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**West Tripura, Tripura – 799022**

**Syllabus for**  
**Four Year Under Graduate Programme**

**Subject: Zoology**

**(NEP – 2020)**

**Year – 2023**

**DETAILED COURSE CONTENT OF  
ZOOLOGY (MAJOR)  
(SEMESTER – 1<sup>ST</sup> - SEMESTER – 5<sup>TH</sup>)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Year**  
**Semester-I**  
**Paper 1: NON-CHORDATES**  
**Paper Code: ZL101C**  
**Total Marks: 100 (IA = 40 + ESE = 60) Credit = 04**

(Credits – 04)

**Unit - I**

**Contribution of National Scientists in Zoology**

Salim Ali, Vishwa Gopal Jhingran, Hiralal Chaudhuri, Gopal Ch Bhattacharya, Ramdeo Mishra, Hargobind Khorana, Lalji Singh, Radha D Kale, M K Chandra Sekheran, C. R. Narayan Rao, M. C. Dash, Valmik Thapar.

**Phylum - Protozoa**

- General Characteristics and classification of sub-kingdom Protozoa upto Phylum.
- Locomotion in *Amoeba*
- Reproduction in *Paramecium*

**Phylum - Parazoa**

- General characteristics and classification of Porifera upto classes
- Histology & body wall of *Sycon*
- Canal system of *Sycon*

**Unit – II**

**Phylum - Metazoa**

- General characteristics and classification of Cnidaria upto classes
- Trimorphism & metagenesis of *Obelia*

**Phylum - Platyhelminthes**

- General characteristics and classification upto classes
- Life cycle of *Fasciola hepatica*

**Phylum - Nematelminthes**

- General characteristics and classification upto classes
- Life cycle of *Ascaris*

**Unit – III**

**Phylum - Annelida**

- General characteristics and classification upto classes
- Digestive & excretory system of Earthworm

**Phylum - Arthropoda**

- General characteristics and classification upto classes
- Digestive system of *Periplaneta*
- Circulation in *Periplaneta*

**Unit – IV**

**Phylum - Mollusca**

- General characteristics and classification upto classes
- Respiratory system in *Pila*
- Nervous system in *Pila*

**Phylum - Echinodermata**

- General characteristics and classification upto classes
- Water vascular system in *Asterias*
- Basic larval form and evolutionary significance

**Phylum - Hemichordata**

- General characteristics of Hemichordata

**Paper 2A: Economic Zoology****Paper Code: ZL102C****Total Marks: 60 (IA = 24 + ESE = 36) Credit = 02****Unit – I****Vermiculture & Vermicomposting**

- Principle of vermicomposting, different ecological categories of earthworm (Epigeic, Endogeic, Anecic), importance of vermicomposting, vermitechnology & management.

**Unit – II****Sericulture**

- Principle, different types of silk moth and their host plants, rearing methods, diseases of silk moth. Management with special reference to local varieties

**Apiculture**

- Principle, different types of honey bees, rearing methods, diseases of honey bees. Management with special reference to local varieties

**Unit – III****Fresh water pisciculture**

- Polyculture
- Induced breeding technology
- Fish seed transportation, fish diseases,
- Management

**Unit - IV****Poultry**

- Types of breeds
- Methods of rearing
- Diseases and their management

**Dairy Farming**

- Basics of Dairy farming and management.

**Paper 2B: Practical (I)****Paper Code: ZL102C****Total Marks: 40 (IA = 16 + ESE = 24) Credit = 02**

1. Identification with reasons  
*Paramoecium, Scypha, Obelia, Physalia, Fasciola, Taenia, Ascaris, Metaphire, Hirudinaria, Periplaneta, Limulus, Mite, Pila, Lamellidens, Octopus, Asterias, Balanoglossus.*
2. Dissection and display of digestive, reproductive and nervous systems of *Periplaneta*.
3. Mouth parts of *Periplaneta*.
4. Spot identification and economic importance of— *Perionyx, Apis* sp, *Bombyx*, and Carps.
5. Identification of diseases with reasons from the photographs provided of the faunal group.
  - silk moth, fish, poultry.

**Semester-II**  
**Paper 3: CHORDATES**  
**Paper Code: ZL201C**  
**Total Marks: 100 (IA = 40 + ESE = 60) Credit = 04**

**Unit – I**

**Protochordata**

- General characteristics of Cephalochordata with special reference to the ciliary mode of feeding in *Branchiostoma/Amphioxus*.
- General characteristics of Urochordata with special reference to retrogressive metamorphosis in *Ascidia*

**Unit – II**

**Cyclostomata**

- General characteristics of Cyclostomata
- Differences between *Petromyzon* and *Myxine*

**Pisces**

- General Characteristics of Chondrichthyes & Osteichthyes
- Accessory respiratory organs in fishes

**Unit – III**

**Amphibia**

- General characteristics and classification upto order
- Parental care in Amphibia
- Neoteny & Paedogenesis in Amphibia

**Reptilia**

- General characteristics and classification upto order
- Heart of Crocodile
- Differences between venomous and non-venomous snakes
- Biting mechanism of snake

