

# Paper: Zoology (100 Marks)

## ***I. Animal Diversity-Invertebrates***

- Architectural pattern of an animal, Taxonomy and phylogeny, Major subdivisions of animal kingdom.
- Animal-Like Protists: The Protozoa: evolutionary perspective, locomotion and reproduction, Protozoa of veterinary and medical importance.
- Porifera: Body wall, skeleton and water currents system. Coelenterates: Reproduction plan and alteration of generation (Polymorphism), Coral reefs.
- Platyhelminthes and Nematodes: Parasitic adaptations and medical importance. Annelids: Metamerism and ecological importance.
- Molluscs: Modification of foot, Feeding and their role in the shell fishery.
- Arthropods: Modification in their mouth parts, Role of arthropods as vectors in the transmission in microbial infection. Arthropods and their ecological importance.
- Echinoderms: Characteristics, Evolutionary perspective, Relationships to other animals; echinoderm characteristics.

## ***II. Animal Diversity-Chordata***

- Hemichordates and Invertebrate Chordates: Evolutionary Perspective: Phylogenetic Relationships and considerations.
- Fishes: Structural and functional adaptations of fishes.
- Amphibians: Movement onto land and early evolution of terrestrial vertebrates.
- Reptiles: Characteristics of reptiles, adaptations in reptilians.
- Birds: Migration and navigation, adaptations.
- Mammals: Structural and functional adaptations of mammals.

## ***III. Principles of Animal Life***

- The chemical basis of animal life: Brief introduction to bio-molecules; carbohydrates, lipids, proteins and nucleic acids.
- Cell concept and cell theory, Organization of cellular organelle (their structure and functions), Central dogma of cell biology (Transcription and Translation), Meiosis and Mitosis
- Protozoa: Reproduction pattern in protozoan, Parasitism in protozoan
- Mesozoa and Parazoa: Porifera: Cells types, body wall and skeleton and water currents system, Coelenterata: Reproduction plan and alteration of generation (Polymorphism)
- Tissues Types: epithelial, connective, muscle and nervous tissues; organs and organ systems.
- Enzyme's function and factors affecting their activity, cofactors and coenzymes. Energy Harvesting: Aerobic and anaerobic respiration the major source of ATP.
- Mendel's law of inheritance, Chromosomal basis of inheritance, Multiple alleles, Eukaryotic

chromosomes: Mutations and chromosomal aberrations.

- Ecological Concepts: Interactions, Concepts and components of ecosystem, Food chain, Food web, Biogeochemical cycles, Forests, Biomes, Wildlife conservation and management, Environmental pollution, Greenhouse effect, Acid rain, Global warming and climate change.
- Evolution: Darwinian evolutionary theory based on natural selection and the evidence, Microevolution: Genetic variation and change within species, Macroevolution: Species and speciation (Allopatric, Parapatric and Sympatric speciation)

#### **IV. Animal Form and Function**

- Protection, Support and Movement: Integumentary system of invertebrates; Animal muscles: the muscular system of invertebrates and vertebrates.
- Digestion and Nutrition: Feeding mechanism, Digestion, Organization and regional function of alimentary canal, Regulation of food intake, Nutritional requirements
- Internal Fluids and Respiration: Internal fluid environment, Composition of blood, Circulation and respiration mechanisms
- Homeostasis: Excretion, Vertebrate kidney mechanisms, Temperature regulation
- Nervous Coordination: Nervous system and Senses: Functional units of nervous system, Synapses junctions between nerves.
- Chemical Coordination: Endocrine System; Vertebrate endocrine glands and types of hormones, Mechanism of hormones action, Animal Behavior: Learning, Habituation, Insightlearning, latent learning, classical learning; Control of Behavior; social behavior.

### **SUGGESTED READINGS**

| <b>S.No.</b> | <b>Title</b>   | <b>Author</b>  |
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| 1.           | Integrated Principles of Zoology.                                      | Hickman, Jr. C.P., Keen, S. L, Larson, and Eisenhour, D.J. |
| 2.           | Zoology  | Miller, S. A. and Harley, J. B.                            |
| 3.           | Biology  | Campbell, N.A.   |
| 4.           | Evolution. 2nd Edition   | Douglas Futuyma  |
| 5.           | Animal behavior: - An Evolutionary Approach, (9 <sup>th</sup> Edition) | John Alcock  |