



**Name of the Programme:**  
**M.Sc. Integrative Biology (Zoology)**  
(Syllabus effective from 2021 Admission onwards)



**UNIVERSITY OF KERALA**

**Inter-University Centre for Evolutionary and  
Integrative Biology (iCEIB)**

**2021**

## **PREAMBLE**

The role of higher education is vital in securing the gainful employment and providing further access to higher education comparable to the best available in the world-class institutions elsewhere. The improvement in the quality of higher education, therefore, deserves to be given top-most priority to enable the young generation of students to acquire skill, training and knowledge to enhance their thinking, comprehension and application abilities and prepare them to compete, succeed and excel globally. Sustained initiatives are required to reform the present higher education system for improving and upgrading the academic resources and learning environments by raising the quality of teaching and standards of achievements in learning outcomes across all undergraduate programs in science, humanities, commerce and professional streams of higher education.

One of the significant reforms in the undergraduate education is to introduce the Learning Outcomes-based Curriculum Framework (LOCF) which makes it student-centric, interactive and outcome-oriented with well-defined aims, objectives and goals to achieve. The University Grants Commission (UGC) took the initiative of implementing the LOCF in the Colleges and the Universities of the country. Accordingly, the University of Kerala has decided to implement the LOCF in all its departments under the auspices of Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC). A series of teacher training workshops were organised by IQAC and the office of the Credit and Semester System (CSS), and the departments have revised the syllabus accordingly, through workshops and in consultation with academic experts in the field.

## **GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES (GAs)**

The Graduate Attributes (GAs) reflect particular qualities and abilities of an individual learner including knowledge, application of knowledge, professional and life skills, attitudes and human values that are required to be acquired by the graduates of University of Kerala. The graduate attributes include capabilities to strengthen one's professional abilities for widening current knowledge and industry-ready skills, undertaking future studies for global and local application, performing creatively and professionally, in a chosen career and ultimately playing a constructive role as a socially responsible global citizen. The Graduate Attributes define the characteristics of learners and describe a set of competencies that are beyond the study of a particular area and programme.

### **The GAs of University of Kerala**

- Continue life-long learning as an autonomous learner
- Continuously strive for excellence in education
- Apply and nurture critical and creative thinking
- Promote sustainable development practices
- Promote co-operation over competition
- Balance rights with responsibilities
- Understand and respect diversity & difference
- Not be prejudiced by gender, age, caste, religion, or nationality.
- Use education as a tool for emancipation and empowerment of humanity

## **Brief History of the Centre**

Inter-University Centre for Evolutionary and Integrative Biology (*i*CEIB) of the University of Kerala at North campus was established in 2013. The Centre explores Biological Sciences in an innovative way utilizing trans-disciplinary approaches to pursue teaching and research in various areas of modern Biology. As an ambitious centre, *i*CEIB started a master's degree course in Integrative Biology. Students are provided with research and training programs with a curriculum ranging from studies on the evolution of structure and function of life-forms to advance studies on molecular technologies.

This Centre intends to provide opportunity for students to interact with leading scientists and academicians of our country and abroad. We thus, frequently organize National and International seminars, workshops and conferences and encourage educational activities including Nature camps and visits to fields and National Institutes. We also organize interactive sessions regularly, in which students present and discuss common scientific topics and thus promote their scientific communication and management skills. The centre also serves as a platform for students to perform well in competitive exams and also equip them to pursue their scientific dreams in India and abroad.



**UNIVERSITY OF KERALA**  
**Syllabus for M. Sc. Integrative Biology (Zoology)**

<b>Programme Specific Outcomes (PSO) for M. Sc. Integrative Biology (Zoology)</b>	
<b>PSO 1</b>	Opportunity to learn about trans-disciplinary approaches to explore Modern Biology
<b>PSO 2</b>	Learn the basic, fundamental and applied aspects of Biology
<b>PSO 3</b>	Pursue research in various fields of Applied Biology
<b>PSO 4</b>	Inculcate interest in teaching, managing and research in Science
<b>PSO 5</b>	Facilitate students to approach diverse scientific themes in a comprehensive way

## Programme Structure of M.Sc. Integrative Biology (Zoology)

Semester	Course Code	Name of the course	Credits
<b>I</b>	<b>Core Courses (CC)</b>		
	INB-CC-511	Advanced Physiology and Stress Physiology	3
	INB-CC-512	Evolutionary Biology and Ethology	3
	INB-CC-513	Animal Systematics and Diversity	3
	INB-CC-514	Microbiology and Plant Physiology	3
	INB-CC-515	Practical I: Physiology, Systematics, Ethology and Microbiology	2
<b>II</b>	<b>Core Courses (CC)</b>		
	INB-CC-521	Bioinstrumentation, Biosafety and Bioethics	3
	INB-CC-522	Environmental Biology	3
	INB-CC-523	Biochemistry and Biophysics	4
	INB-CC-524	Cell Biology and Genetics	3
	INB-CC-525	Practical II: Cell Biology, Environmental Biology and Biochemistry	2
<b>III</b>	<b>Core Courses (CC)</b>		
	INB-CC-531	Molecular Biology and Biotechnology	4
	INB-CC-532	Immunology and Endocrinology	3
	INB-CC-533	Neurobiology and Reproductive Biology	3
	INB-CC-534	Research Methodology, Biostatistics and Bioinformatics	3
	INB-CC-535	Practical III: Molecular Biology, Developmental Biology, Bioinformatics and Research Methodology	2
	<b>Discipline Specific Elective (DE)</b>		
	INB-DE-536	Molecular techniques in Integrative Biology	2

	<b>Core Courses (CC)</b>		
<b>IV</b>	INB-CC-541	Structural and Developmental Biology	4
	INB-CC-542	Integrative Biology	4
	INB-CC-543	Project Work and Viva	8
	<b>Generic Courses (GC)</b>		
<b>Any Semester (I-IV)</b>	INB-GC-501	Molecular techniques in Integrative Biology	2
	INB-GC-502	Introduction to Microbial Pathology	2
	INB-GC-503	Introduction to Animal Behavior	2
	INB-GC-504	Traditional Ethnomedicine	2

<b>SEMESTER I</b>	<b>Course Code: INB-CC-511</b>	<b>Credits: 3</b>
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## **ADVANCED PHYSIOLOGY AND STRESS PHYSIOLOGY**

### **Course Outcomes (CO)**

- CO1:** Articulate and exemplify basic knowledge of study and comparison of organ systems across the animal world
- CO2:** Give an overview of the comparative functioning of different systems in animals
- CO3:** Gain knowledge on human physiology
- CO4:** Comprehend concepts related to various stress endured by the organisms and how they adapt to these adverse conditions
- CO5:** Apply concepts and principles of homeostasis and its regulation including functioning of respiratory, cardiovascular and sensory systems
- CO6:** Understand Environmental and adaptive physiology and apply its concepts for the betterment of animals in nature

### **COURSE CONTENT**

**Module I:** Systemic and Cellular homeostasis: Concept and principles of homeostasis, mechanism of homeostasis, Homeostatic processes, Integrating factors of homeostasis. Nutrition: Normal diet and physiologic calorie value of food stuffs, antioxidant nutrients, Digestion and absorption of various nutrients, movement of GI tract, The role of hormones, energy balance and BMR. Acid-base, osmotic and metabolic homeostasis. Water and salts in cell environment, resistance of cells to changes in pH. Factors affecting homeostasis including oxygen availability and temperature. The respiratory system: Structure, Gas transport, Transport of Oxygen and carbon dioxide. Cellular response to acidosis and ketosis, hypercapnia, Respiratory and renal control of acid-base balance, Gas transport, Neuronal and chemical regulation of respiration. Comparison of respiration in different species, anatomical considerations, transport and exchange of gases, waste elimination.

#### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember concepts of homeostasis
- M02: Understand principles of gas transport
- M03: Evaluate transport of various biomolecules
- M04: Analyse respiration in different life forms
- M05: Apply techniques to measure and study osmotic changes in an organism

**MODULE II:** Cardiovascular and muscular physiology: Blood corpuscles, haemopoiesis and formed elements, plasma function, blood volume, blood volume regulation, blood groups, hemoglobin, immunity, homeostasis. Cardiovascular, Lymphatic and muscular system: Comparative anatomy of heart structure, myogenic heart, specialized tissue, Cardiac cycle, Anatomy of heart, Heart as pump. ECG – its principle and significance, heart as a pump, blood pressure, neural and chemical regulation of the processes. Lymph

channels, lymph composition and functions of lymphatic system. Ultra structure of muscle fiber, molecular mechanism of muscle contraction, muscle metabolism.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember and understand the process of haemopoiesis
- M02: Understand various components of cardiovascular and muscular system
- M03: Evaluate working of heart of various animals
- M04: Analyse the anatomy and cardiac cycle of humans
- M05: Apply techniques to assess the working of heart and its related functions

**MODULE III:** Sensory, Nervous and excretory physiology: Sense organs - Vision, hearing, smell and tactile response. Sensory receptors. Mechanism of hearing. Physiology of vision. Basic details of neurons and action potential, Gross neuroanatomy of the brain and spinal cord, diseased states of brain. Nitrogen excretion, Kidney physiology and its role in osmoregulation and acid-base balance. Comparative physiology of excretion, kidney, urine formation, urine concentration, waste elimination, micturition, regulation of water balance, blood volume, blood pressure, electrolyte balance, acid-base balance.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember principles of sensory perception
- M02: Understand mechanisms of sensory, nervous and excretory physiology
- M03: Evaluate functioning of brain, spinal cord, sensory and excretory organs
- M04: Analyse the processes of acid base balance
- M05: Apply techniques to measure and study regulation of sensory and excretory organs

**MODULE IV:** Stress Physiology and Ease Physiology: Concepts of stress and ease, stressors, integrated stress response, ease response, eustress, distress. Stress adaptation and tolerance. Mechanism of stress tolerance, stress acclimation, stress proteins. Endocrinology of stress and ease, endocrine stress axis. Hormonal regulation of stress adaptation. Hormonal control of ease response in fish and mammals.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember concepts of stress and ease physiology
- M02: Understand mechanisms of hormonal regulation of stress adaptation
- M03: Evaluate stress response, tolerance and acclimation
- M04: Analyse ease response in various organisms
- M05: Apply techniques to determine levels of stress and ease in different organisms

**MODULE V:** Environmental Physiology: Environmental effects on ion regulation- Bioenergetics and energy partitioning. Environmental perturbations of growth and reproduction in fishes. Environmental influence on growth and metabolism - hormonal and biochemical aspects. Endocrine disruptors. Thermoregulation - Comfort zone, body temperature – physical, chemical, neural regulation, acclimatization.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember effects of surroundings on physiology of organisms and environment



- M02: Understand concepts of environmental perturbations  
 M03: Evaluate environmental influence on growth and metabolism  
 M04: Analyse thermoregulation and acclimatization with regard to it  
 M05: Apply techniques to determine effects of environment on Bioenergetics

**MODULE VI:** Adaptive Physiology: Physiological adaptations- Homeothermy and Poikilothermy. Salinity adaptation. Biochemical basis of physiological adaptation. Osmoregulation in fresh water and estuarine and marine and terrestrial animals. Hypoxia. Sodium pump.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember principles of adaptations  
 M02: Understand concepts of osmoregulation in various environments  
 M03: Evaluate biochemical parameters of adaptations  
 M04: Analyse the working of sodium potassium pump  
 M05: Apply techniques to determine hypoxia and its effects on the organisms

**ACTIVITIES, LEARNING RESOURCES & ASSESSMENT**

**Suggested Class Room Activities:**

- Assignments
- Seminar Presentation on selected topics
- Debates
- Quiz
- Demonstration of simple experiments

**LEARNING RESOURCES**

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## **ASSESSMENT**

40% Continuous / Formative Assessment (see PG Regulations).

60% End-semester/Summative Assessment: 3 hour written Exam.

## Model Question Paper

**First Semester M. Sc. (CSS) Degree Examination**  
**Branch: M.Sc. INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY (ZOOLOGY)**  
**INB-CC-511: ADVANCED PHYSIOLOGY AND STRESS**  
**PHYSIOLOGY**

Time: **3 Hours**

Max. Marks: **60**

I. Answer **any five** of the following:

- 1) Is cotransport considered as an active transport ?
- 2) Annotate on the direct and indirect effects of physiological distress.
- 3) In your point of view, when does the chloride shift occur ? List the causes.
- 4) Illustrate the cardiac cycle.
- 5) Compile the causes of systemic edema.
- 6) What happens to eye lens of people suffering from myopia?
- 7) Mention the primary defenses with strong antiviral activity?

**(5x2=10 Marks)**

II. Write short notes on **any six** of the following:

- 8) Blood has non living matrix, what is it made of ?
- 9) Hormonal functions get messed up when you are stressed. Account for this statement.
- 10) Acid base balance is properly maintained in the body. Discuss the role of kidney in it.
- 11) Steroid hormones influence cellular activities. Justify.
- 12) Annotate the differences between fast and slow twitch muscle fibers.
- 13) Present your views on what would happen if Henle's loop were absent from mammalian nephron.
- 14) Expound on the information processing mechanism in the human eye.
- 15) How is the structure of the gills adapted for its function ?

**(6x5=30 Marks)**

III. Answer **any two** of the following:

- 16) When animal is exposed to various stressors, which all stress hormones will be analyzed to confirm the animal is stressed ? How hormones mediate the body's response to stress?
- 17) How do bony fishes adapt to different osmoregulatory strategies in fresh water, estuarine and marine environments.
- 18) Once a signaling molecule from one cell has bound to a receptor on another cell, is the signaling process complete ? How do second messengers amplify the signal ?
- 19) Enumerate the various factors involved in the regulation of respiration in vertebrates.

**(2x10=20 Marks)**

<b>SEMESTER I</b>	<b>Course Code: INB-CC-512</b>	<b>Credits: 3</b>
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## **EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY AND ETHOLOGY**

### **Course Outcomes (CO)**

- CO1:** Give an overview of the fundamentals of organic evolution and animal behaviour
- CO2:** Communicate and represent vital understanding of evolutionary processes and ethological principles
- CO3:** Expand knowledge on current trends in evolutionary and behavioural studies
- CO4:** Comprehend the major and minor processes regulating the process of evolution and ethological perceptions
- CO5:** Understand the role of genetics in evolution and sociobiology
- CO6:** Apply techniques to learn future course of evolution and measure behavior changes in animals using appropriate tools

### **COURSE CONTENT**

**MODULE I:** Concepts in Evolution and Origin of Life: Pre-Darwinian, Lamarck, Darwin and Wallace and Post Darwinian. Concepts of variation, adaptation, struggle, fitness. Natural selection - spontaneity of mutation and the evolutionary synthesis. Neutral Evolution. Molecular Evolution. Neutralist versus Selectionist. Contributions of Margulis (Endosymbiotic theory), Eldredge and Gould (Punctuated equilibrium), Rose Mary and Peter Grant (Molecular evolution in Darwinian finches). Origin of basic biological molecules, concept of Oparin - Haldane, Miller-Urey Experiment. The First Cell. Evolution of Prokaryotes, origin of eukaryotic cells, evolution of unicellular eukaryotes. Genome evolution. Anaerobic metabolism. Origin of photosynthesis and aerobic metabolism.

#### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember concept of primary abiogenesis and experiments to prove it
- M02: Understand principles variation and adaptation
- M03: Evaluate theories relating to process of evolution
- M04: Analyse the first derived living forms during evolution
- M05: Create experiments to show initial processes of evolution in present times

**MODULE II:** Geological Timescale and Population Genetics: Major events in evolutionary timescale. Anthropocene. Mass extinction and its consequences. Fossils-fossilization and its significance. Gene pool, gene frequency, Hardy-Weinberg Law. Rate of change in gene frequency through natural selection, migration and random genetic drift. Founder effect. Isolating mechanisms and speciation. Micro, Macro and Mega evolution. Co-evolution.

#### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember the geological timescale and its importance

- M02: Understand concepts of anthropocene  
 M03: Evaluate the process of fossilization and its significance  
 M04: Analyse the factors affecting changes in gene frequency and thereby the genetic equilibrium  
 M05: Apply Hardy-Weinberg law to determine gene and allele frequencies

**MODULE III:** Biochemical and Molecular Evolution: Gene evolution, Evolution of gene families, molecular drive, Amino acid sequence divergence in proteins, Nucleotide sequence divergence in DNA, Molecular clocks, Ancient DNA. Biochemical and genomic evolution: The evolutionary history of proteins and the concept of molecular clock. Outline of organization of prokaryotic and eukaryotic genomes. The “C-Value paradox”. Evolutionary history of neural integration. Evolution of the endocrine system – Hormones and Evolution. Role of environment in regulating evolution.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Comprehend the evolution of macromolecules leading to molecular evolution  
 M02: Understand the biochemistry behind evolution of biomolecules  
 M03: Evaluate the significance of ancient DNA leading to molecular clock hypothesis  
 M04: Analyse the importance of C-Value paradox.  
 M05: Understand and apply evolution of neural and endocrine systems thereby comprehending the regulation of evolution by the environment

**MODULE IV:** Ethological principles, Motivation and learning: Concepts in ethology, Scope of ethology. Goal-oriented drive, internal causal factor, Homeostatic and Non-homeostatic drives. Psycho-hydrologic model of motivation. Short and long term memory. Habituation - Classical conditioning (Pavlov’s experiments), Instrumental conditioning, Latent learning, Trial and error learning, Instinct, Imprinting. Ethology and behavior of aquatic, gall forming and leaf mining insects. Social insects – social organisation, Caste differentiation, Aspects of social behaviour with reference to honey bee, termite and ant, Communication – acoustic, visual, tactile and chemical method (pheromones), Adaptations of parasitic and predatory insects.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember the basic principles of ethology  
 M02: Understand the classic experiments in ethology  
 M03: Evaluate short and long term memory  
 M04: Analyse the various forms of learning  
 M05: Apply principle of habituation to determine types of conditioning and learning

**MODULE V:** Communication and Neurophysiological Aspects of Behaviour: Reflex action, Kinesis, Taxes, Fixed action patterns. Sherrington’s neuro-physiological concepts in behavior. Latency, summation, fatigue. Evolution of communication. Sensory mechanisms: Electrical, Chemical, Olfactory, Auditory and Visual. Dance language of honey bees. Pheromonal communication (Ants and mammals).