**Unit – IV**

**Aves**

- General characteristics and classification upto order
- Double mode of respiration

**Mammals**

- General characteristics and classification upto order
- Comparative account of heart and aortic arch of mammal with those of bird, reptile, amphibian and fish
- Digestive system of ruminant and non-ruminant

## **Paper 4A: CELL BIOLOGY**

**Paper Code: ZL202C**

**Total Marks: 60 (IA = 24 + ESE = 36) Credit = 02**

### **Unit – I**

#### **Cell**

- The basic concept of Cell (Prokaryotic and Eukaryotic)
- Cell- Cell theory, cell size, the shape of cells, and types of cells
- Structure and function of prokaryotic cell
- Structure and function of eukaryotic cell – special reference to animal and plant cell
- Differences between animal and plant cells

### **Unit - II**

#### **Structure and function of-**

- Plasma membrane
- Nucleus
- Mitochondria
- Golgi bodies
- Ribosomes
- Endoplasmic reticulum
- Lysosomes
- Chromosome
- Nucleic acid

### **Unit – III**

- Cell cycle and regulations
- Cell divisions – Mitosis and Meiosis

### **Unit - IV**

#### **Cancer Biology**

- Tumor and its type, characteristics of cancer cells,
- Viral and cellular oncogenes, Development of cancer
- Types of cancer, Types of carcinogens,
- Therapeutics of cancer

## **Paper 4B: Practical (II)**

**Paper Code: ZL202C**

**Total Marks: 40 (IA = 16 + ESE = 24) Credit = 02**

1. Identification with reasons —*Branchiostoma*, *Ascidia*, *Petromyzon*, *Myxine*, *Scoliodon*, *Hippocampus*, *Channa*, *Rohu*, *Dipnoi*, *Hyla*, *Calotes*, *Naja*, *Columba*, *Chiroptera*, *Bandicota/Rattus*.
2. Dissection and display of digestive system, IXth & Xth cranial nerves of *Cirrhinus mrigala/Channa*
3. Study of gill arch, cycloid & ctenoid scales, hyoid & pecten of fowl.
4. Study of Mitotic cell division stages
5. Study of meiotic cell division stages (permanent slide).
6. Study of salivary gland chromosome from larva of *Drosophila*

**2nd Year**  
**Semester-III**  
**Paper 5: GENETICS**  
**Paper Code: ZL301**

**Total Marks: 100 (IA = 40 + ESE = 60) Credit = 04**

**Unit - I**

- Mendelian Inheritance
- Gene interaction with reference to epistasis and non-epistasis (co-dominance and incomplete dominance)
- DNA as a genetic material with experimental evidence

**Unit – II**

- Concept of alleles, lethal alleles and multiple alleles (ABO Blood grouping)
- Linkage, crossing over and recombination, gene mapping (three-point test cross)
- Sex determination in *Drosophila* (Genic balance theory) and human; Barr body.

**Unit - III**

- Chromosomal abnormalities and different syndromes in human—: Turner's syndrome, Klinefelter's syndrome, Down syndrome, Cri-du-Chat syndrome
- Autosomal and Sex-linked inheritance: Autosomal- Albinism and Thalassemia.
- Sex linked inheritance— Colour blindness and Haemophilia

**Unit - IV**

- Mutation: Types of mutation, mutagens, induction and detection of sex chromosomal lethal mutation by CIB method
- Human genetic disorders: Phenylketonuria and Alkaptonuria (Phenylalanine pathway), Albinism (Tyrosine pathway), Sickle cell anaemia.
- Cytoplasmic inheritance

**Paper 6A: DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY**

**Paper Code: ZL302C**

**Total Marks: 60 (IA = 24 + ESE = 36) Credit = 02**

**Unit - I**

- Gametogenesis
- Ultrastructure of spermatozoa and ova with special reference to mammal
- Fertilization

**Unit - II**

- Cleavage, types, cleavage in frog and chick
- Gastrulation in chick embryo
- Fate map

**Unit - III**

- Extra-embryonic membrane formation and function in chick embryo
- Embryonic induction,
- Organizer concept
- Formation of the eye in chick embryo

**Unit - IV**

- Placenta: types and function.
- Formation of the placenta in rabbit
- Concept of In-vitro fertilization, stem cells
- Amniocentesis

**Paper 6B: PRACTICAL(III)**

**Paper Code: ZL302C**

**Total Marks: 40 (IA = 16 + ESE = 24) Credit = 02**

- Pedigree analysis in human (charts)
- Karyotyping in human (charts)
- Identification (with reasons) of male and female *Drosophila* and their mutants (microphotographs)
- Identification of chick embryo with reason (during different incubation period): 16-18 hours, 21- 24 hours, 48hours,72 hours.

