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- Note: 1) Figures to right indicate marks.
2) Draw neat and labeled diagram wherever necessary.

Q1. Select the appropriate answer for the following multiple choice (08) questions:

- (i) A branch of horticulture dealing with the production and marketing of vegetable is called
(a) Viticulture (b) Olericulture
(c) Pomology (d) Sericulture
- (ii) Sweet potato is
(a) Tuber (b) Root
(c) Fruit (d) Rhizome
- (iii) Ethylene has horticulture uses such as
(a) Inducing fruit maturity (b) Changing the green colour of fruits
(c) Initiating flowers (d) All of these
- (iv) A physiological aging activity in which plant tissues degenerate and ultimately die is called
(a) Fruit ripening (b) Senescence
(c) Maturity (d) Both a & b
- (v) Respiration rate and shelf life are
(a) inversely related (b) not related with each other
(c) in direct proportion (d) fully related with each other
- (vi) _____ applications to rosette plants induce stem elongation by increasing cell division.
(a) Gibberellin (b) Cytokinin
(c) Auxin (d) Ethylene
- (vii) In tomatoes and pink grapefruit a specific carotenoid called _____ gives them their red color
(a) anthocyanin (b) lycopene
(c) zeaxanthin (d) violaxanthin
- (viii) Solar dehydration is considered as a _____
(a) Low-Temperature method (b) High-Temperature method
(c) Low-moisture method (d) High-moisture method

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Q2. Answer any SEVEN of the following questions in brief:

- (i) Write the botanical name of Papaya and Brinjal and vernacular/ common name of *Mangifera indica* and *Pisum sativum*
 - (ii) Differentiate between climacteric and non-climacteric fruits
 - (iii) Explain the terms 'maturation' and 'maturity index'
 - (iv) List out the environmental factors that cause deterioration in the quality of horticultural commodities
 - (v) What is significance of ripening regulation in fruits?
 - (vi) Distinguish Postharvest Technology from Phytochemistry
 - (vii) With reference to carotenoids, comment upon health benefits of colour pigments in fruit & vegetables
 - (viii) Define - Harvest, Postharvest and Postharvest shelf life
 - (ix) What are the advantages of cold storage of horticultural produce?
- Q3 (a) What is horticultural science? Briefly describe its branches. Support your explanation with suitable examples. 06
- (b) With suitable examples, explain in detail the types and characteristics of vegetables. 06
- OR
- (b) Discuss the biological factors involved in deterioration of quality of horticultural produce 06
- Q4 (a) Differentiate between physiological maturity and commercial maturity and write a concise note on the biochemistry of fruit ripening 06
- (b) What is metabolism and how it is associated with the phytochemical compounds in fruits and vegetables? 06
- OR
- (b) Discuss the biochemistry of flower development and senescence 06
- Q5 (a) Discuss the biosynthesis of carotenoids during fruit development and ripening 06
- (b) Discuss the physiological role of Gibberellins in fruit set and development 06
- OR
- (b) List the compounds responsible for aroma in fruits and flowers and briefly discuss about any one metabolic pathway involved in aroma production in fruits or flowers 06
- Q6 (a) Briefly discuss the pre harvest, harvest and post harvest factors which effect qualities of horticulture produce? 06
- (b) Write an explanatory note on the biochemical constituents which determine the composition and quality of fruits & vegetables? 06
- OR
- (b) Presenting the types of edible coating emulsions, discuss the advantages of edible coatings in postharvest preservation of perishable horticultural produce 06

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