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Comprehend and remember various neurophysiological aspects of behaviour

M02: Understand diverse types of neuro-physiological concepts  
M03: Evaluate and remember sensory mechanisms in an assortment of organisms  
M04: Analyse the languages used by different organisms to communicate with each other  
M05: Understand the mechanism of pheromonal communication in animals

**MODULE VI:** Hormones and behaviour, Social Behaviour and Biological rhythms: Sociobiology, Aggregations – schooling in fishes, herding in mammals. Group selection, Kin selection, altruism, reciprocal altruism, inclusive fitness, co-operation, territoriality, alarm call. Biological rhythms – Circadian, Circannual, Lunar periodicity, Tidal rhythms. Genetics of biological rhythms. Clock genes.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Understand the basics of social behaviour and Biological rhythms  
M02: Comprehend and be acquainted with the types of social behaviours  
M03: Evaluate types of selection and altruism  
M04: Understand biological rhythms and analyze its different types  
M05: Apply concept of biological rhythms to understand the role of clock genes

**ACTIVITIES, LEARNING RESOURCES & ASSESSMENT**

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### ASSESSMENT

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## Model Question Paper

**First Semester M. Sc. (CSS) Degree Examination**  
**Branch: M.Sc. INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY (ZOOLOGY)**  
**INB-CC-512: EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY AND ETHOLOGY**

Time: **3 Hours**

Max. Marks: **60**

I. Answer **any five** of the following:

- 1) Newborn chicks follow the first moving object they see. Clarify.
- 2) How does the genome change its structure and size over time ?
- 3) Information retention in latent learning. Elucidate.
- 4) Shed light on the process of food production by primary producers.
- 5) Hormones outside the body. Expound.
- 6) Charles Darwin wrote a book which was later considered as a bible of Evolutionary Biology. The book talked about a process. What was the process ?
- 7) "Father of Biogeography". Note down his contributions.

**(5x2=10 Marks)**

II. Write short notes on **any six** of the following:

- 8) Evolutionary arms race in evolutionary biology. Elaborate.
- 9) How does evolution occur based on Darwinian concepts ?
- 10) Why do animals use chemical communication?
- 11) Present an account of scope of ethology in your terms.
- 12) How can we account for the amount of DNA in terms of known function? Clarify briefly.
- 13) Signify in your view, how can the molecular clock model support evolution?
- 14) Hardy Weinberg principle of equilibrium. How can we apply the assumptions to determine gene and allele frequencies ?
- 15) The idea of primary abiogenesis lead to synthesis of first prokaryotes. Explain.

**(6x5=30 Marks)**

III. Answer **any two** of the following:

- 16) Explicate about the various processes involved in Learning and discuss in detail about the process of classical conditioning.
- 17) Apply Oparin and Haldane concept and add your views to produce an experiment to support their concept.
- 18) Signify the role of punctuated equilibrium in shaping the process of evolution.
- 19) Corroborate how molecular biology supports the course of evolution ?

**(2x10=20 Marks)**



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## ANIMAL SYSTEMATICS AND DIVERSITY

### Course Outcomes (CO)

- CO1:** Articulate and exemplify the principles and practices of systematics and diversity  
**CO2:** Give an overview of the assessment and protection of biodiversity  
**CO3:** Acquire an in-depth knowledge on the diversity and relationships among organisms in the environment  
**CO4:** Understand the concept of conservation biology that would comprise the threats with regard to biodiversity  
**CO5:** Apply molecular phylogeny and cladistic studies in the field of systematics  
**CO6:** Understand various conservation strategies to overcome the biodiversity threats

### COURSE CONTENT

**Module I:** Concepts and Techniques in Systematics: Three Domain Concept in Systematics, two, five and six kingdom classification. Concept of species taxonomic diversity within species. Molecular Phylogeny-use of Proteins, DNA and RNA. Phylogenetic trees. Taxonomic collections- types of collections, value of collections. Curation- preservation of collection in field and laboratory. Recording of field data, storage of collection, labelling and cataloguing of collections. Identification- methods of identification. Use of keys- kinds of keys, their merits and demerits. Taxonomic descriptions: presentation of findings. Kinds of taxonomic publications. Taxonomic and ecological publication and their difference.

#### Module Outcome:

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember concepts of systematics  
M02: Understand the three domain model in systematics  
M03: Evaluate the uses of molecular phylogeny  
M04: Analyse the concept of taxonomic diversity within species  
M05: Apply techniques to construct phylogenetic trees

**MODULE II:** Biological Classification: Principles and methods of taxonomy: Concepts of species and hierarchical taxa, biological nomenclature, classical and quantitative methods of taxonomy of plants, animals and microorganisms. Classical and modern methods-Typological, Phenetics, Evolutionary, Phylogenetic, Cladistics and Molecular Taxonomy. Phylocode, Tree of Life and Bar-coding of Life. Species category- different species concepts: typological, Nominalistic, biological, evolutionary, recognition, ontological (theoretical) and operational (epistemological species concepts). Taxonomic diversity within species, different kinds of species, sub species and other infra specific categories, hybrids. Biology and habits of the following Orders of insects – classification up to families giving salient features (for detailed study) 1. Ephemeroidea 2. Odonata 3. Orthoptera 4. Thysanoptera 5. Homoptera 6. Heteroptera. 7. Blattaria 8. Mantodea 9. Isoptera 10. Coleoptera 11. Lepidoptera 12. Hymenoptera 13. Diptera 14. Collembola 15.

Thysanura 16. Diplura 17. Protura. Biology, habits & important diagnostic features of the following Orders (Brief account) 1. Plecoptera 2. Embioptera 3. Phasmida 4. Dermaptera 5. Zoraptera 6. Psocoptera 7. Siphonoptera 8. Strepsiptera 9. Neuroptera 10. Mecoptera 11. Trichoptera. External morphology: Segmentation and division of the body. General morphology of the head – Opisthognathous, hypognathos and prognathos – Head segmentation- theories about the segmentation of the head. Head skeleton- different sutures and sclerites – Tentorium – Modification in head capsules – Cephalic appendages – Antenna: structure, function & types. Gnathal appendages: types, structure & function. Mouth parts of insects. Cervix. Thorax: Thoracic segmentation. Thoracic skeleton. Endothorax. Thoracic appendages. Modifications of thoracic legs. Wings: origin and evolution of wings, structure, venation, wing coupling apparatus, morphological variations. Abdomen: Segmentation. Skeletal composition. Pregenital and post genital segments. Abdominal appendages. External genitalia: male and female. Aquatic insects. Factors influencing the aquatic life. Food capture; modifications. Respiration in semi-aquatic and in truly aquatic insects. Oviposition methods. Anchorage, locomotion. Adaptations of swimming forms. Gall forming insects: Definition and features. Formation, economic importance. Common gall pests. Extent of gall making habits. Gall as dwelling place, the position of gall. Classification of galls by Orders. Adaptation for the gall making habits. Origin and types of galls (open & closed). Physiology of gall formation. Leaf mining insects. Definition and identification. Forms of leaf mines, economic importance. Extent of the leaf mining habits. Feeding habits and frass disposal. Ecological aspects of leaf mining. Insect-plant interdependence (co-evolution). Social insects – social organization. Caste differentiation. Aspects of social behaviour with reference to honey bee, termite and ant. Communication – acoustic, visual, tactile and chemical method (pheromones). Adaptations of parasitic and predatory insects

### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember the methods of taxonomy
- M02: Understand various components of biological classification
- M03: Evaluate classical and quantitative methods of taxonomy
- M04: Analyse the classical and modern methods of taxonomy
- M05: Apply techniques to create barcoding of life

**MODULE III:** Structural organization: Unicellular, colonial and multicellular forms. Levels of organization of tissues, organs and systems. Comparative anatomy, adaptive radiation, adaptive modifications. Origin of Protists. Prokaryotes and Eukaryotes. Levels of organization in animal kingdom. theories of metazoan origin, Symmetry, Coelom and Metamerism. International Code of Zoological Nomenclature, development of Code of Zoological Nomenclature: its operative principles, interpretation and application of important rules in the formation of scientific names of various taxa. Principle of priority. Homonymy and Synonymy. Type method and its significance. Different kinds of types in descriptive taxonomy

### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember various cellular forms of life
- M02: Understand the biological levels of organization
- M03: Evaluate the concept of adaptive radiation

M04: Analyse the processes of origin of different life forms

M05: Apply techniques to observe live cells to study various Levels of organization in animal kingdom

**MODULE IV: Classification:** Classification of plants, animals and microorganisms: Important criteria used for classification in each taxon. Classification of plants, animals and microorganisms. Evolutionary relationships among taxa. Chemo and serotaxonomy. Cytotaxonomy. Numerical taxonomy. Cladistics. Molecular systematic. DNA bar coding **vs** traditional taxonomy. Ethics related to collections. Credit. Lending and borrowing of specimens. Loan of material. Exchange of materials. Collaboration and co-operation with co-workers. Use of language. Ethics related to taxonomic publications. Authorship of taxonomic papers. Correspondence. Suppression of data. Undesirable features of taxonomic papers. Taxonomists and user communities. Impediments to build up taxonomic collections and maintenance. Shortage of man power. Lack of funding for taxonomic research. Lack of training in taxonomy. Lack of Library facilities. Impediments in publishing taxonomic work. Solutions to overcome the impediments. International co-operation. Development of Taxonomic centres. Need for efficient international networking. The desired end product.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Remember concepts of classification

M02: Understand the criteria used for classification

M03: Evaluate the arrangement organisms in taxonomic groups

M04: Analyse the evolutionary relationships among taxa

M05: Apply techniques to determine the phylogeny of each taxon

**MODULE V: Biodiversity:** Concepts and Organisms of conservation concern: Rare, endangered species., Extant and Extinct species, Causes of diversity, Genetic diversity, Species diversity and ecosystem diversity. Biodiversity hot spots, Analyzing biodiversity, endangered animals, endemism and red data book, degradation and global climate change. Over exploitation, invasive species and diseases.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Remember the concept of biodiversity

M02: Understand the different types of biodiversity

M03: Evaluate environmental influence on species diversity

M04: Analyse biodiversity across levels of biological organization

M05: Apply methods to monitor and measure biodiversity

**MODULE VI: Conservation Biology:** Natural history of Indian subcontinent: Major habitat types of the subcontinent, geographic origins and migrations of species, common Indian mammals, birds. Seasonality and phenology of the subcontinent, Organisms of health & agricultural importance: ex-situ conservation strategies, Restoration ecology. Evaluation of priorities for species and habitats: Conservation strategies, conservation indices, Hotspots for conservation. World heritage sites and biosphere reserves. Restoration ecology, climate change and biodiversity.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Remember the various strategies of conservation biology

M02: Understand different aspects of Indian subcontinent

M03: Evaluate the various biological conservation strategy methods

M04: Analyse the conservation strategies applied to temporary conservation

M05: Apply techniques to assess the impacts of climate change on biodiversity

## **ACTIVITIES, LEARNING RESOURCES & ASSESSMENT**

### **Suggested Class Room Activities:**

- Assignments
- Seminar Presentation on selected topics
- Debates
- Quiz
- Demonstration of simple experiments

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## **ASSESSMENT**

40% Continuous / Formative Assessment (see PG Regulations).  
60% End-semester/Summative Assessment: 3 hour written Exam.

## Model Question Paper

**First Semester M.Sc (CSS) Degree Examination**  
**Branch : M.Sc. Integrative Biology (Zoology)**  
**INB-CC-513: Animal Systematics and Diversity**

Time : **3 Hours**

Max. Marks : **60**

I. Answer **any five** of the following:

- 1) Genetic diversity in a population. How can we identify it ?
- 2) Endemism supports diversity. Justify.
- 3) Why do invasive species out compete native species ?
- 4) List out the contributions of R. H. Whittaker.
- 5) Phylogenetic Code is essential for the naming of any organism. Validate.
- 6) Present your views on overexploitation and its affect on the environment.
- 7) Adaptive radiation and environment. Elaborate on their connection.

**(5x2=10 Marks)**

II. Write short notes on **any six** of the following:

- 8) Cladistics and taxonomy. Are they the same or different ? Give reasons.
- 9) List out the criteria for classification of taxon.
- 10) Expound on Hotspots in biodiversity and their importance.
- 11) Compile the three types of molecular data that can be used to build phylogenies?
- 12) Give further details about the role of comparative anatomy in systematic.
- 13) How does random fertilization contribute to genetic diversity ?
- 14) What are the different types of phylogenetic trees ?
- 15) Importance of metamerism in classifying an organism. Present your views.

**(6x5=30 Marks)**

III. Answer **any two** of the following:

- 16) Annotate the causes of decline in biodiversity and how does it affects humans.
- 17) Carbon tax as a powerful way to combat global climate change. Do you agree ? If so, give reasons.
- 18) Explicate on the evolution of Three Domain concept and the main characteristics that separate the three domains ?
- 19) Speculate on importance of species diversity in an ecosystem and how is it measured with relevance to conservation.

**(2x10=20 Marks)**

<b>SEMESTER I</b>	<b>Course Code: INB-CC-514</b>	<b>Credits: 3</b>
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## **MICROBIOLOGY AND PLANT PHYSIOLOGY**

### **Course Outcomes (CO)**

- CO1:** Give an overview of microbial and plant life on the planet  
**CO2:** Elaborate and represent basic structural and functional aspects of microbial and plant forms  
**CO3:** Develop knowledge on the interaction of microbes and plants with the environment  
**CO4:** Comprehend the role of microorganisms and plants in sustaining homeostasis in nature  
**CO5:** Apply various systems to classify the microbes and plants using classical as well as modern molecular methods  
**CO6:** Learn techniques for isolation and characterization of microorganisms and identification of plants

### **COURSE CONTENT**

**MODULE I:** History and development of Microbiology. Main group of microorganisms, general characters. Classification: approaches to microbial classification, outline classification, Bergey's manual. Prokaryotic Cells: Cell structure, plasma membrane, cytoskeleton, cytoplasm, nucleoid, cytoplasmic inclusions. The prokaryotic cell envelope: peptidoglycan structure, gram positive and negative cell walls. Components outside the cell wall: capsules, slime layers and S-layers, pili and fimbriae, flagella and motility. Endospore: structure and formation.

#### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Understand and remember history of microbiology  
M02: Comprehend the approaches used in classifying microbes  
M03: Evaluate the structural aspects of prokaryotic cells  
M04: Analyse general characters of microbial life forms  
M05: Apply tests to characterize bacteria using staining techniques

**MODULE II:** Microbial Metabolism: Energy acquisition by chemotrophs and phototrophs. Glycolysis (Embden- Meyerhof pathway). Fermentation, anaerobic oxidations, chemosynthesis. Photosynthesis, carbon assimilation. Nutrition and Growth: Common nutrient requirements, nutritional types, uptake of nutrients by the cell. Bacterial recombination. Transformation, transduction and conjugation. Regulation of gene expression in bacteria. Lac, Tryptophan, Arabinose operons. Culture media, culture methods. Reproduction and exponential growth, the growth curve. Biofilms. Quorum sensing.

#### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Comprehend and remember metabolic pathways in prokaryotes  
M02: Understand the principles in fermentation and photosynthesis

- M03: Evaluate various methods of bacterial genetic recombination  
M04: Analyse the regulation of gene expression in bacteria and learn the concepts of quorum sensing  
M05: Apply techniques to study the concept of operons and create new protocols to detect novel operons functioning in prokaryotes

**MODULE III: Microbial Interactions and Microbial Ecology:** microbial interaction with plants and animals. Symbiosis, commensalism. Mutualism between microbes, microbes and plants, microbes and animals. Cooperation, competition, predation, antagonism. Parasitism, plant parasites, animal parasites. Bacteriological examination of drinking water. Microbiome.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember the concepts in microbial ecology  
M02: Understand the various interactions among microbes and the environment  
M03: Evaluate perception of symbiosis with microbes and how it will benefit the environment  
M04: Analyse parasites to both plants and animals and how to deal with it  
M05: Apply bacteriological tests to examine the quality of water

**MODULE IV: Virology:** Properties of viruses, structure and chemical composition, genetic composition, eclipse, host interaction and specificity. Classification: RNA virus, DNA virus, plant virus, animal virus, bacteriophage. Lysis and lysogeny, Viral replication. Virioids and prions: Nature and significance. Pathogenic virus, oncovirus.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Learn and memorize the properties of viruses and their structures  
M02: Understand the chemical and genetic composition of viruses  
M03: Evaluate the methods of viral replication  
M04: Analyse pathogenic viruses affecting plant and animal life forms  
M05: Apply techniques to identify viral infection, classify viruses and elucidate methods to produce vaccines against viruses

**MODULE V: Microbial growth control:** Sterilization methods – Physical, Chemical and Biological. Antimicrobial Agents: Antibiotics. Chemotherapeutic agents: major classes and mechanism of action. Minimal inhibitory concentration (MIC), Microbial Drug resistance. Clinical Microbiology and Immunology. Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Comprehend and remember the sterilization techniques to control microbial growth  
M02: Understand mechanisms of physical, chemical and biological antimicrobial activity  
M03: Evaluate microbial chemotherapeutic agents and their mechanism of action  
M04: Analyse microbial drug resistance and its implications  
M05: Apply and create various methods to study the activity of various antimicrobial agents



**MODULE VI:** Plant physiology: Photosynthesis - Light harvesting complexes. Mechanisms of electron transport. Photoprotective mechanisms. CO<sub>2</sub> fixation-C<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>4</sub> and CAM pathways. Respiration and photorespiration – Citric acid cycle, plant mitochondrial electron transport and ATP synthesis, alternate oxidase, photorespiratory pathway. Nitrogen metabolism - Nitrate and ammonium assimilation, amino acid biosynthesis. Plant hormones - Biosynthesis, storage, breakdown and transport; physiological effects and mechanisms of action. Sensory photobiology - Structure, function and mechanisms of action of phytochromes, cryptochromes and phototropins; stomatal movement; photoperiodism and biological clocks. Solute transport and photoassimilate translocation – uptake, transport and translocation of water, ions, solutes and macromolecules from soil, through cells, across membranes, through xylem and phloem; transpiration, mechanisms of loading and unloading of photoassimilates. Secondary metabolites - Biosynthesis of terpenes, phenols and nitrogenous compounds and their roles. Stress physiology – Responses of plants to biotic (pathogen and insects) and abiotic (water, temperature and salt) stresses.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Remember the complete process of photosynthesis

M02: Understand carbon fixation, respiration and photorespiration in plants

M03: Evaluate nitrogen metabolism and regulation of plant hormones

M04: Analyse the solute transport in plants and its regulation

M05: Apply methods to study stress response in plants to various stressors

**ACTIVITIES, LEARNING RESOURCES & ASSESSMENT**

**Suggested Class Room Activities:**

- Assignments
- Seminar Presentation on selected topics
- Debates
- Quiz
- Demonstration of simple experiments

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**ASSESSMENT**

40% Continuous / Formative Assessment (see PG Regulations).