**2nd Year**

**Semester-IV**

**Paper 7: ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY**

**Paper Code: ZL401C**

**Total Marks: 100 (IA = 40 + ESE = 60) Credit = 04**

**Unit - I**

- Extracellular and intracellular digestions
- Transport of oxygen and carbon dioxide in mammals (Bohr effect and Chloride shift)
- Thermoregulation in Ectotherms and Endotherms, role of the hypothalamus in temperature regulation with regard to Endotherms

**Unit - II**

- Concept of Isotonic, Hypotonic, and Hypertonic solution, Osmoregulation in fresh and marine water fishes
- Mechanism of nitrogen excretion in vertebrates
- Mechanism of urine formation in mammals and counter-current mechanism

**Unit - III**

- Structure of neurone
- Resting membrane potential, origin of action potential, and propagation through myelinated and non-myelinated nerves
- Types of synapse, synaptic transmission, and neuromuscular junction
- Role of neurotransmitter
- Chemical and molecular muscular contraction

**Unit - IV**

- Ketogenesis and its regulation, ketone body synthesis and utilization
- Catabolism of amino acids: Transamination and Deamination
- Urea-Ornithine cycle and its significance
- Animal energetics – concept of energy metabolism
- Measurements of metabolic rate – direct and indirect colourimetry
- Concept of RQ and its significance



## **Paper 8A: ENDOCRINOLOGY AND REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY**

**Paper Code: ZL402C**

**Total Marks: 60 (IA = 24 + ESE = 36) Credit = 02**

### **Unit - I**

- Introduction to the endocrine system and classification of glands
- Hormones and their functions in vertebrates with special reference to protection in fishes, amphibia and birds
- Hormones and their functions in invertebrates with special reference to metamorphosis in insects

### **Unit – II**

Histological structure and functions of-

- Pituitary gland,
- Thyroid gland,
- Pancreas,
- Adrenal gland,
- Testis and ovary

### **Unit - III**

Endocrine disorder in human with special reference to-

- Pituitary
- Thyroid glands
- Adrenal glands

### **Unit - IV**

- Role of hormones in Reproduction
- Spermatogenesis, and oogenesis
- Menstrual cycle
- Oestrus cycle in rat

## **Paper 8B: PRACTICAL (IV)**

**Paper Code: ZL402C**

**Total Marks: 40 (IA = 16 + ESE = 24) Credit = 02**

- Study of osmosis (using human blood /RBC).
- Study of Haemin crystal formation from human blood
- Study of salivary amylase activity using starch solution
- Identification of permanent slides with reasons of transverse section of mammalian Thyroid gland, Pancreas, Ovary and Testis.
- Identification of leukocyte and ABO blood grouping

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Year**

### **Semester -5**

### **EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY AND CHRONOBIOLOGY**

**Paper Code: ZL 501C**

**Total Marks: 100 (IA = 40 + ESE = 60) Credit -4**

#### **Unit I: Origin of Life, Fossils, and Geological Time**

- Origin of Life: Concept of Hot dilute soup, Proteinoid, Microsphere, Coacervate, Protocell; Experimental evidence of abiotic synthesis of biomolecules (Miller & Urey Experiment).
- Geological Time Scale: Basic idea with major examples of fauna; Background extinction and Mass extinction.
- Fossils: Types, methods of fossilization, and age determination (Carbon dating and other techniques).
- Evolution of horse as an example of macroevolution.

(This unit gives the foundation of how life originated and how evolutionary history is traced.)

#### **Unit II: Principles of Evolutionary Biology**

- Neo-Darwinism (Synthetic Theory of Evolution).
- Genetic variation: Sources of variation in natural populations (mutation, recombination, migration, etc.).
- Types of Natural Selection: Stabilising, Directional, and Disruptive.
- Hardy-Weinberg Principle: Gene and genotype frequency; conditions and significance.
- Factors influencing Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium (mutation, migration, selection, genetic drift (Bottleneck phenomenon, Founder effect), non-random mating).

(This unit deals with modern evolutionary mechanisms and population genetics.)

#### **Unit III: Speciation and Isolation Mechanisms**

- Isolating mechanisms: Types and importance of reproductive isolation.
- Modes of Speciation: Allopatric, Sympatric, and Parapatric.
- Adaptive radiation with reference to placental mammals.
- Brief case studies/examples of speciation with reference to resource partitioning (e.g.– Darwin's finches, cichlid fishes).

(This unit helps to understand how new species arise and maintain distinct identities.)

#### **Unit IV: Chronobiology and Ethology**

- Origin and History of Ethology: Contributions of Karl von Frisch, Ivan Pavlov, Konrad Lorenz, Niko Tinbergen.
- Concepts of proximate and ultimate behaviour.
- Basics of Animal Behaviour: Innate vs. Learned behaviour (characteristics, differences, classifications, examples).
- Animal Communication: Role of pheromones in territory marking, courtship, and mating; Concept of Allelochemicals: Allomone, Kairomone, Synomone, Apneumone
- Biological Rhythms: Circadian, Tidal, and Lunar rhythms.
- Concept of Biological clock and its regulation.

(This unit links evolution with behaviour and biological timing.)

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Year, Semester - 5**

#### **Paper — ZL 502C (Theory)**

##### **Adaptation and Zoogeography**

**Total Marks: 60 (IA = 24 + ESE = 36) Credit = 02**

#### **Unit I: Adaptations – General Concepts**

- Concept of adaptation in animals: Pre-adaptation, Post-adaptation, Primary adaptation, secondary adaptation, Homology, Analogy.
- Convergent and divergent adaptations (with examples).
- Adaptive radiation in placental mammals with special reference to teeth and limbs.
- Significance of adaptations in evolution and survival.

