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Date: 13/03/2026

Time: 09:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Course Code: PGL3060

Course Name: Protection of Traditional Knowledge Plant Varieties and Biotechnology

Semester: Second Semester

Max. Marks: 50

Weightage: 50%

CO - Levels	CO1	CO3	CO4	CO5
Marks	10	22	46	12

PART-A: Answer Following Questions. 10 M

Qn.No	Questions	M	CO	BT
1	Mention the "NDUS" requirements for the registration of a new plant variety.	2	CO4	BT1
2	Define "Essentially Derived Variety" (EDV) under the PPVFR Act.	2	CO4	BT1
3	State the legal status of GM crops under the Indian Patents Act, 1970.	2	CO5	BT1
4	List two forms of non-monetary benefits in a benefit-sharing agreement.	2	CO3	BT1
5	Distinguish between a "Breeder" and a "Farmer" under the PPVFR Act.	2	CO4	BT2

PART-B: Answer Any 1 Following Questions. 10 M

Qn.No	Questions	M	CO	BT
6	A farmer develops a high-yield variety by selecting seeds from traditional wild relatives on his land. Explain the classification of this "Farmers' Variety" and the farmer's status as a breeder under Indian law.	10	CO4	BT2
7	A corporate seed producer sells unbranded seeds of a protected variety that were originally saved by a local village. Identify whether this constitutes "Innocent Infringement" or a violation of breeder's rights.	10	CO4	BT2

PART-C: Answer Any 1 Following Questions. 10 M

Qn.No	Questions	M	CO	BT
8	An NGO discovers that a specific tribal group's knowledge of drought-resistant millet is being commercialized without MAT. Analyze the ethical and legal necessity of "Mutually Agreed Terms" in ensuring fair returns to communities.	10	CO3	BT4
9	A researcher argues that traditional craftsmanship should be protected under copyright for its aesthetic value. Examine the limitations of using classical copyright tools to protect inter-generational, community-based TK.	10	CO1	BT4

PART-D: Answer Any 1 Following Questions. 10 M

Qn.No	Questions	M	CO	BT
10	A biotech company files for a patent on a seed containing a specific GM trait for pest resistance. Analyze the legal position of seeds and GM traits in India following the Monsanto v. Nuziveedu Seeds case.	10	CO5	BT4
11	A local Biodiversity Management Committee (BMC) is asked to approve the commercial use of a sacred grove's resources. Examine the role of BMCs in ensuring Prior Informed Consent at the grassroots level.	10	CO3	BT4

PART-E: Answer Any 1 Following Questions. 10 M

Qn.No	Questions	M	CO	BT
12	A registration for a tree variety is obtained through the provision of incorrect information to the PPVFR Authority. Evaluate the grounds for revocation of registration under Section 34 of the PPVFR Act.	10	CO4	BT5
13	A public demand for essential food crop seeds remains unmet, and the protected variety is sold at an unreasonable price. Critically assess the legal framework for "Compulsory Licensing" to prevent seed monopolies.	10	CO4	BT5