo development in *Capsella bursa-pastoris*.// Endosperm development.

**Economic Botany - [10 Marks / 5 Periods]** Study of the following economically important plants [only binomials, families, parts used and uses] - rice & wheat // sugarcane // mung & gram // ginger & cumin // onion & garlic // tea & coffee // cinchona, neem, ipecac & vasak // mustard, ground nut & coconut // potato, pumpkin & carrot // cotton & jute // sal & teak // mango, litchi & jack fruit.

**Ecology - [10 Marks / 6 Periods]** Ecotype and microclimate.// Plant community.// Plant succession - Hydrosere & Xerosere.// Adaptive features of Hydrophytes, Halophytes & Xerophytes.// Biodiversity - definition & levels of biodiversity (genetic, species & ecosystem).// Methods of *in situ* & *ex situ* conservation.

#### **Group B: - [30 Marks / 25 Periods]**

**Cell Biology - [10 marks / 8 Periods]** Endomembrane system & Cytoskeleton.// Ultrastructure of nuclear membrane & nucleolus.// Nucleosome, euchromatin & heterochromatin.// cell cycle, interphase & cell division with reference to meiosis.// Chromosomal aberration - deletions, duplications, inversion and translocation.// Aneuploidy and polyploidy – types, importance, and role in evolution.

**Genetics - [20 Marks / 17 Periods]** Central dogma.// DNA replication – Meselson and Stahl's experiment & mechanism of replication.// Transcription and translation (Protein synthesis).// Genetic code – Properties.// Mendelian basis of inheritance, predicting Mendelian ratios, sex determination, sex linked inheritance, gene concept, gene interactions (allele interactions) & epistasis.// Linkage group and genetic map (three point test cross).// Test cross and back cross.// Mutation, point mutation (tautomerization, transition, transversion and frame shift).// Mutagen – examples of physical & chemical mutagens.// Brief concept of split gene, transposons & repetitive DNA.

#### **Group C: - [30 Marks / 25 Periods]**

**Biochemistry - [10 marks / 8 Periods]** Carbohydrates - chemistry and importance of ribose, glucose, fructose, sucrose, maltose, starch, cellulose & dextran.// Protein - primary, secondary, tertiary & quaternary structures.// Enzyme- Definition, Types and examples, co-factors, co-enzymes.

**Plant Physiology - [20 Marks / 17 Periods]** Transpiration - transpiration stream and pathway of water movement.// Role sugar and K<sup>+</sup> ion in stomatal movement.// Xylem cavitation & embolism.// Source-sink relation in phloem transport.// Photosynthesis – Absorption and action spectra, enhancement effect, PS-I & PS-II, Z-scheme and photo -phosphorylation.// Calvin cycle & RUBISCO.// Significance of photorespiration, C4 cycle & CAM.// Respiration – Glycolysis, Role of ATP, Krebs cycle, ETS & oxidative phosphorylation.// N<sub>2</sub> fixation and amino acid synthesis (GS - GOGAT system).// Specific role of auxine, gibberellins, cytokinin, ethylene and abscisic acid in the biological cycle of a plant.// Photomorphogenesis - physiology of flowering, phytochrome, cryptochrome & Florigen concept.

## Paper - III Practical 100 Marks

(Code - 121203)

[Internal - 80 Marks] & [External - 20 Marks]

Regular & Daily Internal Assessment [60 Marks]

Topics	Marks [Completion & Performance]
1. Cryptogams - Algae/Fungi.....	8
2. Angiosperms.....	10
3. Anatomy.....	8
4. Plant Physiology.....	10
5. Study of Mitotic Chromosome.....	8
6. Field Work.....	6
7. Attendance.....	10

**Field record** - stating date, types of vegetation & predominant plant species present in the area visited [**Two local excursions (3 x 2 = 6 Marks)** are to be attended by the students]

Centralized Internal Assessment [20 Marks]

8. Identification..... [10 specimens x 2 marks each]..... 20

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Centralized External Assessment [20 Marks]

To be scheduled by the W. B. State University

9. Laboratory note books, Slides, Field records,

Herbarium sheets..... [5+3+3+3]..... 14

10. *Viva Voce*..... 6

**Laboratory note books** [must regularly be checked and signed with date]; **Slides** [permanent slides prepared in the class]; **Herbarium** [at least 10 (ten) herbarium specimens (sheets) of common angiospermic weeds are to be prepared by the students, stating details of the specimens].