(This unit introduces to adaptation concepts and evolutionary patterns.)

#### **Unit II: Adaptive Features in Selected Animals**

- Adaptive features of Camel (desert adaptation – morphological, anatomical, and physiological).
- Adaptive features of Whale (aquatic adaptation – streamlining, blubber, physiological mechanisms).
- Adaptive features of Pigeon (aerial adaptation – wings, hollow bones, respiratory efficiency).
- Comparative approach: desert, aquatic, and aerial adaptations.
- Adaptive features of Hoolock Gibbon, *Chameleo* (Arboreal adaptation- morphological, anatomical, physiological)

(Knowledge of concrete examples of adaptation in familiar animals)

#### **Unit III: Adaptation in Colouration and Mimicry**

- Colouration in animals: Cryptic (camouflage) and Warning (aposematic) colouration.
- Mimicry in animals:
  - Protective mimicry
  - Aggressive mimicry
  - Warning mimicry
  - Batesian and Müllerian mimicry (with examples).
- Ecological and evolutionary significance of colouration and mimicry.

(This unit connects adaptations with ecology and survival strategies.)

#### **Unit IV: Zoogeography**

- Zoogeography: Definition and importance with special reference to Continental Drift Theory.
- Discontinuous distribution of animals with examples.
- Wallace's Line and Weber's Line – significance in biogeography.
- Zoogeographical realms of the world:
  - Geographical boundaries
  - Climate characteristics
  - Major faunal composition of each realm (with examples).
- Brief note on the relevance of zoogeography in biodiversity and conservation.

(This unit gives a global picture and knowledge for applied zoology, biodiversity, and ecology.)

**5<sup>th</sup> Sem PRACTICAL -1**  
**Paper Code: ZL502C (Practical)**  
**Total Marks: 40 (IA = 16 + ESE = 24) Credit = 02**

- Problems from Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium (gene and Genotype frequency)
- Adaptive features: *Fasciola*, *Physalia*, *Hemidactylus*, *Exocoetus*, *Rhacophorus*/ *Hyla*, *Chameleo*, *Columba*, *Chiroptera*.
- Placement of faunal groups in respective Zoogeographical realms (map pointing)
- Study of Skull and limb bone of Class — Amphibia, Reptiles, Aves and Mammals

**3<sup>rd</sup> Year, Semester-5**

**Paper - 503C**

**ECOLOGY**

**(100 Marks— IA = 40 + ESE = 60) Credit -4**

**Unit I: Ecological Foundations**

- Concepts of Autecology and Synecology with examples
- Ecosystem: Definition, structure, and components.
- Levels of ecological organization, concept of organism, population, community, ecosystem, biome, biosphere
- Laws of limiting factors, Liebig's law of minimum, Shelford's law of tolerance, Ecotype, Ecad, Guilds
- Concepts of habitat and niche including types of niches.

(This unit provides the basic building blocks of ecology.)

**Unit II: Ecosystem Structure and Function**

- Food chain (Grazing, Detritus) and Food web, Top-down and Bottom-up control
- Ecological pyramids: Numbers, Biomass, Energy
- Energy flow in ecosystems, Lindeman's law, Law of Thermodynamics (First and Second), Ecological efficiencies
- Population Ecology:
  - Density, Natality, Mortality, Age distribution, Dispersion, Dispersal
  - Survivorship curves.
  - Population growth curves (exponential and logistic).
  - r- and k-selection

(This unit explains how energy and populations function within ecosystems.)

**Unit III: Community Ecology and Succession**

- Community characteristics: species diversity, abundance, dominance, richness, Shannon-Wiener index, Simpson index
- Stratification in communities (forest and lake examples).
- Ecotone and edge effect.
- Ecological succession: types (primary, secondary, autogenic, allogenic) and examples

- Process of succession (Terrestrial, Aquatic) with examples, concept and types of Climax.

(This unit shifts from individual/population level to community-level processes.)

## **Unit IV: Applied Ecology and Conservation**

- Biodiversity: types and levels.
- Biodiversity hotspots, Keystone species, Umbrella species, Flagship species with examples.
- Wildlife conservation strategies: in situ and ex situ.
- Protected areas with special reference to Tripura.
- Red Data Book, Indian Wildlife Protection Act & Schedules.
- Threats and conservation strategies for selected species:
  - Indian Tiger, Phayre's Leaf Monkey, Indian Bison, Green Imperial Pigeon.

(This unit links ecology to real-world conservation)

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Year, Semester - 5**

#### **Paper - ZL504C (Theory)**

#### **PARASITOLOGY & BASIC MICROBIOLOGY**

**60 Marks - (IA = 24 + ESE = 36)    Credit 02**

## **Unit I: Host–Parasite Relationships**

- Concepts of parasitism (monogenic, digenic, parasitoidism, super-parasitism, multiple-parasitism, hyper-parasitism) with examples, host–parasite interactions.
- Helminthic parasites:
  - *Taenia* (tapeworm).
  - *Ascaris* (roundworm).
- General impact of parasites on hosts.