60% End-semester/Summative Assessment: 3 hour written Exam.

## Model Question Paper

### First Semester M. Sc. (CSS) Degree Examination Branch : M. Sc. Integrative Biology (Zoology) INB-CC-514: Microbiology and Plant Physiology

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

I. Answer **any five** of the following:

- 1) 5-methylthioadenosine (MTA) is recycled to Methionine in plants. Clarify.
- 2) Is RNA alone infectious ? How does it differ from Virus ?
- 3) There are many pigments in bacteria which help in photosynthesis. Justify.
- 4) There are reports on Viruses as etiological factors of cancer. Elaborate.
- 5) Hydrogen peroxide forms by the photosynthesis. What is this reaction ?
- 6) Murein provides structural integrity to the bacterial cell wall. What is Murein and explain its structure ?
- 7) Electron transport chain of oxidative phosphorylation are located on the inner membrane of mitochondria in eukaryotes. Where does it locate in prokaryotes and name the cytochromes which differs from eukaryotes ?

(5x2=10 Marks)

II. Write short notes on **any six** of the following:

- 8) How do you test for *Vibrio cholera* in a given water source ? Specify the kind of media you will be using and how does it help to selectively culture *Vibrio cholera*.
- 9) What are secondary metabolites ? Describe the synthesis and biological roles of Terpenes.
- 10) When bacteria lives on a glucose deficient medium containing lactose. Discuss the scenario of Lac- operon.
- 11) "Phytochromes and biological clock". Are they co-related ?
- 12) David Baltimore's contribution to the taxonomy of virus is vast. How did he classify it based on nucleic acid synthesis ?
- 13) Krebs cycle is significant in oxidative phosphorylation. Elaborate.
- 14) What is your take on the theory of Abiogenesis ? Discuss about the efforts of the scientists to disprove it.
- 15) Biotic stress is not uncommon in plants. How do they respond ?

(6x5=30 Marks)

III. Answer **any two** of the following:

- 16) Do plants have chemical messengers that control and coordinate the cell functions ? Explain about their biosynthesis and mechanism of action.
- 17) Antibiotic resistant bacterial strains are common. How do you think bacteria acquire antibiotic resistance genes ? Describe various methods of genetic recombination in bacteria.
- 18) Plants synthesize amino acids. How do they do it ? Explicate.
- 19) What are the diagnostic methods you will adopt to find out the etiological agent of a particular infection in a clinical microbiology laboratory ?

(2x10=20 Marks)

<b>SEMESTER I</b>	<b>Course Code: INB-CC-515</b>	<b>Credits: 2</b>
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## PHYSIOLOGY, SYSTEMATICS, ETHOLOGY AND MICROBIOLOGY PRACTICAL

### Course Outcomes (CO)

- CO1:** Understand the normal and aberrant physiological processes of vertebrate and invertebrate animals
- CO2:** Learn about functioning of basic human physiological activities
- CO3:** Develop knowledge on osmoregulatory mechanisms using fish as model organism and human blood constituents
- CO4:** Comprehend processes of thermoregulation and motility using *Paramecium* as model organism
- CO5:** Study identification and characterization of microbes using staining and biochemical tests
- CO6:** Apply assays to check antimicrobial activity of various samples

### COURSE CONTENT

1. *In-vitro* quantitative determination of plasma Urea Concentration
2. *In-vitro* quantitative determination of plasma Glucose concentration Method
3. Measure Packed Cell Volume and ESR of Human blood using Microhematocrit
4. Effect of Tonicity on Human Blood Cells
5. Effect of salivary amylase on starch:- Influence of temperature and pH and calculation of Q10
6. Digestion in a vertebrate and calculation of peptic value.
7. Observation of mitochondria in Yeast cells
8. Na<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup>- ATPase activity in salinity acclimated and net confined Fresh water fish
9. Effect of drugs on the heartbeat of cockroach (Result with graphical Representation corresponding to different concentration and time intervals expected)
10. Oxygen consumption in fish (normal and stressed).
11. Differential count of Human WBC
12. Estimation of haemoglobin of Fish/Man – Sahli's method.
13. Feeding activity of paramecium
14. Larval forms - any 10 larvae from different taxa (emphasizing phylogenetic, morphological, ecological and pathological significance)
15. Mounting and Submission of any three larval forms  
(Diversity should be maintained depending on the number of students and one specimen each should be submitted for the practical examination, Repetition should be avoided for examination)
16. Dichotomous key using appropriate software or online tools (students should be familiarized with the computer aided keys)
17. Construction of Phylogenetic Tree
18. Microscopy
19. Sterilization methods
20. Preparation of microbial media. Nutrient broth and Nutrient Agar, Mac conkey Agar, Blood Agar

21. Motility Determination – Hanging drop method
22. Different types of microbial growth media
23. Culture methods: Isolation of Pure Colonies of Bacteria – Streak, Spread and Pour Plate
24. Staining Techniques: Simple and Gram Staining, Spore and Capsule Staining, Acid Fast Staining
25. Biochemical tests for identification of microorganisms: Indole Test, Methyl Red test, Voges Prauskaur test, Citrate Utilisation test, Catalase test
26. Determination of Anti-Microbial Activity by Disc Diffusion method
27. Impact of Osmotic Stress on Seedling Growth by Measurement of Free Proline Concentration
28. Separation of chloroplast pigments by Thin Layer Chromatography
29. Extraction and separation of chlorophylls and carotenoids by chemical method
30. Detection of Gibberellins by endosperm (barley/wheat/oats) test
31. Demonstration of osmosis by means of potato osmoscope
32. Testing of viability/germinability of seeds using tetrazolium salts

## ACTIVITIES, LEARNING RESOURCES & ASSESSMENT

### Suggested Class Room Activities:

- Assignments
- Seminar Presentation on selected topics
- Debates
- Quiz

## LEARNING RESOURCES

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## ASSESSMENT

100% End-semester/Summative Assessment: 4 hour Practical and Viva Voce examination.

<b>SEMESTER II</b>	<b>Course Code: INB-CC-521</b>	<b>Credits: 3</b>
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## **BIONINSTRUMENTATION, BIOSAFETY AND BIOETHICS**

### **Course Outcomes (CO)**

- CO1:** Understand the major tools and techniques used for studying biochemical and biophysical nature of life
- CO2:** Learn about analytical methods used for measuring biomolecules and pharmacologically active substances
- CO3:** Develop knowledge on safety concerns which arise during and after any biological assay is performed
- CO4:** Comprehend protocols better and create new procedures by improvising existing assays to measure various biomolecules
- CO5:** Gain awareness about the ethical aspects involved in biology and biological research including intellectual property rights
- CO6:** Apply knowledge achieved to create new assessments tools for measuring levels of biomolecules

## **COURSE CONTENT**

**MODULE I:** Microscopy: History. Parts of simple and compound microscopes. Differential Interference contrast (Nomarsky) microscopy, Confocal microscope, Electron microscope –TEM, SEM, Scanning Tunnelling and Atomic Force Microscopes.

### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Comprehend and remember history of microscopy
- M02: Understand different parts of various microscopes
- M03: Evaluate pros and cons of various microscopes
- M04: Analyse functioning of electron microscopes
- M05: Apply knowledge to design novel microscopes with improvements over existing designs

**MODULE II:** Chromatography: Paper chromatography, Thin layer chromatography, Ion exchange chromatography, Gel permeation chromatography, Affinity chromatography, Gas chromatography, High pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC). Electrophoresis: Paper electrophoresis, Gel electrophoresis, Polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (PAGE) – SDS and non SDS, Agarose gel electrophoresis, Disc electrophoresis, High voltage electrophoresis, immunoelectrophoresis, isoelectric focusing. Colorimetry, Spectrophotometry and Spectroscopy: Principle and applications of colorimetry and spectrophotometry. Spectroscopy: Flame emission spectroscopy, Atomic absorption spectroscopy, Nuclear Magnetic Resonance spectroscopy (NMR), Circular Dichroism spectroscopy, ESR spectroscopy, Mass spectroscopy. pH meters. Principle and working of IR, Raman spectroscopy. Centrifugation: Basic principles of sedimentation, Types of centrifuges. Analytical and Preparative centrifugation. Differential and density gradient centrifugation.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Learn and remember techniques in chromatography, electrophoresis, spectroscopy and centrifugation
- M02: Understand principles of different types of chromatography, electrophoresis, spectroscopy and centrifugation methods
- M03: Evaluate functioning of different types of chromatography, electrophoresis, spectroscopy and centrifugation methods
- M04: Analyse the instruments used to assess levels of biomolecules using chromatography, electrophoresis, spectroscopy and centrifugation methods
- M05: Apply the principles to create novel processes and instruments using principles in chromatography, electrophoresis, spectroscopy and centrifugation

**MODULE III:** Radioisotope Detection and Measurement: Dosimetry: Ionization chamber, GM counter, Solid and liquid scintillation counters, Autoradiography, Radio ImmunoAssay, Enzyme Linked Immuno Sorbant Assay (ELISA). Nanotechnology: Nanosensors and Nanomedicines.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Comprehend and remember basics of radioactivity
- M02: Understand principles in radioisotope detection and its measurements
- M03: Evaluate types of devices to measure radioactivity
- M04: Analyse diverse radioactive biomolecules using principle of ELISA
- M05: Apply knowledge to design novel methods and instruments to measure radioactivity

**MODULE IV:** Histological Techniques: Fixation, preparation of temporary and permanent slides, whole mounts, smears, squashes and sections. Specimen preparation for TEM, SEM, shadow casting, freeze fracturing, freeze etching, negative staining. Cytochemical and histological methods - Microtome techniques, fixation, staining.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Learn and remember principle behind histological techniques
- M02: Understand the methods of preparation of samples for histological examination
- M03: Evaluate the types of electron microscopy
- M04: Analyse the representations gained after performing histological techniques
- M05: Apply knowledge added to create innovative techniques for histological examination of biological samples

**MODULE V:** Biosafety and Bioethics: Safety measures in the laboratory research, Good laboratory practices, Precautions for Handling of chemicals and radionuclide, Waste disposal. Ethics in research, ethics of GMO, ethics committee and evaluation. Ethics in scientific communications. Bioethics: Principles of bioethics: autonomy, human rights, beneficence, privacy, justice, equity. Ethics in post genomic era-genetic testing and genetic screening.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Study and remember basic fundamentals of biosafety and bioethics
- M02: Understand and apply good laboratory practices
- M03: Evaluate and practice principles of bioethics in day to day life
- M04: Analyse issues pertaining to ethics in individual to environmental levels
- M05: Apply information gained to create novel and innovative protocols for increasing safety during performing lab assays and to make sure people who are involved adhere to scientific ethics

**MODULE VI: Intellectual Property Rights: Introduction to Intellectual Property Rights, Types of IP: Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights. Basics of Patents. Types of patents. Indian Patent Act 1970, Recent Amendments. IPs of relevance to Biotechnology and few Case Studies (Rice, Neem, Curcumin). Introduction to History of GATT, WTO, WIPO and TRIPS. Biosafety concepts and issues. General guidelines for recombinant DNA research activity.**

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Learn and memorize details of intellectual property rights
- M02: Understand the different types of intellectual properties
- M03: Evaluate cases with regard to intellectual property rights and GMOs
- M04: Analyse various organizations involved in regulating intellectual property rights
- M05: Apply the knowledge to find disadvantages if any and rectify them with regard to intellectual property rights

**ACTIVITIES, LEARNING RESOURCES & ASSESSMENT****Suggested Class Room Activities:**

- Assignments
- Seminar Presentation on selected topics
- Debates
- Quiz
- Demonstration of simple experiments

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#### **ASSESSMENT**

40% Continuous / Formative Assessment (see PG Regulations).

60% End-semester/Summative Assessment: 3 hour written Exam.

## Model Question Paper

**Second Semester M. Sc. (CSS) Degree Examination**  
**Branch: M. Sc Integrative Biology (Zoology)**  
**INB-CC-521: Bioinstrumentation, Biosafety and Bioethics**

Time : **3 Hours**

Max. Marks : **60**

I. Answer **any five** of the following:

- 1) Radio labelled antibodies are widely used in immunoassays for high sensitivity tests. Specify.
  - 2) There are analytical techniques which measure the mass-to-charge ratio and present the result as a mass spectrum. Identify this spectroscopy and explain the principle.
  - 3) There are techniques which employs the sublimation of ice to reveal internal structures. Clarify.
  - 4) Which microscopy technique will you use to study the surface of nano materials ?
  - 5) There is a spectroscopy which is commonly used to study the secondary structure of proteins on the basis of chirality. What is your take on this ?
  - 6) “Nuclear spin and spectroscopy”. Discuss the concept.
  - 7) How sucrose and cesium chloride are important in centrifugation. Comment.
- (5x2=10 Marks)**

II. Write short notes on **any six** of the following:

- 8) Radiolabelling is important in the isolation of macromolecules such as DNA or protein. Name the technique which employs this principle and discuss the protocol.
- 9) What are the steps will you adopt for the disposal of bio-hazardous wastes ?
- 10) How will you analyse the serum of a patient with suspected food poisoning for botulinum toxin employing Immunoelectrophoresis ?
- 11) Can we modify the genome of an organism ? If yes how ? Discuss its application.
- 12) “Nanoparticles as sensors”. Elaborate.
- 13) Beer lambert’s contribution in the field of spectrophotometry. Comment.
- 14) How acetylcholine receptors can be purified from a mixture of proteins employing chromatography ?
- 15) Most advanced chromatographic techniques are used for the isolation and purification of bioactive compounds. Specify.

**(6x5=30 Marks)**

III. Answer **any two** of the following:

- 16) What are the strategies that you will adopt to separate DNA and proteins employing electrophoresis ?
- 17) Discuss about the protocol to detect a specific protein from a cellular protein extract.
- 18) What safety measures will you adopt to work in a laboratory ?
- 19) Radioactive isotopes have immense application in biomedical research. How will you detect and measure it ?

