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SEVENTH SEMESTER B.TECH DEGREE EXAMINATION (R), DECEMBER 2023 FOOD TECHNOLOGY (2020 SCHEME)

Course Code: 20FTT441

Course Name: Spices and Plantation Crops Technology

Max. Marks: 100 Duration: 3 Hours

PART A

(Answer all questions. Each question carries 3 marks)

- 1. What are the key chemical constituents found in coffee beans that contribute to their flavor and aroma?
- 2. Where does tea naturally occur, and which regions are known for tea cultivation?
- 3. Name some value-added products that can be manufactured from cashew.
- 4. Why is fermentation of cocoa beans important in the production of chocolate?
- 5. What are spices and condiments, and what is their historical significance in various cultures and cuisines?
- 6. What are encapsulated oils, essential oils, and oleoresins in the context of spices and condiments?
- 7. Name the chemical constituents are responsible for the volatiles in nutmeg and vanilla.
- 8. What are the specific techniques or equipment involved in the production of essential oils and oleoresins from spices?
- 9. Define "quality" in the context of spices and plantation crops, and why is it essential in the industry?
- 10. What are some of the international quality specifications and standards that govern the trade of spices and plantation crops?

PART B

(Answer one full question from each module, each question carries 14 marks)

MODULE I

- 11. a) Explain the chemistry of tea leaves, including the compounds responsible for its flavor, aroma, and health benefits. (10)
 - b) What is instant tea, and what steps are involved in its manufacture? (4)

OR

12. a) Explain the roasting process and the chemical reactions responsible for the browning of coffee beans. (8)

- 16. a) Describe the various types of spice blends and extractives used in culinary applications. How are they prepared, and what is their (8) role in enhancing flavor?
 - b) Discuss the significance of salad dressings and seasonings in modern cuisine. (6)

MODULE IV

- 17. a) Describe the methods used in the manufacture of oleoresins and essential oils from pepper and chilli? What are the key steps in (10) these processes?
 - b) What is the chemistry behind the volatiles of pepper and chilli? (4)

OR

- 18. a) What are the chemical constituents of the volatiles found in cardamom and turmeric, and how do these compounds impact (10) their flavors and fragrances?
 - b) What are the critical factors in the methods employed for the production of oleoresins and essential oils from spices? (4)

MODULE V

19. Describe the various types of machineries used in spice processing, from cleaning to grinding and packaging. What are (14) their roles in maintaining quality?

OR

- 20. a) Describe the roles and functions of organizations like the American Spice Trade Association (ASTA) and the European Spice Association (ESA) in ensuring and promoting quality within the industry. (8)
 - b) Discuss the importance of labeling and traceability in spice and plantation crop packaging, particularly for quality control and (6) consumer information.