(This unit builds the foundation of parasitology.)

## **Unit II: Protozoan Parasites and Human Diseases**

- Life cycle, pathogenicity, and prophylaxis of:
  - *Plasmodium* (Malaria)
  - *Entamoeba* (Amoebiasis)
  - *Giardia* (Giardiasis)
  - *Wuchereria* (Filariasis)
- Importance of prophylactic measures in public health.

(This unit covers medically important parasites relevant to students' daily life and healthcare.)

### Unit III: Basics of Microbiology

- Basics of microbial cell structure (Virus, Bacteria, *Mycoplasma*, Yeast and Mould)
- Classification of microbes based on:
  - Oxygen requirement (aerobes, anaerobes).
  - pH tolerance.
  - Staining properties (Gram-positive, Gram-negative, acid-fast).
- Microbes in animal guts:
  - Collembola.
  - Earthworm.
  - Ruminants.

(This unit explains microbial diversity and ecological roles.)

### Unit IV: Applied Microbiology

- Concepts of Prebiotic, Probiotic, and Symbiotic interactions.
- Beneficial roles of microbes in:
  - Human health (gut flora, probiotics).
  - Animal welfare.
  - Agriculture and biotechnology (if desired, can add simple examples like nitrogen fixation, fermentation).

(This unit links microbiology to applied aspects)

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Year, Semester - 5**

#### **Paper - ZL504C (Practical)**

**Total Marks: 40 (IA = 16 + ESE = 24) Credit = 02**

- Estimation of population density (i) Quadrature method (ii) Capture recapture method
- Identification and ecological role of the following: *Collembola*, Mite, *Daphnia*, *Cyclops*, *Cypris*  
(Slides)
- Isolation of bacteria by serial dilution method / Gram staining.
- Identification and observation of gut parasite of cockroach / fish/ fowl

## **Books ( 5<sup>th</sup> Semester)**

### **Evolutionary Biology, Chronobiology, Adaptation & Zoogeography**

1. Evolution – Douglas J. Futuyma (Sinauer Associates / Oxford University Press)
2. Evolutionary Biology – Scott Freeman & Jon C. Herron (Pearson publishers)
3. Evolution – M.K. Agarwal (S. Chand & Company – Publisher)
4. Zoogeography and Animal Distribution – Darlington P.J. (Foreign, Wiley)

### **Adaptation & Zoogeography**

5. Zoogeography: The Geographical Distribution of Animals – Darlington, P.J. (Wiley Publication)
6. Animal Adaptation and Distribution – Allee, W.C. & Schmidt, K.P. (University of Chicago Press)
7. Ecology and Zoogeography – M.S. Mani (McGraw Hill / Today & Tomorrow's Printers) (Indian; Rastogi Publications).
8. Biogeography: An Ecological and Evolutionary Approach – C. Barry Cox, Peter D. Moore, & Richard J. Ladle. (Wiley-Blackwell publisher)

### **Ecology**

9. Ecology: Concepts and Applications – Manuel C. Molles (McGraw Hill publications)
10. Fundamentals of Ecology – Eugene P. Odum & Gary W. Barrett (Brooks Cole / Cengage)
11. Ecology and Environmental Biology – P.D. Sharma (Rastogi Publications)

### **Parasitology & Microbiology**

12. Parasitology: Protozoan and Helminthic Infections – K.D. Chatterjee (CBS Publishers)
13. Foundations of Parasitology – Gerald D. Schmidt & Larry S. Roberts (McGraw Hill publications )
14. Microbiology – Prescott, Harley & Klein ) McGraw Hill publications)

**DETAILED COURSE CONTENT OF  
ZOOLOGY – MINOR**

**(SEMESTER – 1<sup>ST</sup> - SEMESTER – 5<sup>TH</sup>)**



**1<sup>st</sup> Year**  
**Semester-I**  
**Paper 1A: NON-CHORDATES AND ECONOMIC ZOOLOGY**  
**Paper Code: ZL101M**  
**Total Marks: 60 (IA = 24 + ESE = 36) Credit - 03**

**Non-Chordates**

**Unit - I**

**Contribution of National Scientists in Zoology—**

Salim Ali, Vishwa Gopal Jhingran, Hiralal Chaudhuri, Gopal Ch Bhattacharya, Ramdeo Mishra, Hargobind Khorana, Lalji Singh, Radha D Kale, M K Chandra Sekheran, C. R. Narayan Rao, M. C. Dash, Valmik Thapar.