[The materials included under Topic No. 9 are to be submitted, as and when required, at the time of external centralized examination]

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## Internal Assessment System

Pro-forma of Log Book cum Attendance Register for continuous Internal

Assessment of Paper III: Effective & Valid from 2008 -09 Session

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## **Internal Assessment System**

**To be effective from 2008-2009 Session**

**Paper - III Practical 100 Marks**

**(Code - 121203)**

**[Internal - 80 Marks & External - 20 Marks]**

**Regular & Daily Internal Assessment [60 Marks]**

**Performance Calculation:** Percent Achievement =  $\frac{A}{B} \times 100 = C\% \text{ Achievement}$

**Marks to be Awarded** = C % of the marks allotted to specific topic / part/ portion

Symbols used: - A = The Number of - Classes Attended / Field Work Attended /

Specimens Worked out / Tests & Experiments Completed by the student etc.; B = The Number of - Classes Held / Scheduled Field Work / Number of Specimens or Test or Experiment Scheduled etc.; C = Percent Achievement of a student or examinee.

**[or,  $\frac{A}{B} \times C$  where C is marks allotted to the part]**

**B**

**Centralized Internal Assessment [20 Marks]**

**8. Identification ..... [10 specimens x 2 marks each] ..... 20**

As per the syllabus prescribed above.

**Detailed Syllabus [To be effective from 2010 - 2011 Session]**

**1. Cryptogams** - Microscopic preparation, drawing, labeling, description and identification o the following - *Nostoc*, *Oedogonium*, *Chara*, *Rhizopus* & *Penicillium*.

**2. Angiosperms** - Dissection, drawing, labeling, description, floral diagram, floral formula & identification of the family of the specimens from the following families - Malvaceae, Leguminosae (Caesalpinoideae & Papilioideae), Brassicaceae, Solanaceae & Lamiaceae.

**3. Anatomy** - Double staining & preparation of permanent slides of T. S. s of the following - Stem - *Cucurbita* & Maize,  
Root - Arum & Gram,  
& Leaf - *Nerium* & Tube rose.

**4. Plant Physiology -**

- a) Demonstration of plasmolysis,
- b) Measurement of leaf area (graphical method) and determination of transpiration rate per unit area by weighing method,
- c) Imbibitions of water by dry, proteinaceous and fatty seeds,
- d) Evolution of O<sub>2</sub> (Vol. / unit time) during photosynthesis &
- e) Evolution of CO<sub>2</sub> (Vol. / gram of material) during aerobic respiration.

**5. Study of Chromosome** - staining with aceto - orcein stain and squash preparation of onion (*Allium cepa*) root tips (pre-treated and untreated) to study mitotic chromosome and mitotic index.

**6. Identification:** - A: - [With reason: **Identification 1 + Reason 1 = 2 x 8 specimens (to be set in the exam.) = 16**] - [To study from preserved specimens and permanent slides] - **Cryptogams** [*Nostoc* with heterocysts & akinetes, *Oedogonium* with oogonia, *Chara* with globules and nucules, *Ectocarpus* with plurilocular sporangia, Pennate diatom, *Rhizopus* with sporangiophores and sporangia, *Penicillium* with conidiophores and conidia, *Agaricus* - the V.L.S. of gills showing trama, hymenium, basidia & basidiospores, *Riccia* - V.T.S. of Thallus through archegonium & sporophyte, *Anthoceros* - L.S. of sporophyte, *Funaria* - L.S. of capsule, *Lycopodium* - L.S. of strobilus, *Selaginella* - L.S. of strobilus, *Dryopteris* - T.S. of pinnule through sorus] ; **Gymnosperms** [*Cycas* - mega - & micro - sporophylls, *Pinus* - male & female cones, *Gnetum* - L.S. of ovule] ; **Anatomy** [haplostele, plectostele, transfusion tissue, sunken stomata, bicollateral vascular bundle, velamen] ; **Morphology** [Inflorescence types] ; **Cytology** [Different stages of mitotic & meiotic metaphase] ;  
**B:** - [No reasoning] **Angiosperms** [Binomials & Families] [Genus  $\frac{1}{2}$  + Species  $\frac{1}{2}$  + Family 1 =  $2 \times 2$  specimens (to be set in the exam.) = 4] - *Sida acuta*, *Abutilon indicum*, *Cassia sophera*, *Tephrosia purpurea*, *Crotalaria pallida*, *Coccinia grandis*, *Nicotiana plumbaginifolia*, *Leucas aspera*, *Leonurus sibiricus*, *Parthenium hysterophorus*, *Tridax procumbens*, *Chrysopogon aciculatus*, *Setaria glauca*, *Eclipta alba*