**(2x10=20 Marks)**

<b>SEMESTER II</b>	<b>Course Code: INB-CC-522</b>	<b>Credits: 3</b>
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## **ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY**

### **Course Outcomes (CO)**

- CO1:** Eloquent understanding of the fundamentals in ecological studies and exemplifies the basic concepts of ecology
- CO2:** Facilitate to remember and analyze the way of interaction between organisms, species and communities
- CO3:** Gain knowledge on the impact of natural and human altered ecosystems on environment
- CO4:** Comprehend the concept of adaptation of biotic elements with the abiotic factors
- CO5:** Apply concepts and principles of ecology to evaluate the causes and consequences of pollution in the environment
- CO6:** Understand to create new ideas based on resource ecology and applied ecology

### **COURSE CONTENT**

**MODULE I:** Ecology and Environment: Physical Environment- biotic and abiotic interactions. Concept of Homeostasis; Concepts of habitats: host as habitat, niche, niche width and overlap, fundamental and realized niche, resource partitioning, Cybernetic nature of ecosystem, resistance and resilience stability. Gaia hypothesis. Concept of limiting factors- Liebig's law, Shelford's law. Ecological indicators. Ecology Vs Environmental science

#### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember concepts of ecosystem homeostasis
- M02: Understand the concept of niche
- M03: Evaluate the cybernetic nature of ecosystem along with biotic and abiotic interactions
- M04: Analyse the concept of limiting factors
- M05: Apply ecological indicators to detect signals of environmental change

**MODULE II:** Ecosystem: Structure and Function, Ecosystem and Landscapes, pathways in ecosystem, energy in the environment-Laws of thermodynamics, energy flow in the ecosystem. Primary productivity, Biomass and productivity measurement. Food chain, food web, trophic levels. Ecological efficiencies, Ecological pyramids, Biogeochemical cycles- patterns Tropical versus Temperate Ecology. Weather and climate. Atmosphere-structure and composition; Local winds: Sea and land breezes; Polar easterlies, Westerlies; Trade winds; Indian and African Monsoon; Inversions: temperature or thermal inversions- causes –consequences – subsidence inversion; Clouds and their formation. Cloud categories: low, middle, and high clouds: Cirrus (Ci), Cirrocumulus (Cc), and Cirrostratus (Cs), Altocumulus (Ac), Altostratus (As), and Nimbostratus (Ns), Cumulus (Cu), Stratocumulus (Sc), Stratus (St), and Cumulonimbus (Cb). Element and factors of climate; External factors: solar radiation- Plate tectonics-Milankovitch Theory – Orbital eccentricity - obliquity- axial precession. Internal factors: earth's orography-oceanic and continental influence- Deforestation- surface albedo- snow and ice- Volcanic

activity- Dust particles- Greenhouse gas concentrations- Atmosphere- ocean heat exchange-Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide Variations. Human influences. Global climate changes – causes and consequences. Physical evidence for climatic change – Historical and archaeological evidence-Glaciers – Vegetation -Ice cores –Dendroclimatology-Pollen analysis-Sea level change. Human population. Exponential growth – geometric growth or geometric decay- Malthusian growth model –population momentum age structure – population pyramid, age structure diagram. Types of population pyramid - Young and aging populations – youth bulge - Current trends in global population with reference to developed and developing countries. Population explosion –Baby boom – History of population growth Projections of population growth. Demographic transition Carrying capacity – Human population in India.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Remember and understand the structure and function of ecosystem

M02: Understand the energy as well as laws of thermodynamics

M03: Evaluate working of biogeochemical cycles

M04: Analyse the various types of ecological efficiencies

M05: Apply techniques to measure biomass and productivity

**MODULE III:** Population Ecology: Population group properties, density and indices of relative abundance, Concept of rate. Natality and mortality. Population age structure, Growth forms and concept of carrying capacity. Population fluctuations, density dependent and density independent controls. Population structure, aggregation, Allee's principle, isolation, dispersal and territoriality. Population interactions- types, positive and negative, interspecific and intraspecific interactions. Ecological and evolutionary effects of competition. Concept of metapopulation. Levin's model of metapopulation. Comparison of Metapopulation and Logistic population model. Metapopulation structure.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Remember the concept and properties of population ecology

M02: Understand mechanisms of population fluctuation

M03: Evaluate functioning of models of metapopulation

M04: Analyse the ecological effects of competition

M05: Apply various models to study metapopulation structure

**MODULE IV:** Community Ecology: Concept of community - community structure and attributes, ecotone and edge effect. Development and evolution of the ecosystem, concept of climax. Species diversity in community and it's measurement- Alpha diversity, Simpson's diversity index, Shannon index, Fisher's alpha, rarefaction. Beta diversity- Sorensen's similarity index, Whittaker's index, Evenness, Gamma diversity, Guild and its functioning.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Remember concept of community

M02: Understand mechanisms of expansion of ecosystem

M03: Evaluate species assortment in community

M04: Analyse various indices of species diversity measurement

M05: Apply different methods to calculate species diversity

**MODULE V:** Resource Ecology: Natural Resources: Soil-soil formation, physical and chemical properties of soil. significance of soil fertility. Mineral resources with reference to India. Impact of mining on environment; Forest resources deforestation, forest scenario of India. Aquatic resources - Freshwater and water scarcity, water conservation measures - case studies from India; Wetlands and its importance, international initiatives for wetland conservation - Ramsar sites. Wetland reclamation- causes and consequences. Depletion of resources and impacts on quality of life. Energy Resources- solar, fossil fuels, hydro, tidal, wind, geothermal and nuclear. Energy use pattern in different parts of the world, recent issues in energy production and utilization; Energy audit, Green technology and sustainable development. Ecosystem monitoring- GIS, Physics of remote sensing, role of remote sensing in ecology, GPS and its application; EIA- tools and techniques, Ecosystem Modeling (Brief account only).

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Remember the natural resources and its properties

M02: Understand concepts of environmental perturbations

M03: Evaluate human influence on environment

M04: Analyse various ecosystem monitoring programmes

M05: Apply ecosystem models to understand complex ecological processes

**MODULE VI:** Applied Ecology: Environmental Pollution-types, causes and consequences. Concept of waste, types and sources of solid wastes including e-waste; Environmental biotechnology and solid waste management- aerobic and anaerobic systems. Concept of bioreactors in waste management. Liquid wastes and sewage. Bioremediation- need and scope of bioremediation in cleaning up of environment. Phytoremediation, bio-augmentation, biofilms, biofilters, bioscrubbers and trickling filters. Radiation Biology - natural and man-made sources of radioactive pollution; radioisotopes of ecological importance; effects of radioactive pollution; nuclear disasters (two case studies), Disposal of radioactive wastes. Toxicology- Principles, toxicants-types, dose and effects, toxicity of heavy metals.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Remember causes and consequences of pollution

M02: Understand concepts of solid wastes together with e-waste

M03: Evaluate various waste management systems

M04: Analyse the causes and effects of radioactive pollution

M05: Apply techniques to detect xenobiotics in biological specimens

**ACTIVITIES, LEARNING RESOURCES & ASSESSMENT**

**Suggested Class Room Activities:**

- Assignments
- Seminar Presentation on selected topics
- Debates
- Quiz

- Demonstration of simple experiments

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### ASSESSMENT

40% Continuous / Formative Assessment (see PG Regulations).  
 60% End-semester/Summative Assessment: 3 hour written Exam.

## Model Question Paper

### Second Semester M. Sc. (CSS) Degree Examination

#### Branch: M. Sc Integrative Biology (Zoology)

#### INB-CC-522: Environmental Biology

Time : **3 Hours**

Max. Marks : **60**

I. Answer **any five** of the following:

- 1) Indicator species in ecology and their importance. Annotate.
- 2) List the role of Food web in stabilizing energy management in the environment.
- 3) Beta-Diversity as a measure of Biodiversity Conservation. Expound.
- 4) Natality and mortality affect population. Present your views.
- 5) The role of greenhouse effect on Earth. Speculate.
- 6) Give reasons for why limiting factor decides the energy flow in food chain.
- 7) Signify the importance of Gaia hypothesis in sustaining the biosphere.

**(5x2=10 Marks)**

II. Write short notes on **any six** of the following:

- 8) Elaborate on how Global Positioning System helps the environment.
- 9) Put in your words, how the impact of ozone depleting factors can be minimized.
- 10) Compile the steps used to characterize species diversity in a community using Shannon index.
- 11) Articulate on the different ways in which populations interact with each other.
- 12) Discuss about the process of soil formation and properties of diverse soil types.
- 13) Metapopulations contribute to the preservation of biodiversity. Enumerate points to support the statement.
- 14) How can we graphically represent the relationship between different organisms in an ecosystem ?
- 15) Explicate on the different community structures that influence species abundance along environmental gradients.

**(6x5=30 Marks)**

III. Answer **any two** of the following:

- 16) Elaborate on the different biogeochemical cycles with their importance in maintaining the ecosystem homeostasis?
- 17) Account for cell and tissue radio sensitivity with respect to practical impacts of radiation biology.
- 18) Have you ever wondered how many species live on Earth ? How can you account for the importance of diversity of species ?
- 19) The effects of pollution on the environment can be seen in the form of severe health conditions. What are the main causes of environmental pollution and how can we stop environmental pollution ?

**(2x10=20 Marks)**

<b>SEMESTER II</b>	<b>Course Code: INB-CC-523</b>	<b>Credits: 4</b>
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## **BIOCHEMISTRY AND BIOPHYSICS**

### **Course Outcomes (CO)**

- CO1:** Understand the structure and functions of various biomolecules  
**CO2:** Learn about the metabolism of major biomolecules and how the processes are regulated and the diseases caused when the regulation is disrupted  
**CO3:** Expand knowledge on diverse catalysts that trigger and regulate biochemical events in cells  
**CO4:** Comprehend and train in fundamental concepts in biophysics  
**CO5:** Gain knowledge about various biophysical methods used to study diverse biomolecules at micro and macro levels  
**CO6:** Apply knowledge perceived to generate new information and techniques using principles of biophysics

### **COURSE CONTENT**

**MODULE I:** Concept of biomolecules: Chemistry of life, Concept and scope. Atoms, molecules and chemical bonds. Water: biological importance, pH and acid - base balance. Buffers - biological importance.

#### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Comprehend and remember the concept of chemistry of life and life forms  
M02: Understand the molecules at different physical realms  
M03: Evaluate the importance of water as a universal solvent  
M04: Analyse details of acid – base balance and its regulation  
M05: Apply knowledge to formulate new buffers for diverse biological conditions

**MODULE II:** Carbohydrates and lipids: Monosaccharides - Classification and nomenclature, Biological importance. Structural representations of sugars – Isomerism: structural isomerism and stereoisomerism, optical isomerism, epimerism and anomerism. Reactions of monosaccharides: Oxidation, reduction, ester formation. Disaccharides: Sucrose, Lactose. Polysaccharides: Homopolysaccharides - Starch, Glycogen, Cellulose, Chitin. Heteropolysaccharides. Classification of lipids: simple, compound and derived lipids. Biological importance of lipids. Fatty acids: classification, nomenclature. Simple fats: Triacylglycerol (Triglycerides) - Physical properties. Reactions: Hydrolysis, Saponification. Glycolipids, Sphingolipids. Prostaglandins- structure, types, synthesis and functions. Overview of Major metabolic pathways – Glycolysis: Fate of pyruvate. Citric acid cycle and its significance; Central role of citric acid cycle. Oxidative and substrate level phosphorylation. Gluconeogenesis, Cori cycle. Glycogen metabolism - Glycogenesis, Glycogenolysis, Adenylate cascade system,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  Calmodulin-sensitive phosphorylase kinase. Regulation of glycogen synthesis. Minor metabolic pathways of carbohydrates: Pentose Phosphate pathway, Glucuronic acid metabolism, Glycogen storage. Beta oxidation, alpha oxidation and omega oxidation of fatty acids. Metabolism of cholesterol, synthesis and its regulation. Biosynthesis of triglycerides. Ketone bodies - Ketogenesis, Ketolysis, Ketosis. Lipid peroxidation.



**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Understand and memorize the various classes of carbohydrates and lipids

M02: Comprehend the structural and functional aspects of different classes of carbohydrates and lipids

M03: Assess the functional regulation of carbohydrates and lipids

M04: Analyse the metabolic pathways of carbohydrates and lipids and how their regulation occurs in various cells

M05: Learn how carbohydrate and lipids are used by different cells for various purposes and the diseases humans acquire if the metabolic regulation is interrupted

**MODULE III:** Proteins and enzymes: Structure, classification and properties of amino acids. Amphoteric properties of amino acids,  $pK$  value and iso-electric point of amino acids. Peptide bond formation and peptides. Reactions (due to carboxyl group, amino group and side chains). Colour reactions of amino acids and proteins. Structural organization of proteins, Ramchandran plot. Primary structure of protein (*e.g.* insulin). Classification and properties of proteins. Fibrous proteins - Keratin, Collagen, Chaperons. Tertiary structure - Myoglobin. Quaternary structure - Haemoglobin.

Amino acid metabolism - Deamination, Transamination and Trans-deamination. Formation and disposal of ammonia. Urea cycle. Fate of carbon skeletons of amino acids: glucogenic, ketogenic, partly glucogenic and ketogenic with examples. Enzyme Classification - (I.U.B.system), co-enzymes, iso-enzymes, ribozyme. Enzyme specificity. Mode of action of enzymes. Formation of enzyme substrate complex. Lowering of activation energy, Active site. Enzyme kinetics: Michaelis-Menten equation.  $K_m$  value and its significance. Enzyme velocity and factors influencing enzyme velocity. Kinetics of enzyme inhibition, suicide inhibition and feedback inhibition. Enzyme regulation: Allosteric regulations - Key enzymes, Covalent modification. Enzyme engineering.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Comprehend and remember structure, classification and properties of amino acids and proteins

M02: Understand structural organization of proteins from primary to tertiary forms with examples

M03: Evaluate the metabolism of amino acids and proteins and how the process is regulated at different levels

M04: Analyse the structure and functions of various enzymes and how they regulate various metabolic processes in humans

M05: Apply knowledge to analyse enzyme kinetics and create new assays to measure enzyme activity and enhance catalytic activity of enzymes

**MODULE IV:** Nucleic Acids: Structure of nucleic acids and nucleotides: Structural organization of DNA (Watson – Crick model). Characteristic features of A, B, C and Z DNA. Structural organization of tRNA, Protein-nucleic acid interaction. DNA regulatory proteins, folding motifs, conformation flexibilities, denaturation, renaturation. Catabolism of purines and pyrimidines.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Remember the basic structure of nucleic acids

M02: Understand the structural organization of DNA

M03: Evaluate different forms of DNA

M04: Analyse various protein nucleic acid interactions and their regulation

M05: Learn and assess the metabolism of nucleic acid in cells

**MODULE V:** Concepts in Biophysics: Diffusion and Osmosis Diffusion - Kinetics of diffusion, Fick's law of diffusion and diffusion coefficient, Biological significance in animals and plants. Electrochemical gradient, Stokes-Einstein equation and Graham's law, Facilitated diffusion, Gibbs-Donnan equilibrium. Osmosis - osmotic concentration and osmotic pressure, Van't Hoff's laws. Biological significance of osmosis in animals and plants. Biophysics of Cell Membrane: Physico-chemical properties of cell membrane, conformational properties of cell membranes, Membrane Transport – endocytosis, exocytosis, Nutrient transport across membranes, porins facilitated diffusion, porter molecules. Facilitated transport: symport, antiport, uniport, anion porter, glucose porter. Active transport: proton pumps,  $\text{Na}^+\text{K}^+$  pumps and  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  pumps, ionic channels. Functions of cell membrane. Artificial membranes.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Comprehend and remember basic biophysical principles

M02: Understand significance of processes like osmosis and diffusion and how they occur in cells

M03: Evaluate different forms of osmosis and diffusion and active transport

M04: Analyse transfer of various biomolecules and solutes across cellular membranes

M05: Apply knowledge to create novel artificial membranes which can replace the current cellular membranes with higher efficiency

**MODULE VI:** Bioenergetics: Thermodynamics- Laws of thermodynamics, Entropy, Enthalpy, Free energy. Reversible thermodynamics and irreversible thermodynamic. Systems – open, closed and isolated. Photo bioenergetics. Photosynthesis – light and dark reactions, Redox couple and redox potential. Chemo-bioenergetics: electron transport and oxidative phosphorylation. Chemiosmotic theory and binding change mechanism of ATP synthesis. Radiation Biophysics: Ionizing radiation, units of radioactivity, exposure and dose. Interaction of radiation with matter – Photoelectric effect, ion pair production, absorption and scattering of electrons. Biological effects of radiation: effect on nucleic acids, proteins, enzymes and carbohydrates. Cellular effects of radiation: somatic and genetic. Nuclear medicine: Internally administered radioisotopes. Radioiodine in thyroid function analysis. Renal, liver and lung function analysis. Application of radioactive tracers. Radiation protection and therapy.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Comprehend and memorize basic laws of thermodynamics

M02: Understand diverse energy dependent cellular processes and its bioenergetics

M03: Evaluate the interaction of radioactivity in cellular models and its uses

M04: Analyse the beneficial and detrimental effects of radioactive substances in biological samples

M05: Apply knowledge to create new radioactive tracers which can be used for prognostic and therapeutic practices

## ACTIVITIES, LEARNING RESOURCES & ASSESSMENT

### Suggested Class Room Activities:

- Assignments
- Seminar Presentation on selected topics
- Debates
- Quiz
- Demonstration of simple experiments

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### ASSESSMENT

40% Continuous / Formative Assessment (see PG Regulations).

60% End-semester/Summative Assessment: 3 hour written Exam.

## Model Question Paper

### Second Semester M. Sc. (CSS) Degree Examination

#### Branch: M. Sc Integrative Biology (Zoology)

#### INB-CC-523: Biochemistry and Biophysics

Time : **3 Hours**

Max. Marks : **60**

I. Answer **any five** of the following:

- 1) DNA and Protein isolation are normally done in buffers. Why ?
- 2) Adolf Fick is eminent in the field of biophysics. What is his contribution ?
- 3) Some lipids are formed of amine alcohol sphingosine and which are mostly found on the cell membranes of the brain and nervous tissue. Which are they ? Elaborate its structure.
- 4) How the fatty acids, a component of lipids are metabolised to generate acetyl-CoA which is the intermediate of TCA cycle ?
- 5) "Isomerism and chirality". Comment.
- 6) When RBCs are placed in hypertonic solution they shrink. What can we infer from it ?
- 7) If the Isoelectric point of a protein is 6.8 and if the protein is placed in a buffer of pH 8.0. What will be the charge on the protein ? Why ?

**(5x2=10 Marks)**

II. Write short notes on **any six** of the following:

- 8) DNA exists in different polymorphic forms. Elaborate.
- 9) Transport of various nutrients into the cell takes place across the membrane. How ?
- 10) Glycolysis takes place in the cytoplasm. How many net ATPs and NADH are formed by this process and how ?
- 11) All chemical reactions occur spontaneously if (Free energy change)  $\Delta G = -ve$ . But certain substances can accelerate the rate of this spontaneous reaction. What are those substances ? How they are significant ?
- 12) Cori cycle occurs through muscles and liver. Elaborate and what is its significance ?
- 13) The presence of impermeant charged ions on either side of a semipermeable membrane causes an unequal distribution of the charged ions. Discuss it.
- 14) Role of transamination aminoacid metabolism. Elaborate.
- 15) "Eicosanoids and Arachidonic acid". How are they related ? Role of Eicosanoids ?

**(6x5=30 Marks)**

III. Answer **any two** of the following:

- 16) Ramachandran plot predicts the allowed conformation of proteins. Elaborate its Significance. How are the proteins organized ?
- 17) Deoxy nucleotides are the monomers of DNA. Discuss its structure and how this is organized according to Watson and Crick double helix model ?
- 18) Catabolism and anabolism are the main pathways of carbohydrate metabolism.
- 19) Fatty acids are one of the main energy sources and it liberates energy by metabolism. Discuss it.