**Phylum – Protozoa**

- Classification up to class
- General Characteristics
- Locomotion in *Amoeba*

**Phylum – Parazoa**

- Classification up to class
- General characteristics
- Canal system of *Sycon*

**Phylum – Metazoa**

- Classification up to class
- General characteristics
- Trimorphism & metagenesis of *Obelia*

**Unit - II**

**Phylum – Platyhelminthes**

- Classification up to class
- General characteristics
- Life cycle of *Fasciola hepatica*

**Phylum – Nematelminthes**

- Classification up to class
- General characteristics
- Life cycle of *Ascaris*

**Phylum – Annelida**

- Classification up to class
- General characteristics
- Digestive system of Earthworm

**Unit - III**

**Phylum – Arthropoda**

- Classification up to class
- General characteristics
- Digestive system of *Periplaneta*

**Phylum – Mollusca**

- Classification up to class
- General characteristics
- Respiratory system in *Pila*

**Phylum – Echinodermata**

- Classification up to class
- General characteristics
- Water vascular system in *Asterias*

**Phylum – Hemichordata**

- Classification up to class
- General characteristics of Hemichordata

**Unit – IV - ECONOMIC ZOOLOGY****Vermiculture & Vermicomposting**

- Principle of vermicomposting, different ecological categories of earthworm (Epigeic, Endogeic, Anesic), importance of vermicomposting, vermitechnology & management.

**Sericulture**

- Principle, different types of silk moth and their host plants, rearing methods, diseases of silk moth . Management with special reference to local varieties

**Apiculture**

- Principle, different types of honey bees, rearing methods, diseases of honey bees. Management with special reference to local varieties

**Fresh water pisciculture**

- Polyculture
- Induced breeding technology
- Fish seed transportation, fish diseases,
- Management

**Poultry**

- Types of breeds
- Methods of rearing
- Health, diseases and their management

**Basics of Dairy farming** and management.

**Paper 1B: PRACTICAL - 1**

**Paper Code: ZL101M**

**Total Marks: 40 (IA = 16 + ESE = 24) Credit - 01**

**PRACTICAL – I**

1. Identification, Systematic position, and Specimen Characters  
*Paramoecium, Scypha, Obelia, Physalia, Taenia, Ascaris, Metaphire, , Hirudinaria, Periplaneta, Pila, Octopus, Asterias,*
2. Dissection and display of digestivesystems of *Periplaneta*
3. Mouth parts of *Periplaneta*
4. Spot identification and economic importance of— *Perionyx, Apis* sp, *Bombyx* and some major Carps (Rohu, Catla, Mrigal).

**Semester-II**  
**Paper 2A: CHORDATES AND CELL BIOLOGY**  
**Paper Code: ZL201M**  
**Total Marks: 60 (IA = 24 + ESE = 36) Credit - 03**

**Chordates**

**Unit - I**

**Protochordata**

- General characteristics of Cephalochordata with special reference to ciliary mode of feeding in *Branchiostoma/Amphioxus*.
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**Cyclostomata**

- General characteristics of Cyclostomata
- Differences between *Petromyzon* and *Myxine*

**Pisces**

- General Characteristics of Chondrichthyes & Osteichthyes
- Accessory respiratory organs in fishes

**Unit - II**

**Amphibia**

- General characteristics and classification upto order
- Parental care in Amphibia

**Reptilia**

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- Differences between venomous and non-venomous snakes

**Unit - III**

**Aves**

- General characteristics and classification upto order
- Double mode of respiration

**Mammals**

- General characteristics and classification upto order
- Digestive system of ruminant and non-ruminant

**Unit – IV - CELL BIOLOGY**

1. Structure and function of—

- Plasma membrane
- Nucleus
- Mitochondria
- Golgi bodies
- Ribosomes
- Endoplasmic reticulum
- Lysosomes

2. Cell cycle and regulations

3. Cell divisions

4. Cancer cell and its characters

**Paper 2B: PRACTICAL -II**  
**Paper Code: ZL201M**  
**Total Marks: 40 (IA = 16 + ESE = 24) Credit - 01**

**PRACTICAL – II**

1. Identification, systematic position, and specimen characters —*Branchiostoma*, *Ascidia*, *Petromyzon*, *Scoliodon*, *Channa*, *Rohu*, *Hyla*, *Naja*, *Columba*, *Chiroptera*.
2. Dissection and display of digestive system *Cirrhinus mrigala/Channa sp.*
3. Study of Mitotic cell division stages
5. Study of meiotic cell division stages (permanent slide).

**2nd Year**  
**Semester-III**  
**Paper 3A: GENETICS & DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY**  
**Paper Code: ZL301M**  
**Total Marks: 60 (IA = 24 + ESE = 36) Credit - 03**

**Genetics**

**Unit - I**

- Mendelian Inheritance
- Genetic Interaction
- DNA as a genetic material

**Unit - II**

- Concept of alleles and multiple alleles (ABO Blood grouping)
- Crossing over and recombination
- Sex determination in *Drosophila* (Genic balance theory) and human; Barr body.

**Unit - III**

- Chromosomal abnormalities and different syndromes in human - Turner's syndrome, Klinefelter's syndrome, Down syndrome
- Autosomal and Sex-linked inheritance: Autosomal- Albinism and Thalassemia.
- Sex-linked inheritance- Colour blindness and Haemophilia
- Mutation: Types of mutation, mutagens
- Cytoplasmic inheritance

**Unit – IV-DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY**

- Gametogenesis and ultrastructure of spermatozoa and ova.
- Fertilization
- Cleavage and Gastrulation in chick embryo
- Extra-embryonic membrane formation and function in chick embryo
- Placenta: types and function.