### PART - III [Third Year Terminal] : 100 Marks

**Paper - IV Theoretical - 70 Marks // Paper - V Practical - 30 marks**  
**(Code - 121204) // (Code - 121205)**

#### **Paper - IV Theoretical 70 Marks [3 hr.]** **(Code - 121204)**

**(To be effective from 2010-2011)**

1. Biofertilizer: - **[10 marks / 5 Periods]** Types of Sources, Production and Application - with reference to Rhizobium, Azotobacter, Cyanobacteria, Azolla and Mycorrhiza.
2. Mushroom: - **[10 marks / 5 Periods]** Food value and cultivation technique of *Pleurotus*.
3. Plant Breeding: - **[10 marks / 5 Periods]** Aims and Objectives; Mass and Pure line selection; Heterosis and Hybrid seed production; Maintenance of germplasm; Seed storage.
4. Measures of Central Tendency: - **[9 marks / 5 Periods]** Mean, Mode & Median, and their utility; Goodness of fit (Chi-square test).
5. Plant Tissue Culture: - **[9 marks / 5 Periods]** Callus culture and plant regeneration; Somatic embryogenesis and artificial seed; Protoplast culture; Application in agriculture, horticulture & forestry.
6. Recombinant DNA Technology: - **[9 marks / 5 Periods]** Recombinant DNA & restriction enzymes; Plasmid as vector; Gene cloning; Transgenic plant.
7. Pharmacognosy: - **[9 marks / 5 Periods]** Scope & importance; Organoleptic evaluation of crude drugs (with reference to *Alstonia* and *Rauvolfia*).
8. Bioinformatics- **[4 marks / 2 Periods]** A brief knowledge about application.

**Paper - V Practical 30 Marks**  
**(Code - 121205)**  
**[Internal- 20 Marks and External - 10 Marks]**

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**The Assessment System to be effective from 2010- 2011 session**  
**(For New Syllabus)**

**Internal Assessment-**

Topics	Marks
1. Bacterial Staining.....	7
2. Biometry.....	7
3. Medicinal plant Identification .... [2 specimens x 3 marks] .... 6 [Genus ½ + Species ½ + Family 1+ part used ½ + uses ½ = 3]	6

**External Assessment-**

Topics	Marks
4. Laboratory note book & Herbarium .....	5
5. <i>Viva voce</i> ... [4 Qs x 1 mark each] .....	5

**Internal Assessment System**

**Pro-forma of Log Book cum Attendance Register for continuous Internal**

**Assessment of Paper V : Effective & Valid from 2010 -2011 Session**

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**Detailed Syllabus [To be effective from 2010 - 2011 Session]**

**Paper - V Practical 30 Marks**

**(Code - 121205)**

**[Internal- 20 Marks and External - 10 Marks]**

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**The Assessment System to be effective from 2009- 2010 session**

**Internal Assessment-**

Topics	Marks
1. Instrumentations.....	4
2. Bacterial Staining.....	5
3. Biometry.....	5
4. Medicinal plant Identification .... [2 specimens x 3 marks] .... 6 [Genus ½ + Species ½ + Family 1+ part used ½ + uses ½ = 3]	6

**External Assessment-**

Topics	Marks
4. Laboratory note book & Herbarium .....	5
5. Viva voce ... [4 Qs x 1 mark each] .....	5

**1. Instrumentations:** Demonstration of:- Incubator, Autoclave, Hot Air Oven, Centrifuge, Colorimeter, pH Meter.

**1. Bacterial Staining:** - Staining of bacteria present in curd sample (**as available in the market / not home made**) and in the sample prepared from pure culture (**must be non-pathogenic**) by Methylene Blue and Ziel's Carbol Fuchsin stains.

**2. Biometry:** - Determination of Goodness - of - fit of normal monohybrid and dihybrid ratios (3:1 and 1:1 ratios) by Chi-square analysis.

**3. Medicinal plant Identification** [Genus ½ + Species ½ + Family 1+ part used ½ + uses ½ = 3]: - To be acquainted with, to know the binomials and the families they belong to, and to have a brief knowledge about the medicinal uses of their parts, of the following common medicinal plants - *Centella asiatica* [thankuni], *Herpestis monnieria* [brahmi], *Terminalia arjuna* [arjun], *Vitex negundo* [nishinda], *Saraca asoca* [asoke], *Adhatoda vasica* [vasak], *Andrographis paniculata* [kalmegh], *Rauvolfia serpentina* [sarpagandha], *Azadirachta indica* [neem], *Holarrhena antidysenterica* [kurchi], *Boerhaavia repens* [punarnava], and *Aegle marmelos* [bel].

**4. Laboratory note book & Herbarium:** - The laboratory note books, signed with date by respective teachers, and Herbarium specimens of the medicinal plants examined (plant parts press-dried and attached on a sheet of art paper with a pasted slip detailing the taxonomic, vernacular and medicinal identities of the plant) must be submitted at the time of examination.

**5. Viva voce..... [4 Qs x 1 mark each]:**- Questions from practical portions only.

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