**(2x10=20 Marks)**

**CELL BIOLOGY AND GENETICS****Course Outcomes (CO)**

- CO1:** Articulate and exemplify the structural and functional details of the basic unit of life at the molecular level
- CO2:** Give an overview of the structures and purposes of basic components of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells
- CO3:** Gain knowledge on cellular macromolecules, membranes and organelles
- CO4:** Figure out the major cell signaling events and its regulatory mechanisms
- CO5:** Apply the mechanisms of inheritance to analyze the factors influencing gene expression and its regulation
- CO6:** Understand the major cellular events like cell cycle, checkpoints in cell cycle and control of cell division

**COURSE CONTENT**

**MODULE I:** Cell organization: cell membrane - ultrastructure. Cell Organelles - Endoplasmic reticulum, Golgi complex, Ribosome, Mitochondria. Cytoskeleton and Cell Motility - Microtubules, Microfilaments, Intermediate filaments, Molecular motors, Non muscle motility and contractility. Cell cycle - Steps in cell cycle, Control of cell cycle, Checkpoints in cell cycle. Control of cell division and cell growth. Apoptosis - extrinsic and intrinsic pathways, significance of apoptotic pathways. Basic properties of a cancer cell, Types of cancer, Causes of cancer, Genetics of cancer, Tumour suppressor gene, Oncogene. New strategies for combating cancer - Immunotherapy, Gene therapy, inhibiting cancer promoting proteins, Inhibiting formation of new blood vessels. Cancer as a lifestyle disease.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember ultrastructure of cell
- M02: Understand cytoskeleton and cell motility
- M03: Evaluate checkpoints in cell cycle
- M04: Analyse control of cell division and cell growth
- M05: Apply techniques to differentiate normal cell from cancer cell

**MODULE II:** Cell Signaling: Basic principles of cell communication, Extracellular messengers (signaling molecules), role of Calcium and Nitric oxide (NO) as intracellular and intercellular messengers. Receptors: G- Protein coupled receptors, Receptor tyrosine kinases (RTK), Ion channel receptors, Cytokine receptors (Tyrosine kinase linked receptors). Second messengers: Cyclic-AMP, Cyclic-GMP, Inositol 1,4,5-trisphosphate (IP3), Di-acyl glycerol (DAG). Signaling pathways: G-protein coupled receptor (GPCR) and cyclic AMP pathway – role of protein kinase A (PKA), GPCR pathway in rod cells, Receptor protein tyrosine kinase and Ras-MAP kinase pathway, JAK-STAT pathway, Calcium phosphatidyl- inositol pathway, Phospho Inositide 3-kinase (PI- 3 kinase), Transforming growth factor (TGF) signaling pathway. Regulation of signaling pathways. Convergence, divergence and crosstalk among different pathways.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Remember and understand the basic principles of cell communication

M02: Understand various components of signaling pathways

M03: Evaluate working of GPCR pathway

M04: Analyse the regulation of signaling pathways

M05: Apply techniques to differentiate various cellular receptors

**MODULE III:** Gene Expression: Relationship between genes and proteins. Transcription in prokaryotes and eukaryotes-rRNA, tRNA and mRNA, RNA processing in prokaryotes and eukaryotes, Translation in prokaryotes and eukaryotes, initiation, elongation and termination, post transcriptional modifications, protein sorting, signal sequences and signal hypothesis. Gene Regulation: Regulation of gene expression in *E. coli*: Catabolite repression, *Trp* operon in *E.coli*-repression and attenuation, *Ara* operon in *E.coli*-positive and negative controls. Riboswitches. General introduction to gene regulation in eukaryotes at transcriptional, post transcriptional and translational levels, transcription factors, enhancers and silencers, Chromatin-remodelling complexes, RNA interference (RNAi).

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Remember central dogma of molecular biology

M02: Understand mechanisms of RNA processing in prokaryotes and eukaryotes

M03: Evaluate post transcriptional modifications and signal hypothesis

M04: Analyse the processes of regulation of gene expression

M05: Apply techniques to assess the working of chromatin-remodeling complexes

**MODULE IV:** Principles of Genetic Transmission: Extension of Mendel's principles: allelic variation and gene function- incomplete dominance and codominance. Gene action-from genotype to phenotype-penetrance and expressivity, gene interaction epistasis, pleiotropy, genomic imprinting, phenocopy. Molecular Organization of Chromosomes: Genome size and C-value Paradox. Structure of eukaryotic chromosome, nucleosome model. Chromosome condensation - euchromatin and heterochromatin. Repetitive nucleotide sequences in eukaryotic genomes, kinetics of renaturation: Cot and Cot curve. Unique and repetitive sequences. Mini and micro satellites. Molecular structure of centromere and telomere. Polytene chromosomes and Lampbrush chromosomes. Chromosome banding techniques. Karyotyping. Gene Fine Structure: Evolution of the concept of gene function and structure. The definition of gene. The standard genetic code, redundancy and Wobble. DNA Structure- alternate forms of the Double Helix. Gene synthesis (in vitro synthesis) – works of Khorana and Kornberg. Modern findings on the nature of gene: Interrupted genes in eukaryotes, exons and introns-R loops, significance of introns. Genes-within-genes (overlapping genes) Transposable elements in Bacteria –IS elements, composite transposons, Tn3 elements, medical significance. Transposable elements in Eukaryotes-P elements, Retrotransposons, significance of transposons.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Remember Mendelian principles of genetic transmission

M02: Understand mechanisms of gene interaction  
M03: Evaluate kinetics of DNA renaturation  
M04: Analyse fine structure of gene  
M05: Apply techniques for chromosome banding

**MODULE V:** Genetic Linkage, Recombination and Chromosome Mapping: Chromosome theory of heredity, Linkage and recombination of genes in a chromosome, crossing over as the physical basis of recombination, Gene conversion, Recombination mapping with two-point and three –point test cross in *Drosophila*, Coincidence and Interference. Genetic mapping by interrupted mating, mapping with molecular markers and mapping using somatic cell. The Meselson-Stahl experiment, semi conservative replication of DNA in chromosomes, Theta replication, rolling-circle replication, molecular mechanisms of eukaryotic replication. Gene Mutation: Molecular basis of gene mutation; mutant types- lethal, conditional, biochemical, loss of function, gain of function, germinal versus somatic mutants. Induced mutation, The Ames test for mutagen/carcinogen detection. DNA damage and repair mechanisms

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Remember chromosome theory of heredity, linkage and recombination  
M02: Understand the phenomenon of crossing over as the physical basis of recombination  
M03: Evaluate semi conservative mode of DNA replication  
M04: Analyse mechanisms of DNA damage and repair  
M05: Apply techniques to detect mutagen/carcinogen

**MODULE VI:** Extra Chromosomal Inheritance and Epigenetics: Inheritance of mitochondrial and chloroplast genes, maternal inheritance. Epigenetics-from phenomenon to field, a brief history of epigenetics -overview and concepts; chromatin modifications and their mechanism of action, concept of ‘histone-code’ hypothesis Polygenic inheritance, analysis of quantitative traits, quantitative traits and natural selection, estimation of heritability, genotype-environment interactions, molecular analysis of quantitative traits, phenotypic plasticity.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Remember the concepts of extra chromosomal inheritance  
M02: Understand the principles of epigenetics  
M03: Evaluate the ways of chromatin modifications  
M04: Analyse the concept of ‘histone-code’ hypothesis  
M05: Apply techniques to estimate heritability

**ACTIVITIES, LEARNING RESOURCES & ASSESSMENT**

**Suggested Class Room Activities:**

- Assignments
- Seminar Presentation on selected topics
- Debates
- Quiz

- Demonstration of simple experiments

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## **ASSESSMENT**

40% Continuous / Formative Assessment (see PG Regulations).

60% End-semester/Summative Assessment: 3 hour written Exam.

## Model Question Paper

### Second Semester M. Sc. (CSS) Degree Examination

#### Branch: M. Sc Integrative Biology (Zoology)

#### INB-CC-524: Cell Biology and Genetics

Time : **3 Hours**

Max. Marks : **60**

I. Answer **any five** of the following:

- 1) Organelle which is referred to as cellular power house. Support your choice.
- 2) The receptor which is a target for almost 50% of drugs in current use.
- 3) The most common model used to represent repressible operon concept
- 4) Is “C-value paradox” a factual paradox ?
- 5) The mechanism by which a gene gets converted to another.
- 6) You are more of your mother than your father. Do you think the statement is true ?
- 7) Where and how do the proteins move after they get translated ?

**(5x2=10 Marks)**

II. Write short notes on **any six** of the following:

- 8) What apparatus makes the skeleton of a cell ? Do they have other functions as well ?
- 9) Secondary messengers regulate the cell signaling. Yes or No. Assert your answer with substantial evidence.
- 10) “A protein functions only if it is modified”. What are the modifications and how do they occur ?
- 11) “Daughter comes from a single strand”. Explicate.
- 12) Some genes get expressed only because they are inherited from a specific parent or else they remain silent. Support your answer.
13. Discuss the role of non coding RNAs in gene regulation.
- 14) DNA Polymorphism causes the diversity in a single species. Expound how.
- 15) Elucidate the steps in cell cycle.

**(6x5=30 Marks)**

III. Answer **any two** of the following:

- 16) Does the modification of histones play a role in the regulation of gene expression? Discuss.
- 17) The evolution of hallmarks of a cancer cell from simple to complex over the years. Depict the mechanisms involved.
- 18) Linkage and recombination of genes in chromosomes decides the fate of each cell. Signify your view.
- 19) “Is the Cell death programmed?” Explain in detail.

**(2x10=10 Marks)**

<b>SEMESTER II</b>	<b>Course Code: INB-CC-525</b>	<b>Credits: 2</b>
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## CELL BIOLOGY, ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY AND BIOCHEMISTRY PRACTICAL

### Course Outcomes (CO)

- CO1:** Understand the genetic and biochemical mechanisms in living organisms and quantification of macromolecules
- CO2:** Learn about squash preparation of salivary gland chromosomes and grasshopper testes
- CO3:** Develop knowledge on mitotic and meiotic cell divisions in different models
- CO4:** Comprehend to evaluate the effect of various drugs or inhibitors on cell division
- CO5:** Study genetic analysis using PCR and gene sequencing
- CO6:** Apply techniques to separate and purify proteins

### COURSE CONTENT

1. Analysis of meiotic stages in grasshopper testis employing Squash preparation.
2. Study of mitotic stages in the salivary gland chromosomes in *Drosophila* / *Chironomus* larva using squash preparation.
3. Evaluation of mitotic index in the cells of onion root tip using squash preparation.
4. Study the effect of drugs on cell division (Colchicine or any other inhibitor)
5. To study tissue sectioning using microtome, spreading and histochemical staining of biomolecules such as carbohydrates (PAS), Protein (Bromophenol blue), lipids (Sudan Black), DNA (Fuelgen stain).
6. Isolation of mitochondria and nuclei employing cell fractionation and differential Centrifugation.
7. Quantitative analysis of mitochondrial protein, blood albumin, urea, and evaluate SDH kinetics, Michele's Mendon Kinetics.
8. Estimation of BOD in polluted water sample.
9. Estimation of COD in water sample.
10. Ecological analysis - Estimation of following parameters  
Water:- Salinity, Phosphates, Nitrate, pH & Conductivity  
Soil:- Organic carbon and Chlorides.
11. Separation and identification of soil arthropods using Berlese funnel.  
(A minimum of five specimens should be reported with the comments in practical record)
12. Qualitative and Quantitative study of marine/freshwater planktons.
13. Field study  
A study tour to observe the ecology and behaviour of animals should be undertaken. The places of visit include inter tidal region, fresh water bodies, lakes, rivers, hill streams, wetlands, mangroves, forests grasslands, drinking water treatment plants and sewage treatment plants. A report of the field study is to be included in the practical record to be submitted at the time of examination.
14. Identification of bacteria using PCR amplification of partial DNA encoding 16S rRNA and automated sequencing.
15. Evaluation of the Electrophoretic separation of DNA using Agarose gel electrophoresis.

16. To study the separation of proteins using SDS- PAGE electrophoresis
17. Purification of proteins by affinity chromatography.

## ACTIVITIES, LEARNING RESOURCES & ASSESSMENT

### Suggested Class Room Activities:

- Assignments
- Seminar Presentation on selected topics
- Debates
- Quiz

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## ASSESSMENT

100% End-semester/Summative Assessment: 4 hour Practical and Viva Voce examination.

<b>SEMESTER III</b>	<b>Course Code: INB-CC-531</b>	<b>Credits: 4</b>
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## **MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY**

### **Course Outcomes (CO)**

- CO1:** Understand the basic concepts and new developments in molecular biology and biotechnology
- CO2:** Learn about methodologies currently used in recombinant DNA technology, its application and also discuss its adverse effects
- CO3:** Expand knowledge on modern biotechnological practices with emphasis on application in medical, industrial, environmental and agricultural areas
- CO4:** Comprehend and train in latest techniques and practices that are used in modern bioscience research laboratories
- CO5:** Gain knowledge about various genetic engineering and recombinant DNA technologies for the betterment of plant and animal life
- CO6:** Apply the knowledge gained as processes and products for use of biological life
- CO7:** Create new processes and products for betterment of all life

### **COURSE CONTENT**

**MODULE I:** Introduction to Molecular Biology: Concept of genes, genetic architecture. DNA replication, repair and recombination (Unit of replication, enzymes involved, replication origin and replication fork, fidelity of replication, extrachromosomal replicons). DNA damage and repair mechanisms, homologous and site-specific recombination. RNA synthesis and processing: transcription factors and machinery, formation of initiation complex, transcription activator and repressor, RNA polymerases, capping, elongation, and termination, RNA processing, RNA editing, splicing, and polyadenylation. Structure and function of different types of RNA, RNA transport. Control of gene expression at transcription and translation level: regulating the expression of phages, viruses, prokaryotic and eukaryotic genes, role of chromatin in gene expression and gene silencing. Protein synthesis and processing: Ribosome, formation of initiation complex, initiation factors and their regulation, elongation and elongation factors, termination. Genetic code. Aminoacylation of tRNA, tRNA-identity, aminoacyl tRNA synthetase, and translational proof-reading, translational inhibitors, Post - translational modification of proteins.

#### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Learn and remember basic concepts of molecular biology
- M02: Understand the method of DNA replication, repair and recombination
- M03: Evaluate the process of transcription and post transcriptional modification
- M04: Analyse the events during translation and post translational modifications
- M05: Apply the knowledge to assess various steps during the central dogma of molecular biology and create new assays to evaluate the efficiency of these processes

**MODULE II:** Molecular methods: Molecular Biology and Recombinant DNA methods: Isolation and purification of RNA, DNA (genomic and plasmid) and proteins, different separation methods. Analysis of RNA, DNA and proteins by one and two dimensional gel electrophoresis, Isoelectric focusing gels. Gene knock out in bacterial and eukaryotic

organisms. Protein sequencing methods, detection of post translation modification of proteins. Methods for analysis of gene expression at RNA and protein level, large scale expression, such as micro array based techniques. Isolation, separation and analysis of carbohydrate and lipid molecules. Metagenomics. Histochemical and Immunotechniques: Antibody generation, Detection of molecules using ELISA, RIA, western blot immunoprecipitation, flowcytometry and immunofluorescence microscopy, detection of molecules in living cells, *in situ* localization by techniques such as FISH and GISH.

#### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Learn and memorize various molecular methods used to assess macromolecules

M02: Understand the principles used in evaluating various biomolecules

M03: Evaluate the expression of diverse macromolecules inside a cell using molecular techniques

M04: Analyse the functioning of modern methods used to study biomolecules and critically scrutinize their advantages and disadvantages

M05: Apply the knowledge about various techniques used in molecular biology and create novel assays to measure the expression and levels of biomolecules with higher efficiency

**MODULE III:** Introduction to Biotechnology: Historical aspects, definitions and scope of Biotechnology. Biotechnology in India. Cell and Tissue culture: Basic techniques of mammalian cell culture, disaggregation of tissue and primary culture, maintenance of cell culture and cell separation. Growth media: Physicochemical properties, natural and artificial, Balanced salt solutions, Complete Media, Serum, Serum-Free Media and protein free media and their applications. Biology and characterization of cultured cells, measurement of viability and cytotoxicity. Manipulation of cultured cell and tissues-scaling up of animal cell culture, cell synchronization, cell transformation, organ and histotypic culture. Tissue engineering: strategies and developments in tissue engineering, Biomaterials. Contamination: Source of contamination, Type of microbial contamination, Monitoring, Eradication of contamination, Cross-Contamination. Cryopreservation - importance and process of cryopreservation, cryopreservation of embryos, Cryogenics. Transfection Methods:  $\text{CaPO}_4$  precipitation, Short Gun, Electroporation, Lipofection, Microinjection. Agrobacterium mediated gene transfer. Somatic cell nuclear transfer-reproductive cloning and therapeutic cloning. Gene knockout and knockin technology. Applications of transgenic animals. Stem cell culture: General and historical aspects, properties and types of stem cells, advantages and disadvantages, stem cell niche, application of stem cell technology in medicine.

#### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Be trained and remember fundamental concepts in biotechnology

M02: Understand the principles in animal cell and tissue culture

M03: Evaluate the biology and characterization of cultured animal cells

M04: Analyse tissue engineering principles which can be used for synthesizing new products for betterment of all life forms

M05: Apply the knowledge about various techniques used in molecular biotechnology and create novel assays to measure the expression and levels of biomolecules with higher efficiency

**MODULE IV:** Tools and Techniques in Recombinant DNA Technology: Restriction endonucleases. DNA polymerases. Gene synthesis. Vectors: cloning and expression vectors. Plasmids, Ti and Ri plasmids, cosmids, phasmids, phagemids, bacteriophage, SV40, vectors with combination features, PUC19 and Bluescript vectors, shuttle vectors, viral vectors, BAC and YAC vectors. Polymerase chain Reaction: different types and applications. Chromosome walking, chromosome jumping, DNA foot printing. Molecular Markers and Probes - SNP, VNTR, RAPD, RFLP, SSR, STMS, FISH and GISH. DNA sequencing methods - Maxam and Gilberts chemical degradation method, Sanger and Coulson method, Automated DNA sequencers. Next generation sequencing. Whole genome sequencing. Site directed mutagenesis, molecular chimeras. Cloning Methodologies - Gene isolation. Shot gun method, Genome libraries, cDNA libraries, Chemical synthesis. Splicing and integration of isolated gene - cohesive end ligation, homopolymer tailing, extending linkers. Methods of rDNA transfer to host cells-  $\text{CaCl}_2$  treatment, Virus delivery. Selection and screening of the transformed cells, Blue-white screening, Colony hybridization methods, Reporter genes, Fusion proteins. Blotting techniques- Southern, Northern, Western, Dot Blot, DNA finger printing.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Learn and memorize tools and techniques used in recombinant DNA technology
- M02: Understand the principle of PCR technology and apply it to create new protocols to improve the current efficiency of the assay
- M03: Evaluate molecular markers and probes used determine expression of various genetic components in cell
- M04: Analyse the DNA sequencing methods and apply it for whole genome sequencing of different life forms
- M05: Learn and create novel rDNAs techniques for transforming cells with artificially generated genetic material and check its efficiency
- M06: Apply the principles behind all the techniques learned to create new protocols with greater efficiency than the existing ones

**MODULE V:** Biotechnology in Healthcare: Disease prevention – DNA vaccines. Disease diagnosis - Probes, Monoclonal antibodies, detection of genetic disorders. Disease treatment - Therapeutic proteins, hormones and growth factors. RNAi, Drug targeting, Gene therapy. Forensic medicine. Biosensors - different types, applications - medical and non medical. Introduction to Biochips and their application in modern sciences.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Learn and remember the principles behind disease diagnosis using various probes
- M02: Understand various disease treatment modalities using different biomolecules
- M03: Learn and evaluate principles of gene therapy which decrease the side effects of current treatment regimes
- M04: Analyse various biosensors for medical and non-medical applications
- M05: Learn and apply idea of biochips for prophylactic, prognostic and therapeutic modalities

**MODULE VI:** Biotechnology in Industry and Agriculture: Metabolite production: Antibiotics, Organic acids, Amino acids, Vitamins. Upstream processing, downstream

processing. Microbial enzymes and biotransformation - Microbial production of enzymes, fermentation, Enzyme engineering and applications. Food industry - Single cell protein, probiotics. Transgenic plants- Plants with resistance to pests, plants with increased shelf life. Biofertilizers and microbial inoculants, biotechnology of nitrogen fixation, biocontrol agents, biopesticides, bioinsecticides, Terminator gene technology – concept and basics. Environmental Biotechnology: Sewage treatment. Solid waste management. Biodegradation of xenobiotic compounds. Bioremediation and Biore Restoration. Microbial leaching and mining. Biofuels. Transgenics and environment.

### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Remember the use of biotechnology in industry and agriculture

M02: Understand the production of various metabolites using biotechnological tools

M03: Evaluate different enzyme engineering and biotransformation methods using microbial, plant and animal sources

M04: Analyse use of biotechnological products for crop improvements in agriculture and consider their pros and cons

M05: Learn, apply and create waste management techniques and tools for cleaner environment and sustainable development

### **ACTIVITIES, LEARNING RESOURCES & ASSESSMENT**

#### **Suggested Class Room Activities:**

- Assignments
- Seminar Presentation on selected topics
- Debates
- Quiz
- Demonstration of simple experiments

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## **ASSESSMENT**

40% Continuous / Formative Assessment (see PG Regulations).  
60% End-semester/Summative Assessment: 3 hour written Exam.

## Model Question Paper

**Third Semester M. Sc. (CSS) Degree Examination**  
**Branch: INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY (ZOOLOGY)**  
**INB-CC-531: MOLECULAR BIOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY**

Time : **3 Hours**

Max. Marks : **60**

I. Answer **any five** of the following:

- 1) Technique that uses DNA polymorphism to pinpoint location of a gene. Clarify.
- 2) Differentiate diverse types of the catalyst used to copy DNA during transcription.
- 3) Collection of only the genes that gets encoded into proteins. List out its applications.
- 4) Expound about the technique used to deliver DNA segments into a cell for therapeutic purpose.
- 5) Explicate about the use of cloning vectors in rDNA technology.
- 6) Bioremediation is a technique, of organisms, by organisms and for organisms. Do you agree with the statement. Justify.
- 7) Can we store biological samples for more than a decade. Support your answer.  
(5x2=10 Marks)

II. Write short notes on **any six** of the following:

- 8) Give your observations about the tool used to convert biological information into electrical signals and state its applications.
- 9) The technique used to recombine DNA strands with certain degree of sequence homology. Articulate the procedure and its applications.
- 10) Delineate the synthesis of transgenic plants and list out its pros and cons.
- 11) Summarize the steps involved in the generation of Recombinant DNA.
- 12) In Global proteome profiling, 2D PAGE is advantageous over 1D PAGE. How ?
- 13) How the differential expression of the genes is studied using Microarray technology?
- 14) Are biopesticides the solution to the problems arising due to use of chemical pesticides ? Substantiate your view.
- 15) Biofuels are the way forward in the energy dependent world. Discuss.  
(6x5=30 Marks)

III. Answer **any two** of the following:

- 16) Annotate about the models of DNA replication. Mention the role of proteins involved in the process of DNA replication.
- 17) Deliberate about how Transgenic and gene knock out animals are prepared and how these techniques are used to study the functional aspects of a gene.
- 18) Expound about the basic techniques involved in mammalian cell culture. Present observations on the different types of media used.
- 19) Analyze about various blotting techniques. Comment on the application of blotting techniques.  
(2x10=20 Marks)

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## **IMMUNOLOGY AND ENDOCRINOLOGY**

### **Course Outcomes (CO)**

- CO1:** Clearly point up the fundamental knowledge of endocrine and immune systems across the animal world
- CO2:** Give an outline of the body's immune response to fight infections and cancer
- CO3:** Gain better understanding of the evolution of immune system and endocrine system through time
- CO4:** Comprehend concepts related to integrative working of hormones work to maintain homeostasis
- CO5:** Apply concepts and principles of immune-effector mechanisms to maintain homeostasis
- CO6:** Understand the disrupted endocrine functions that could lead to abnormal conditions

### **COURSE CONTENT**

**Module I:** Introduction to immune System: Types of immunity: innate and acquired. Mechanisms of innate immunity. Organs and cells involved in innate and adaptive immunity, antigens, antigenicity and immunogenicity. B and T cell epitopes, structure and function of antibody molecules. generation of antibody diversity, monoclonal antibodies, antibody engineering, antigen-antibody interactions, antigen processing and presentation, activation and differentiation of B and T cells, B and T cell receptors, humoral and cell mediated immune responses, primary and secondary immune modulation, the complement system, Toll-like receptors, cell-mediated effector functions, inflammation, autoimmunity. Passive and active immunity. Pattern recognition receptors-scavenger receptors and Toll – like receptors. Humoral and cell-mediated immune responses. Haematopoiesis. Bcell and T-cell maturation and differentiation.

#### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember types and mechanisms of immunity
- M02: Understand the structure and function of immune system components
- M03: Evaluate humoral and cell mediated immune responses
- M04: Analyse primary and secondary immune modulation
- M05: Apply methods to characterize immune responses

**MODULE II:** Antigens and Antibodies and MHC: Antigen processing and presentation. Abzymes. Genetic model compatible with Ig structure. Multi- gene organization of Ig genes. Variable region gene arrangements. Generation of antibody diversity. Expression of Ig genes and regulation of Ig genes transcription. Antibody genes and antibody engineering. Antigen-structure and properties, Haptens, Adjuvants, Epitopes, Immunoglobulins- structure, classes and functions. Antigen –Antibody Interactions: Antigen- Antibody reactions: Mechanisms, Biological consequences of antigen-antibody reaction. Serological Reactions. Radio-allergosorbent Test (RAST).Immunoprecipitation. Immunofluorescence. Flow cytometry and fluorescence. Immunoelectron microscopy. MHC: General organization and inheritance of MHC. MHC molecules and genes.

Genomic map of H-2 Complex in the mouse. HLA Complex in humans. MHC-peptide interaction. Expression of MHC molecules on different cell types. Regulation of MHC expression. MHC and graft rejection. MHC and disease susceptibility. Biological significance of MHC. HLA typing. Host-Pathogen interactions.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember and understand the process of antigen presentation
- M02: Understand the structure and properties of antigens and immunoglobulins
- M03: Evaluate the mechanisms of antigen- antibody reactions
- M04: Analyse the general organization and inheritance of MHC
- M05: Apply techniques to localize antigens or antibodies in cells and tissues

**MODULE III:** Immune-Effector Mechanisms: Inflammatory Cells. Types of Inflammation- acute and chronic. Chemokines. Role of cytokines in immune system. Properties and functions of Cytokines. Therapeutic uses of cytokines. The Complement system: Terminal sequence of complement activation (MAC). Classical, Alternate and Lectin Pathways. Complement activation, Regulation of complement system. Biological consequences of complement activation. Complement deficiencies. Hypersensitivity: Allergy and hypersensitivity. Genetics of allergic response in humans. Immunity in Health and Disease: Immune response during bacterial (tuberculosis), Parasitic (Malaria) and viral (HIV) infections. Congenital immunodeficiency diseases (SCID, WAS, CVI, Ataxia, CGD, LAD). Acquired Immunodeficiency Disease (AIDS). Autoimmunity. Organ- specific autoimmune diseases. Systemic auto-immune diseases. Animal models for autoimmune disease. Evidences implicating CD4<sup>+</sup> T cell, MHC and TCR in autoimmunity. Induction of autoimmunity. Treatment of autoimmune diseases. Transplantation immunology. Immunologic basis of graft rejection. Clinical manifestation of graft rejection. General and specific immunosuppressive therapy. Clinical transplantation. Tumour immunology. Vaccines, Whole organism vaccines, Purified macromolecules as Vaccines, Recombinant vector vaccines, Synthetic peptide vaccines, Multivalent subunit vaccines.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember the different types of immune responses
- M02: Understand the properties and functions of cytokines
- M03: Evaluate mechanisms of activation and regulation of complement system
- M04: Analyse the genetics of allergic response in humans
- M05: Apply techniques to monitoring the level of immune response

**MODULE IV:** Concepts in Endocrinology: Historical perspective, classes of chemical messengers, peptide hormones, steroid hormones, bioamines, eicosanoids, chalcones, neurotransmitters, neuropeptides, neurosteroids, neurohormones, phytohormones, synthetic hormones, prohormones, paracrine, merocrine, cytotropic secretion. Vertebrate endocrine glands: Morphology and anatomy of endocrine glands, evolution of endocrine glands, Biosynthesis of hormones, hypothalamus and hypophyseal, secretion, hypothalamo hypophyseal interaction, endocrine axes, function, of hormones, disorders of hormonal imbalance, Regulation of hormone secretion, synthesis and metabolism of hormones, half-life of hormones, metabolic clearance rate,

miscellaneous hormones, eicosanoids, prostaglandins, prostacyclins, thromboxanes, leukotrienes.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember historical perspective of endocrinology
- M02: Understand various classes of chemical messengers
- M03: Evaluate the mechanism of biosynthesis of hormones
- M04: Analyse the synthesis and metabolism of hormones
- M05: Apply techniques to measure the levels of various hormones

**MODULE V:** Mechanism of hormone action: General and molecular mechanism of action of amines, polypeptide and steroid hormones –Mechanism of signal transduction in vertebrates, hormone receptors–as mediation of endocrine signals, classes of endocrine receptors, receptor-ligand interaction, cell surface receptors-structure and regulation of receptor units. Second messengers of hormonal action, cyclic nucleotides, inositol triphosphate, cAMP as second messengers, genomic action of cAMP, G protein and its dual control on adenylate cyclase, receptor crosstalk, ligand-gated ion channels, non-genomic actions of steroid hormones. Hormones and Cancer: Hormonal control of development of cancer, hormone therapy in cancer Treatment, Oncogenes and hormonal function, Breast cancer and Hormone receptor status, Ectopic production of hormones by tumour cells.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember the mechanism of cellular signal transduction
- M02: Understand concepts of hormone action
- M03: Evaluate the different classes hormone receptors
- M04: Analyse receptor-ligand interaction
- M05: Apply techniques to determine ectopic production of hormones

**MODULE VI:** Functional Endocrinology: Hormones as signal transducers, hormones in developmental process, Role of hormones in behaviour of animals, Hormonal control of reproduction, Hormone therapy in reproductive impairments, Hormonal involvement in evolution. Invertebrate endocrine systems –Endocrine organs –Structure –Chemistry-Mechanisms of actions in Insects, –Growth-Moulting-Differentiation-Juvenile Hormone-Ecdysone –Neuro hormones, Neuro peptides. Endocrine control of vitellogenesis-Spermatogenesis-Diapause-Ecdysis-Cuticular tanning –Excretion. Crustacean Endocrine organs-Sinus gland, X-organ-Androgenic glands-Maxillary glands-Mandibular glands-Hormonal principles-Chemistry-Action Hormonal control of sex Differentiation, Gonadal activity, Colour change, Retinal pigment Movement control, Heart beat.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember various functional roles of hormones
- M02: Understand concepts of hormone therapy to treat various impairments
- M03: Evaluate role of hormones in evolution
- M04: Analyse the functioning endocrine system in invertebrates
- M05: Apply techniques to determine endocrine control of vitellogenesis and spermatogenesis

## ACTIVITIES, LEARNING RESOURCES & ASSESSMENT

### Suggested Class Room Activities:

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### ASSESSMENT

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## Model Question Paper

**Third Semester M. Sc. (CSS) Degree Examination**  
**Branch: INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY (ZOOLOGY)**  
**INB-CC-532: IMMUNOLOGY AND ENDOCRINOLOGY**

Time : **3 Hours**

Max. Marks : **60**

I. Answer **any five** of the following:

- 1) One of the main reasons for the tremendous diversity of antibodies is somatic recombination. Specify.
- 2) "Eicosanoids function in diverse physiological systems and pathological processes". Validate this.
- 3) Hormone receptor complex binds to certain specific DNA sequences in the promoter. What is this sequence called ? Note down its significance.
- 4) Explicate about role of Flow cytometry in Immunology.
- 5) "Altered Immunological tolerance". What does it lead to ?
- 6) "Immune response and Hypersensitivity". Clarify.
- 7) Cyclic AMP from ATP. How does it form? What is its significance in cell signalling ?  
**(5x2=10 Marks)**

II. Write short notes on **any six** of the following:

- 8) "Thymectomy compromises the immune response". Justify.
- 9) Role of hormones in reproduction. Discuss it with respect to mammals.
- 10) Discuss various types of Pituitary hormones and its function.
- 11) "Genome is equivalent in all cells except B and T lymphocytes". Justify.
- 12) Autoimmunity has multiple etiological factors. Discuss about various autoimmune diseases.
- 13) Antibodies are Immunoglobulin class of proteins. Discuss its structure.
- 14) Cytokines plays a major role in immune system. Clarify.
- 15) MHC molecules help the T cell to recognize its antigens. How ? What are the different types of MHCs ?  
**(6x5=30 Marks)**

III. Answer **any two** of the following:

- 16) Fab region of Antibody is variable. How the variability is achieved ?
- 17) How immunological techniques are significant in Medical diagnosis ?
- 18) What are hormones ? Discuss the method of action of peptide hormones and steroid hormones.
- 19) Define hypothalamo-hypophysial axis. How does it regulate the endocrine function ?  
**(2x10=20 Marks)**

<b>SEMESTER III</b>	<b>Course Code: INB-CC-533</b>	<b>Credits: 3</b>
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## **NEUROBIOLOGY AND REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY**

### **Course Outcomes (CO)**

- CO1:** Articulate and exemplify structural and functional features of the basic units of neural system and reproductive system
- CO2:** Give an overview of the role of signaling events in the physiology of nervous and reproductive systems
- CO3:** Gain knowledge on reproductive physiology
- CO4:** Comprehend concepts related to neurobiology enable the students to analyse cellular and molecular organization of basic units of nervous system
- CO5:** Apply concepts of neurotransmitter signaling aberrations leading to clinical complications such as neurodegenerative diseases
- CO6:** Understand the mechanisms of synaptic transmission and evaluate the functioning of neural circuits and synaptic plasticity

### **COURSE CONTENT**

**Module I:** Organization of neural system: Introduction to cellular and molecular neurobiology- Principles of Neurobiology-organization of brain- Organization of somatic and autonomic neurons system. Dura sinuses, vascular and ventricular organization of the brain and spinal-Ascending and descending tracts. Gross neuroanatomy of the brain and spinal cord, central and peripheral nervous system Classes of neurons. The cell biology of neurons: Passive electrical membrane properties, the resting membrane potential, The action potential, ion channels- Structure and diversity. Ion channel of signaling passive membrane properties. Axons and dendrites-morphology and function, mechanosensation synaptic transmission-presynaptic nerve terminals- Excitatory and inhibitory transmission, electrical transmission. Ultrastructure of neuron cells-Neuro anatomical techniques.

#### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember structural organization of brain
- M02: Understand organization of somatic and autonomic neurons system
- M03: Evaluate electrical membrane properties
- M04: Analyse ultrastructure of neuron cells
- M05: Apply techniques to assess structure and diversity of ion channels

**MODULE II:** Mechanism of neural functioning: Neural circuits and plasticity, circadian rhythms synaptic plasticity, Intrinsic plasticity, cellular mechanisms, neural basis of behaviour, Development of neural circuits, electrical synapses. Transport of ions across membranes, sodium, potassium and calcium transport, channels, co transport and anti-transport mechanisms.

#### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember and understand the process of membrane transport



- M02: Understand different types of membrane transporters
- M03: Evaluate working of various transporter proteins
- M04: Analyse the neural basis of behaviour
- M05: Apply techniques to assess the working of sodium potassium and calcium pump

**MODULE III:** Mechanism of Neural transmission: Neuro transmitters and their receptor. Role of glutamate, GABA, DOPA, serotonin, Limbic system and hippocampus, central cortex-functional organization. Neurodegenerative diseases: Molecular mechanisms in Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson disease, dementia- Etiology and treatments.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember principles of sensory perception
- M02: Understand mechanisms of neural transmission
- M03: Evaluate functioning of neuro transmitters
- M04: Analyse the molecular mechanisms neurodegeneration
- M05: Apply techniques to assess the etiology of neurodegenerative diseases

**MODULE IV:** Organization of reproductive system: Development of Gonads, Sex differentiation, Differentiation of testes, and ovary, morphological ,biochemical and hormonal aspects. Development and morphogenesis of male and female sex organs. Male reproductive tract, testes, structure, spermatogenesis, Endocrine, paracrine and autocrine regulation, Accessory sex organs, prostate, seminal vesicles, bulbourethral gland, structure function and regulation, Female reproductive tract, ovary structure, folliculogenesis. Ovulation, Steroidogenesis endocrine, paracrine, autocrine regulations. Fallopian tube structure, function, hormonal regulation, Sex cycles. hypothalamo-hypophyseal regulation of reproductive function, Neuroendocrine perspectives of mammalian reproduction, Reproductive pheromones.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember the structure of reproductive system
- M02: Understand mechanisms of sex differentiation
- M03: Evaluate the process of morphogenesis of male and female sex organs
- M04: Analyse regulation of steroidogenesis
- M05: Apply techniques to assess endocrine regulation of reproduction

**MODULE V:** Reproductive functioning: Pregnancy and Foetal Development: Process of Fertilization, Mechanism of fertilization, Cell division and Implantation of blastocyst, Placenta-its role, Hormonal and physical changes during pregnancy. Developmental stages of foetus, Parturition, Lactation-its hormonal control. Contraceptive Methods: Chemical methods, surgical methods. New approaches of contraception.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember events in fertilization
- M02: Understand concepts of pregnancy and foetal development
- M03: Evaluate Hormonal changes during pregnancy
- M04: Analyse foetal development and parturition

M05: Apply techniques to determine hormonal changes in reproduction

**MODULE VI:** Sexual Physiology: Sexual determination and differentiation, Abnormalities of sexual Differentiation, Human sexual response, Sexual dysfunction – Infertility, Anatomical, hormonal, chromosomal, immunological and Physiological factors.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Remember principles of sexual determination and differentiation

M02: Understand concepts of sexual dysfunction

M03: Evaluate physiological factors of sexual dysfunction.

M04: Analyse the phenomenon of human sexual response

M05: Apply techniques to evaluate the hormonal responses in reproductive physiology

**ACTIVITIES, LEARNING RESOURCES & ASSESSMENT**

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## Model Question Paper

**Third Semester M. Sc. (CSS) Degree Examination**  
**Branch: INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY (ZOOLOGY)**  
**INB-CC-533: NEUROBIOLOGY AND REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY**

Time : **3 Hours**

Max. Marks : **60**

I. Answer **any five** of the following:

- 1) Role of Zona pellucida proteins in Sperm- oocyte interaction.
- 3) Capacitation is a prerequisite for fertilization. How ?
- 4) HCG test is a preliminary test for pregnancy. Justify.
- 5) GABA is an inhibitory neurotransmitter. True or false. Substantiate your view.
- 6)  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions are essential for the nerve transmission. Explicate the mechanism.
- 7) Alzheimer's is a neurodegenerative disease and the most common cause of dementia. Specify its etiology?

**(5x2=10 Marks)**

II. Write short notes on **any six** of the following:

- 8) Spermatogonial stem cells differentiate into spermatozoa. What is this process called and expound on the process.
- 9) Cell cycle is regulated by cyclin/Cdk complex during post fertilization events. Justify.
- 10) Endocrine hormones act on specific target tissues during ovary development and after ovulation. Discuss about the hormones and their role?
- 11) Klinefelter syndrome and Turner syndrome are sex chromosomal anomalies. Distinguish between them.
- 12) Cranial nerves play an important role in connecting the sense organs to brain. Validate the statement.
- 13) Annotate about electric and chemical mediated nerve impulse conductions.
- 14) "Resting membrane potential and action potential". Articulate their differences.
- 15) Neuroanatomical techniques are essential to study intrinsic neural connectivity. Deliberate on the technique.

**(6x5=30 Marks)**

III. Answer **any two** of the following:

- 16) Elucidate the regulation of reproduction in both sexes mediated by endocrine, paracrine and autocrine mechanisms.
- 17) "Neural circuits and plasticity". Explicate this concept.
- 18) "Central nervous system and peripheral nervous system". How do they differ in the mode of action and function.
- 19) Genes play an important role in sex determination. Which are the main genes involved in it and how are they being regulated?

**(2x10=20 Marks)**

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## **RESEARCH METHODOLOGY, BIOSTATISTICS AND BIOINFORMATICS**

### **Course Outcomes (CO)**

- CO1:** Understand and memorize basic principles and tools used in biological research  
**CO2:** Learn about new concepts and methodologies to assess critical thinking and problem solving  
**CO3:** Expand knowledge on how to formulate and design a research, performing research and data collection  
**CO4:** Comprehend and get trained in scientific documentation and communication which helps in presentation of data in scientific format  
**CO5:** Gain knowledge in biostatistical techniques and softwares to analyze data obtained during research analysis  
**CO6:** Apply the knowledge gained to utilize information technology in assays related to biology and evaluate biology using bioinformatics  
**CO7:** Create new processes and products using bioinformatics to store biology related information and process it and perform statistical analysis and interpret data

### **COURSE CONTENT**

**MODULE I:** Science and Life Sciences, Scientific Documentation and Information Sciences: Basic concepts - Knowledge, Information and Data - Science, Pseudoscience. Life Science - Definition, Laws, Characteristics. Scientific temper, Empiricism, Rationalism and Units of measurements. Project proposal writing, Research report writing (Thesis and dissertations, Research articles, Oral communications). Presentation techniques - Assignment, Seminar, Debate, Workshop, Colloquium, Conference. Sources of Information - Primary and secondary sources. Library - books, journals, periodicals, reference sources, abstracting and indexing sources, Reviews, Treatise, Monographs, Patents. Internet - Search engines and software, Online libraries, e-Books, e-Encyclopedia, TED Talk, Institutional Websites. Intellectual Property Rights - Copy right, Designs, Patents, Trademarks, Geographical indications. Safety and precaution - ISO standards for safety, Lab protocols, Lab animal use, care and welfare, animal houses, radiation hazards. Extension: Lab to Field, Extension communication, Extension tools.

#### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Learn and remember basic concepts in life science research  
M02: Understand the principles related to scientific temper, empiricism and rationalism  
M03: Evaluate the various presentation techniques used to represent data and information gained during life science research  
M04: Analyse different methods to save data and information gained during life science research  
M05: Apply the knowledge about various techniques used for safety and lab protocol and create new extension tools for scientific documentation

**MODULE II:** Research plan and Analysis: Basic concepts of research - Meaning, Objectives, Motivation and Approaches. Types of Research (Descriptive/Analytical,

Applied/ Fundamental, Quantitative/Qualitative, Conceptual/Empirical. Research methods versus Methodology, Research and scientific method. Research Process. Research Formulation: Research formulation - Observation and Facts, Prediction and explanation, Induction, Deduction. Defining and formulating the research problem, Selecting the problem and necessity of defining the problem. Literature review - Importance of literature reviewing in defining a problem, Critical literature review, Identifying gap areas from literature review. Hypothesis -Null and alternate hypothesis and testing of hypothesis - Theory, Principle, Law and Canon. Research Designs: Research Design - Basic principles, Meaning, Need and features of good design, Important concepts. Types of research designs. Development of a research plan - Exploration, Description, Diagnosis, Experimentation, determining experimental and sample designs. Data collection techniques.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Be trained and remember fundamentals in designing research plans

M02: Understand various types of research

M03: Evaluate about research process and research formulation

M04: Analyse the procedure involved in literature review

M05: Apply the knowledge gained about hypothesis and different types and research designs to create new protocols for carrying out research

**MODULE III:** Biostatistical Analysis: Steps in Statistical Investigation, Data and Variable (Collection, Types, Sources). Population, Sample, Sampling Methods (Random, Cluster, Stratified and Geographical) and Sampling Errors/Bias. Organization of Data - Editing, Classification, Tabulation (forming a frequency distribution from raw data and types and characteristics of a Frequency table). Presentation of Data - Types and Characteristics of Tables and Visual aids – Graphs, Charts, Diagrams, Flow charts, Cartographs. Statistical Analysis Tools - Parametric and Non-Parametric; Bivariate and Multivariate Analysis. Interpretation and Forecasting. Measures of Central Tendency: Introduction, Characteristics, Merits and Demerits of Mean, Median and Mode. Calculations/Problems for different data (raw, frequency table). Harmonic and Geometric Mean (Brief account only). Measures of Dispersion: Introduction, Characteristics, Merits and Demerits of Range, Quartile Deviation, Mean Deviation and Standard Deviation. Calculations/Problems for frequency table. Standard Error and Relative Measures of Dispersion, Skewness and Kurtosis (Brief account only). Advanced statistical tools.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Be trained and remember tools used for biostatistical analysis

M02: Understand the principles in sampling methods and sampling errors

M03: Evaluate the organization of data and its types

M04: Analyse and apply various statistical analysis tools and perform tests using measures of central tendency and measures of dispersion

M05: Apply the knowledge about various techniques to perform and create new tools for efficient analysis of information obtained during research

**MODULE IV:** Correlation, Regression, Probability and Hypothesis testing: Correlation - types and methods of correlation analysis, Problems for Karl Pearson's correlation coefficient and Spearman's rank correlation. Regression Analysis: Regression and Line

of Best Fit, Types and methods of regression analysis. Graphic Methods (Scatter method, Curve fitting). Algebraic method (Fitting of straight line through regression equation). Probit Analysis (Brief account only), Mathematical Models in Biology (Brief account only). Length - Weight Relationship. Von-Bertalanffy's Growth (VBG) Model. Theory of Probability: Measures of Probability and Theorem of probability. Probability distributions – Binomial, Poisson and Normal (Brief Account only). Testing of Hypothesis: Hypothesis and types, Confidence Interval, Sampling, Methods and Errors. Tests of significance (For large and small samples – Critical Ratio and P value). Z Test (Problem for small samples), Chi-Square Test (Problem for 2×2 table only). Student's 't' test (Problem for small samples comparing mean of two variable). F-test and Analysis of Variance (ANOVA - One way) (Brief account only). Non-parametric tests: Mc Nemar and Mann Whitney U test (Brief account only).

#### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Be trained and remember fundamentals in correlation and regression analysis
- M02: Understand the principles of probability and its use in research
- M03: Evaluate the process of testing of hypothesis and its types
- M04: Analyse and apply the concept of significance on the information gained after performing statistical operation
- M05: Apply the knowledge about diverse tools and techniques studied and create novel protocols to get precise information after research

**MODULE V:** Introduction to Bioinformatics and Biological Databases: Definitions of bioinformatics, applications of bioinformatics and scope of bioinformatics. Biological Databases: Primary databases - Nucleotide sequence databases: Gene Bank, EMBL, DDBJ; Protein sequence databases: SWISSPROT, PIR; Structure databases: PDB, NDB; Secondary databases: PROSITE, Pfam, CATH; Composite databases: OWL. Literature database: PubMed. Database searching – Entrez; Database sequence submission – BankIt

#### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Learn and get trained in concepts of bioinformatics
- M02: Understand the principles behind biological databases and how they work
- M03: Evaluate various primary and secondary databases
- M04: Analyse different nucleotide sequence databases and learn how to retrieve information from these databases for performing operations with it
- M05: Apply the knowledge and create new bioinformatics tools and techniques for better data and information storage and analysis

**MODULE VI:** Sequence Analysis and implications of OMIC studies: Sequence analysis softwares: BLAST, FASTA, CLUSTAL. Types of sequence alignment, methods of sequence alignment, scoring schemes, gaps and gap penalties, construction of phylogenetic trees. Genomics and Proteomics: Structural genomics, functional genomics, comparative genomics, data mining in proteomics – Microarrays, metabolomics, gene network, synthetic biology. Significance of proteomics and drug design.

#### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Be trained and remember basic principles in omics study

- M02: Understand the concepts of sequence alignment and their methods
- M03: Evaluate the construction of phylogenetic trees and apply it to create new information
- M04: Analyse the genomics at both structural and functional levels and use it for data Mining for analysis
- M05: Apply and create novel microarrays for metabolomics and synthetic biology assays and interpret its results

## ACTIVITIES, LEARNING RESOURCES & ASSESSMENT

### Suggested Class Room Activities:

- Assignments
- Seminar Presentation on selected topics
- Debates
- Quiz
- Demonstration of simple experiments

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**ASSESSMENT**

40% Continuous / Formative Assessment (see PG Regulations).

60% End-semester/Summative Assessment: 3 hour written Exam.

## Model Question Paper

**Third Semester M. Sc. (CSS) Degree Examination**  
**Branch: INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY (ZOOLOGY)**  
**INB-CC-534: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY, BIOSTATISTICS AND**  
**BIOINFORMATICS**

Time : **3 Hours**

Max. Marks : **60**

I. Answer **any five** of the following:

- 1) Elucidate on Scatter method.
- 2) Explicate on Induction in terms of research methodology.
- 3) Present your views on the role of Fundamental research in present scenario.
- 4) Gap penalty is an unavoidable feature in sequence alignment. Validate the statement.
- 5) Expound about the role of Poisson distribution in biological research.
- 6) "Reason is the unique source of knowledge". Articulate.
- 7) Signify the role of biological databases.

**(5x2=10 Marks)**

II. Write short notes on **any six** of the following:

- 8) Present your view on the role of information technology in research.
- 9) List out the classifications of vital statistics.
- 10) Construe about the process of regression analysis and its importance in research.
- 11) What is a scientific hypothesis? Formulate the various steps in hypothesis formation.
- 12) Briefly put in plain words the significance of skewness and curtosis in statistical analysis of research data.
- 13) Compile the best databases for biological research.
- 14) Parse about the features of good research design?
- 15) Analyze the various steps involved during the process of sequence analysis.

**(6x5=30 Marks)**

III. Answer **any two** of the following:

- 16) "Documentation is one of the most important steps of a scientific research proposal". Articulate.
- 17) Why is significance testing important in research ? Elucidate various tests used for testing significance of information after analysis of research data.
- 18) Explicate the steps involved in collection, sampling and organization of data ?
- 19) "The future of drug designing is using bioinformatics". Expound. Annotate the role of proteomics in drug designing?

**(2x10=20 Marks)**

<b>SEMESTER III</b>	<b>Course Code: INB-CC-535</b>	<b>Credits: 2</b>
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## **MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY, BIOINFORMATICS AND RESEARCH METHODOLOGY PRACTICAL**

### **Course Outcomes (CO)**

- CO1:** Understand the most advanced techniques in molecular biology  
**CO2:** Learn about functioning of genetic material in detail  
**CO3:** Develop knowledge on genomic and plasmid DNA isolation from bacteria and separation of blood cells  
**CO4:** Comprehend processes of western blotting and fluorescent based techniques  
**CO5:** Study various bioinformatics tools  
**CO6:** Apply most advanced molecular biology techniques in research

### **COURSE CONTENT**

1. Isolation of genomic DNA from *E. Coli*
2. Isolation of Plasmid DNA from *E. Coli*
3. Separation of lymphocytes from whole blood.
4. Separation of T and B lymphocytes
5. Immunofluorescence assays
6. Western Blotting – Demonstration
7. ELISA
8. Microplate Reader assay
9. Immuno electrophoresis - Demonstration
10. PCR assays, gene expression assays
11. Live cell imaging and quantification.
12. Restriction Digestion, Ligation and gene cloning experiments.
13. Induced ovulation in fish.
14. Hormones in Amphibian metamorphosis - Thyroxine/Iodine solution.
15. Demonstration of sperm of rat/calotes/frog
16. Study of the developmental stages of *Drosophila*.
17. Study of the developmental stages of frog (egg, blastula, gastrula, neurula, tadpole, with external gill and internal gill) using permanent slides/Diagrams.
18. Study of serial sections of embryo (tadpole/chick).
19. Vital staining of early gastrula of chick - Window method.
20. Blastoderm mounting and age determination of chick embryo using vital stains.
21. Morphological and histological details of different types of mammalian placenta.
22. Localization of proteins expressed during larval developmental stages of Zebra fish using immunofluorescence
23. Immunohistochemistry of molecular markers in different stages of development in chick embryo
24. Bioinformatics tools:- Pubmed, Nucleotide databases, BLAST, FASTA, ClustalW multiple alignment, Protein domain prediction using SMART Analysis, STRING network analysis, Primer designing for PCR
25. Writing a project proposal
26. Preparation of original research article and review article
27. Analysis of mean and standard deviation using statistical tools and softwares

28. Presentation of data and results using various representation tools including graphs, pie chart and bar diagrams.

## **ACTIVITIES, LEARNING RESOURCES & ASSESSMENT**

### **Suggested Class Room Activities:**

- Assignments
- Seminar Presentation on selected topics
- Debates
- Quiz

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## **ASSESSMENT**

100% End-semester/Summative Assessment: 4 hour Practical and Viva Voce examination.