**Paper 3B: PRACTICAL - III**  
**Paper Code: ZL201M**  
**Total Marks: 40 (IA = 16 + ESE = 24) Credit - 01**

- Karyotyping in human (charts)
- Identification (with reasons) of male and female *Drosophila* (microphotographs)
- Identification of chick embryo with reason (during different incubation period): 24 hours, 48hours, 72 hours.

**Semester-IV**  
**Paper 4A: ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY, ENDOCRINOLOGY, AND**  
**REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY**

**Paper Code: ZL401M**

**Total Marks: 60 (IA = 24 + ESE = 36) Credit - 03**

**ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY**

**Unit – I**

- Extracellular and intracellular digestions
- Transport of oxygen and carbon dioxide in mammals (Bohr effect and Chloride shift)
- Concept of Isotonic, Hypotonic and Hypertonic solution, Osmoregulation in fresh and marine water fishes

**Unit - II**

- Mechanism of nitrogen excretion in vertebrates
- Mechanism of Urine formation in mammals
- Generation of action potential in neurone, Synapse and synaptic transmission

**ENDOCRINOLOGY AND REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY**

**Unit - III**

- Introduction to Endocrinology and Endocrine glands
- Histological structure and functions of:
  - Pituitary gland,
  - Thyroid gland,
  - Pancreas,
  - Adrenal gland,
  - Testis and ovary

**Unit - IV**

- Types of hormones and their functions in vertebrates
- Endocrine disorder in human with special reference to Pituitary and Thyroid glands
- Role of hormones in the regulation of — spermatogenesis, oogenesis
- Oestrus cycle in rat

**Paper 4B: PRACTICAL - IV**

**Paper Code: ZL402M**

**Total Marks: 40 (IA = 16 + ESE = 24) Credit - 01**

**Practical – IV**

- Study of Haemin crystal formation from human blood
- Study of salivary amylase activity using starch solution
- Identification of permanent slides with reasons of the transverse section of the mammalian Pituitary, Thyroid gland, Adrenal gland, Pancreas, Ovary, and Testis.

**3<sup>RD</sup> Year**  
**Semester - V**  
**Paper 5A: EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY, ADAPTATION & ZOOGEOGRAPHY**  
**Paper Code: ZL501M**  
**Total Marks: 60 (IA = 24 + ESE = 36) Credit - 03**

**Unit I: Origin and Evidence of Evolution**

- Origin of Life: Chemical basis, abiotic synthesis of biomolecules (Miller–Urey Experiment).
- Protocells or Coacervates.
- Evolution of horse as an example of macroevolution.

(Foundation unit – introduces how life began and how evolutionary evidence is traced.)

**Unit II: Modern Evolutionary Theories**

- Neo-Darwinism (Synthetic Theory of Evolution).
- Genetic variation: mutation, recombination, gene flow, genetic drift.
- Types of Natural Selection: Stabilising, Directional, and Disruptive.
- Adaptive radiation in Placental mammals with special reference to limbs.

(Focuses on mechanisms driving evolution at the genetic and population levels.)

**Unit III: Speciation and Isolation Mechanisms**

- Isolating mechanisms and importance of reproductive isolation.
- Modes of speciation: Sympatric, Allopatric, Parapatric.
- Adaptive radiation with special reference to limbs of placental mammals

(Explains how new species arise and the role of reproductive barriers.)

**Unit IV: Adaptation and Zoogeography**

- Adaptive features of Camel (desert), Whale (aquatic), and Pigeon (aerial) – morphological, anatomical, physiological.
- Colouration: Cryptic and Warning.
- Mimicry: Protective, Aggressive, and Warning (Batesian & Müllerian).
- Zoogeographical realms of the world – geographical boundaries, climate, and faunal composition.

(Applied part – connects evolution with adaptations, distribution, and survival.)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Year – Semester V**  
**Paper Code: ZL501M (Practical)**  
**Total Marks: 40 (IA = 16 + ESE = 24) Credit - 01**

- Adaptive features: *Fasciola*, *Physalia*, *Hemidactylus*, *Exocoetus*, tree frog, *Chameleon*, *Columba*, *Chiroptera*.
- Placement of faunal groups in respective Zoogeographical realms (map pointing)
- Study of Skull and limb bone of Class — Amphibia, Reptiles, Aves and Mammals

**DETAILED COURSE CONTENT OF  
ZOOLOGY (INTERDISCIPLINARY)**

**Interdisciplinary Course  
[FUNDAMENTAL ZOOLOGY]**

**1st Year**  
**Semester – I**  
**Paper – 1 (Theory)**  
**ZL101-ID: Animal Diversity**  
**Marks: 100 (IA = 40 + ESE = 60)**

**Unit I (Non-chordates)**

**Protozoa, Porifera, Cnidaria, Helminths**

**Phylum characters of **Protozoa, Porifera, Cnidaria, Helminths****

- Locomotory organelles in Protozoa
- Canal system in Porifera
- Polymorphism and metagenesis in Obelia
- Adaptive features of *Ascaris* and *Fasciola*

**Unit II (Non-chordates)**

**Annelida, Arthropoda, Mollusca, Echinodermata**

**Phylum characters of Annelida, Arthropoda, Mollusca, Echinodermata.** -Digestive and Circulatory system in Cockroach

- Excretory system in Earthworm
- Torsion and Respiratory system in *Pila*

Larva and Water Vascular system in Echinodermata

**Unit III (Chordates)**

**Hemichordates, Cephalochordates, Urochordates**

- Basic chordate characters, characters of Hemichordates, Cephalochordates, Urochordates .
- Retrogressive metamorphosis in Ascidia

**Unit IV (Chordates - Vertebrates)**

**Cyclostomes, Pisces, Amphibia, Reptilia, Aves, Mammalia**

Class characters of Cyclostomes, Pisces, Amphibia, Reptilia, Aves, Mammalia.

- Differences between Petromyzon and Myxine
- Chondrichthyes and Osteichthyes

Accessory respiratory organs

- Heart of Amphibia and Reptiles
- Poisonous and Non-poisonous snakes
- Exoskeletal structure and Flight adaptation in Aves
- Adaptation in Chiroptera, Camel, and Whale



**Books Recommended:**

- Invertebrates – L.H. Hyman
- Biology of Animals Vol-I by Ganguly, Sinha & Adhikari, New Central Book Agency, Kolkata
- Modern Text Book of Zoology: Invertebrates by R.L. Kotpal, Rastogi Publications
- Invertebrate Zoology by E.L. Jordan & P.S. Verma, S. Chand & Company Ltd.
- Biology of Animals Vol-II by Ganguly, Sinha & Adhikari, New Central Book Agency, Kolkata
- Modern Text Book of Zoology: Vertebrates by R.L. Kotpal, Rastogi Publications
- Vertebrate Zoology by E.L. Jordan & P.S. Verma, S. Chand & Company Ltd.

**Interdisciplinary Course (Fundamental Zoology)**

**Semester – III**

**Paper – 2 (Theory)**

**ZL301-ID: Applied Zoology**

**Marks: 100 (IA=40 + ESE= 60)    Credit 03**

**Vermiculture & Vermicomposting**

Principle of vermicomposting, different ecological categories of earthworm (Epigeic, Endogeic, Anesic), importance of vermicomposting, vermitechnology & management.

**Sericulture**

Principle, different types of silk moth and their host plants, rearing methods, diseases of silk moth. Management with special reference to local varieties

**Apiculture**

Principle, different types of honey bees, rearing methods, diseases of honey bees. Management with special reference to local varieties

**Fresh water pisciculture**

Polyculture

Induced breeding technology

Fish seed transportation, fish diseases,

Management

**Poultry**

Types of breeds

Methods of rearing

Health, diseases, and their management

**Basics of Dairy farming and management**

**Books Recommended:**

- Economic Zoology by Shukla and Upadhyay
- Text Book of Applied Zoology: Vermiculture, Apiculture, Sericulture, Lac Culture. By Jabde, P.V.,
- Applied Zoology by T.K.Banerjee, New Central Book Agency, Kolkata
- A Hand Book of Economic Zoology by J. Ahsan & bS.P.Sinha, S.Chand & Company Ltd.
- Kenchor Jeeban Baichitra O Kencho Prajukti by Priya Sankar Chaudhuri, Gyan Bichitra Prakashani, Agartala.
- Comprehensive Sericulture Vol. II: Silkworm Rearing and Silk Reeling by Ganga, G. Oxford and IBH, New Delhi. (2003)
- Elementary Applied Zoology by Debjyoti Chattopadhyay, Book Syndicate Pvt. Ltd.
- Livestock production management by Shastry and Thomas

**Interdisciplinary Course (Fundamental Zoology)**

**Semester – IV**

**Paper – 3 (Theory)**

**ZL401-ID: Genetic Disorders and Pathogenic Diseases**

**Marks: 100 (IA=40 + ESE= 60) Credit 03**

**Genetic Disorders**

Structure and function of chromosome

ABO Blood groups

Concept on –

Haemophilia, colour-blindness, albinism, thalassemia, sickle cell anaemia, Down's syndrome, Turner's syndrome, Klinefelter's syndrome

**Pathogenic Disease**

Concept of host and parasite

Life cycle and control measures of –

*Plasmodium*, *Entamoeba*, *Giardia*, Liver fluke, Tape worm, Round worm, and *Ascaris*

**Books Recommended:**

- Genetics by M. W. Strickberger, Pearson Education India Ltd.
- Principles of Genetics by E. J. Gardner, M. J. Simmons & D.P. Snustad, Wiley Publishers
- Principle of Genetics, B. D. Singh. Kalyani Publications
- Genetics by P. K. Gupta, Rastogi Publications, Meerut
- Genetics by Verma & Agarwal, S. Chand & Company Ltd.
- Parasitology by K.D. Chatterjee,
- Text Book of Medical Parasitology by P. Chakraborty, New Central Book Agency
- Paniker's Text Book of Medical Parasitology by Paniker, C.K.J., Ghosh, S. Jaypee, New Delhi.
- Medical Parasitology by Dey, N.C., Dey, T.K. and Dey Sinha M. New Central Book Agency, Kolkata (2010)