<b>SEMESTER III</b>	<b>Course Code: INB-DE-536</b>	<b>Credits: 2</b>
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## **MOLECULAR TECHNIQUES IN INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY**

### **Course Outcomes (CO)**

- CO1:** Understand the major tools and techniques used for studying biochemical and biophysical nature of life
- CO2:** Learn about analytical methods used for measuring biomolecules and pharmacologically active substances
- CO3:** Develop knowledge on safety concerns which arise during and after any biological assay is performed
- CO4:** Comprehend protocols better and create new procedures by improvising existing assays to measure various biomolecules
- CO5:** Gain awareness about the ethical aspects involved in biology and biological research including intellectual property rights
- CO6:** Apply knowledge achieved to create new assessments tools for measuring levels of biomolecules

## **COURSE CONTENT**

**MODULE I:** Microscopy: Differential Interference contrast (Nomarsky) microscopy, Confocal microscope, Electron microscope – TEM, SEM, Scanning Tunneling and Atomic Force Microscopes. Light microscope and dark field microscope, Phase contrast microscope, Polarizing microscope, birefringence fluorescence microscope.

### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Comprehend and remember history of microscopy
- M02: Understand different parts of various microscopes
- M03: Evaluate pros and cons of various microscopes
- M04: Analyse functioning of electron microscopes
- M05: Apply knowledge to design novel microscopes with improvements over existing Designs

**MODULE II:** Chromatography: Paper chromatography, Thin layer chromatography, Ion exchange chromatography. Gel permeation chromatography, Affinity chromatography, Gas chromatography, High pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC).

### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Learn and remember techniques in chromatography
- M02: Understand principles of different types of chromatography methods
- M03: Evaluate functioning of different types of chromatography methods
- M04: Analyse the instruments used to assess levels of biomolecules using chromatography methods
- M05: Apply the principles to create novel processes and instruments using principles in chromatography

**MODULE III:** Electrophoresis: Paper electrophoresis, Gel electrophoresis, Polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (PAGE) – SDS and non SDS, Agarose gel electrophoresis, Disc electrophoresis, High voltage electrophoresis, immunoelectrophoresis, isoelectric focusing.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Learn and remember techniques in electrophoresis
- M02: Understand principles of different types of electrophoretic methods
- M03: Evaluate functioning of different types of electrophoretic methods
- M04: Analyse the instruments used to assess levels of biomolecules using electrophoretic methods
- M05: Apply the principles to create novel processes and instruments using principles in Electrophoresis

**MODULE IV:** Colorimetry, Spectrophotometry and Spectroscopy: Principle and applications of colorimetry and spectrophotometry. Spectroscopy: Flame emission spectroscopy, Atomic absorption spectroscopy, Nuclear Magnetic resonance spectroscopy (NMR), Circular dichroism spectroscopy, ESR spectroscopy, Mass spectroscopy.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Learn and remember techniques in spectroscopy
- M02: Understand principles of different types of spectroscopic methods
- M03: Evaluate functioning of different types of spectroscopic methods
- M04: Analyse the instruments used to assess levels of biomolecules using spectroscopic methods
- M05: Apply the principles to create novel processes and instruments using principles in spectroscopy

**MODULE V:** Centrifugation: Basic principles of sedimentation, Types of centrifuges, Analytical and Preparative centrifugation, Differential and density gradient centrifugation.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Learn and remember techniques in centrifugation
- M02: Understand principles of different types of centrifugation methods
- M03: Evaluate functioning of different types of centrifugation methods
- M04: Analyse the instruments used to assess levels of biomolecules using centrifugation methods
- M05: Apply the principles to create novel processes and instruments using principles in centrifugation

**MODULE VI:** Radioisotope Detection and Measurement: Dosimetry, Ionization chamber, GM counter, Solid and liquid scintillation counters, Autoradiography. Radio ImmunoAssay, Enzyme Linked Immuno Sorbant Assay (ELISA).

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Comprehend and remember basics of radioactivity

M02: Understand principles in radioisotope detection and its measurements

M03: Evaluate types of devices to measure radioactivity

M04: Analyse diverse radioactive biomolecules using principle of ELISA

M05: Apply knowledge to design novel methods and instruments to measure Radioactivity

## **ACTIVITIES, LEARNING RESOURCES & ASSESSMENT**

### **Suggested Class Room Activities:**

- Assignments
- Seminar Presentation on selected topics
- Debates
- Quiz
- Demonstration of simple experiments

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## **ASSESSMENT**

40% Continuous / Formative Assessment (see PG Regulations).

60% End-semester/Summative Assessment: 3 hour written Exam.

## Model Question Paper

**Third Semester M. Sc. (CSS) Degree Examination**  
**Branch: M. Sc Integrative Biology (Zoology)**  
**INB-DE-536: Molecular Techniques in Integrative Biology**

Time : **3 Hours**

Max. Marks : **60**

I. Answer **any five** of the following:

- 1) Radio labelled antibodies are widely used in immunoassays for high sensitivity tests. Specify.
  - 2) There are analytical techniques which measure the mass-to-charge ratio and present the result as a mass spectrum. Identify this spectroscopy and explain the principle.
  - 3) There are techniques which employs the sublimation of ice to reveal internal structures. Clarify.
  - 4) Which microscopy technique will you use to study the surface of nano materials ?
  - 5) There is a spectroscopy which is commonly used to study the secondary structure of proteins on the basis of chirality. What is your take on this ?
  - 6) "Nuclear spin and spectroscopy". Discuss the concept.
  - 7) How sucrose and cesium chloride are important in centrifugation. Comment.
- (5x2=10 Marks)**

II. Write short notes on **any six** of the following:

- 8) Radiolabelling is important in the isolation of macromolecules such as DNA or protein. Name the technique which employs this principle and discuss the protocol.
  - 9) What are the steps will you adopt for the disposal of bio-hazardous wastes ?
  - 10) How will you analyse the serum of a patient with suspected food poisoning for botulinum toxin employing Immunoelectrophoresis ?
  - 11) Can we modify the genome of an organism ? If yes how ? Discuss its application.
  - 12) "Nanoparticles as sensors". Elaborate.
  - 13) Beer lambert's contribution in the field of spectrophotometry. Comment.
  - 14) How acetylcholine receptors can be purified from a mixture of proteins employing chromatography ?
  - 15) Most advanced chromatographic techniques are used for the isolation and purification of bioactive compounds. Specify.
- (6x5=30 Marks)**

III. Answer **any two** of the following:

- 16) What are the strategies that you will adopt to separate DNA and proteins employing electrophoresis ?
  - 17) Discuss about the protocol to detect a specific protein from a cellular protein extract.
  - 18) What safety measures will you adopt to work in a laboratory ?
  - 19) Radioactive isotopes have immense application in biomedical research. How will you detect and measure it ?
- (2x10=20 Marks)**



<b>SEMESTER IV</b>	<b>Course Code: INB-CC-541</b>	<b>Credits: 4</b>
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## **STRUCTURAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY**

### **Course Outcomes (CO)**

- CO1:** Articulate and exemplify basic knowledge of cell organization  
**CO2:** Give an overview of the intra and inter-cellular communication mechanisms  
**CO3:** Gain knowledge on basic concepts of developmental biology  
**CO4:** Comprehend concepts related to gametogenesis and fertilization  
**CO5:** Apply the new developments in plant and animal embryology  
**CO6:** Understand and appreciate the genetic mechanisms during the process of development

### **COURSE CONTENT**

**Module I:** Cellular Membranes: Membrane structure and chemistry, dynamic nature of the plasma membrane, membrane functions, membrane potentials, ion channels.

#### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember structure of biomembrane  
M02: Understand the dynamic nature of the plasma membrane  
M03: Evaluate transport of various biomolecules  
M04: Analyse various functions of plasma membrane  
M05: Apply techniques to measure membrane potentials

**MODULE II:** Cell junctions, Cell adhesion and Extracellular matrix: Extracellular matrix: Basal membrane and laminin, Collagen, Proteoglycan, Fibronectin. Interaction of cells with extracellular matrix: Integrins. Focal adhesion and hemidesmosomes. Interaction of cells with other cells: Selectins, Immunoglobulins, Cadherins, Adherens. Junctions and desmosomes. Tight junctions, Gap junctions and Plasmodesmata.

#### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember the components of extracellular matrix  
M02: Understand various types of cell adhesion molecules  
M03: Evaluate different cell-ECM interaction mechanisms  
M04: Analyse the various types cell-cell interactions  
M05: Apply techniques to assess membrane fluidity

**MODULE III:** Over view of matrisome, cell scaffoldings and signaling platforms, molecular architecture and function of matrix adhesions, Focal adhesions, Genetic analysis of integrin signaling. ECM degradation and remodeling, role of MMPs, cell migration, angiogenesis, Cell-ECM interaction.

#### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember cell signaling platforms  
M02: Understand mechanisms of cell-cell interaction

M03: Evaluate functioning of MMPs  
M04: Analyse the processes of angiogenesis  
M05: Apply techniques to study cell migration

**MODULE IV:** Basic concepts of development: Potency, commitment, specification, induction, competence, determination and differentiation; morphogenetic gradients; cell fate and cell lineages; stem cells; genomic equivalence and the cytoplasmic determinants; imprinting; mutants and transgenic in analysis of development.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Remember basic concepts of development  
M02: Understand mechanisms of induction  
M03: Evaluate determination and differentiation  
M04: Analyse cell fate and cell lineages  
M05: Apply techniques to assess genomic equivalence

**MODULE V:** Gametogenesis, fertilization and early development: Production of gametes, cell surface molecules in sperm-egg recognition in animals; embryo sac development and double fertilization in plants; zygote formation, cleavage, blastula formation, embryonic fields, gastrulation and formation of germ layers in animals; embryogenesis, establishment of symmetry in plants; seed formation and germination.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Remember gametogenesis and fertilization  
M02: Understand concept of fertilization in plants  
M03: Evaluate the functioning of cell surface molecules in sperm-egg recognition  
M04: Analyse gastrulation and formation of germ layers in animals  
M05: Apply techniques to determine environmental effects on seed germination

**MODULE VI:** Mechanisms of development: Cell aggregation and differentiation in *Dictyostelium*; axes and pattern formation in *Drosophila*, amphibia and chick; organogenesis– vulva formation in *Caenorhabditis elegans*, eye lens induction, limb development and regeneration in vertebrates; differentiation of neurons, post embryonic development- larval formation, metamorphosis; environmental regulation of normal development; sex determination. Molecular mechanisms of differential gene regulation during development. Programmed cell death, aging and senescence.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Remember fundamental mechanisms of development of organisms  
M02: Understand concepts of induction and regeneration  
M03: Evaluate environmental regulation of normal development  
M04: Analyse organogenesis in different animal groups  
M05: Apply techniques to determine molecular mechanisms of differential gene regulation during development

## ACTIVITIES, LEARNING RESOURCES & ASSESSMENT

### Suggested Class Room Activities:

- Assignments
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- Quiz
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## **ASSESSMENT**

40% Continuous / Formative Assessment (see PG Regulations).  
60% End-semester/Summative Assessment: 3 hour written Exam.

## Model Question Paper

**Fourth Semester M. Sc. (CSS) Degree Examination**  
**Branch: M. Sc Integrative Biology (Zoology)**  
**INB-CC-541: Structural and Developmental Biology**

Time: **3 Hours**

Max. Marks : **60**

I. Answer **any five** of the following:

- 1) "Pluripotency and multipotency". Elaborate.
- 2) Integrins maintains inter cellular junctions. How ?
- 3) Plasmodesmata plays important role in cell to cell junctions. Clarify.
- 4) "Degradation and removal of ECM". Which proteinases functions in it ?
- 5) "Induction and competence". How this is important for development ?
- 6) First part of cell commitment is cell specification. What is autonomous specification ?
- 7) Despite the genomic equivalence, how is a Muscle cell different from a liver cell. Your Thoughts.
- 8) "Cell death is programmed". Explicate.

**(5x2=10 Marks)**

II. Write short notes on **any six** of the following:

- 9) "Dynamic nature of Plasma membrane". Expound.
- 10) Are Intercellular junctions organized ? Discuss various types of junctions.
- 11) How angiogenesis is significant in development ?
- 12) Degradation and remodelling of Extra Cellular Matrix. Clarify.
- 13) How will you generate insulin producing transgenic sheep ? Explain the protocol and its applications.
- 14) Does epigenetic regulation play a role in genomic imprinting ? Present your view.
- 15) Floral development in Arabidopsis. Elaborate.
- 16) Can the Pluripotency be induced ? Discuss it.

**(6x5=30 Marks)**

III. Answer **any two** of the following:

- 17) "Ions transport across the membrane". Annotate with example.
- 18) Differential gene expression plays an important role in axis patterning in *Drosophila*. Elaborate.
- 19) Articulate on vulva formation in *C. elegans*.
- 20) Technological advances established the concepts of developmental biology. Justify this statement.

**(2x10=20 Marks)**

<b>SEMESTER IV</b>	<b>Course Code: INB-CC-542</b>	<b>Credits: 4</b>
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## INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY

### Course Outcomes (CO)

- CO1:** Explain about different fields of biological sciences and how they are connected  
**CO2:** Present an overview of integrative cell signaling  
**CO3:** Gain knowledge on Integrative Biology  
**CO4:** Understand to analyze the fundamental mechanisms of the most modern techniques in applied biology  
**CO5:** Apply concepts such as conserved genes and stress genes in animal diversity and evolutionary biology  
**CO6:** Understand to integrate and evaluate the biological applications in the field of molecular medicine and industry

### COURSE CONTENT

**Module I:** Concepts in Integrative Biology: unifying and diversifying principles. Integrative cell signaling- Cellular communication, general principles of cellular and intercellular communication, cell adhesion and roles of different adhesion molecules, gap junctions, Extracellular matrix, integrins, neurotransmission and its regulation.

#### Module Outcome:

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember concepts of cellular communication  
M02: Understand unifying and diversifying principles  
M03: Evaluate roles of different adhesion molecules  
M04: Analyse general principles of cellular and intercellular communication  
M05: Apply techniques to study integrative cell signaling

**MODULE II:** Diversity and Convergence in animals, Analysis of common ancestry among distant taxa, Role of conserved genes and its expression, Biophysical and biochemical basis of life processes, Biomolecules and energy transduction, Biomechanics and its implications, Evolutionism vs common ancestry; divergence and convergence in biology.

#### Module Outcome:

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember the basic concepts of evolution  
M02: Understand various aspects of life  
M03: Evaluate running of life processes  
M04: Analyse the role of conserved genes  
M05: Apply techniques to assess the mechanical aspects of biological systems

**MODULE III:** Integrative Physiology: Physiology of stress and ease as models of integrative physiology, Concepts of stress and ease; stress response and ease response. Mechanisms of stress and ease response, endocrinology of stress and ease, Evolution of

stress genes and physiological mechanism, Implications on life processes, Integrating principles of chemical, physical and biological processes in life forms.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember the concepts of stress and ease
- M02: Understand mechanisms of stress physiology
- M03: Evaluate functioning of hormones during stress conditions
- M04: Analyse the role of stress genes in physiological mechanism
- M05: Apply stress and ease as models of integrative physiology

**MODULE IV:** Concepts of biological integration and regulation: Theories of Biointegration, Biostatics and Bioneutrality. Evidences and mechanisms, Intra and inter cellular signaling as a means of integration. Role of hormones and their receptors, cell surface receptor, signaling through G-protein coupled receptors, signal transduction pathways, second messengers, regulation of signaling pathways, bacterial and plant two component systems, light signaling in plants, bacterial chemotaxis and quorum sensing.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember cellular communication
- M02: Understand mechanisms of integrative cell signalling
- M03: Evaluate the role of second messengers
- M04: Analyse signaling pathways in various organisms
- M05: Apply techniques to determine light signaling in plants

**MODULE V:** Biological techniques: Visualization of cells and subcellular components by light microscopy, resolving powers of different microscopes, microscopy of living cells, scanning and transmission microscopes, different fixation and staining techniques for EM, freeze-etch and freeze fracture methods for EM, image processing methods in microscopy. Histopathology. Karyotyping. Molecular analysis using UV/visible, fluorescence, circular dichroism, NMR and ESR spectroscopy Molecular structure determination using X-ray diffraction and NMR, Molecular analysis using light scattering, different types of mass spectrometry and surface plasma resonance methods. Single neuron recording, patch-clamp recording, ECG, Brain activity recording, lesion and stimulation of brain, pharmacological testing, PET, MRI, fMRI, CAT.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember concept of microscopy
- M02: Understand different types of microscopes
- M03: Evaluate different fixation and staining techniques
- M04: Analyse various image processing methods in microscopy
- M05: Apply techniques to analyse structure of proteins

**MODULE VI:** Applications of Biology: Application of immunological principles, vaccines, diagnostics. Tissue and cell culture methods for plants and animals. Transgenic animals and plants, molecular approaches to diagnosis and strain identification. Genomics and its application to health and agriculture, including gene therapy, ART,

Bioresource and uses of biodiversity. Breeding in plants and animals, including marker-assisted selection. Bioremediation and phytoremediation. Biosensors and biofilms.

### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

M01: Remember principles of immunology

M02: Understand methods for plant and animal cell culture

M03: Evaluate mechanism of transgenesis

M04: Analyse genomics and its application

M05: Apply molecular techniques and microorganisms to the development of various diagnostic approaches

## **ACTIVITIES, LEARNING RESOURCES & ASSESSMENT**

### **Suggested Class Room Activities:**

- Assignments
- Seminar Presentation on selected topics
- Debates
- Quiz
- Demonstration of simple experiments

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## **ASSESSMENT**

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60% End-semester/Summative Assessment: 3 hour written Exam.

## **Model Question Paper**

### **Fourth Semester M. Sc. (CSS) Degree Examination**

#### **Branch : M. Sc Integrative Biology (Zoology)**

#### **INB-CC-542: Integrative Biology**

**Time : 3 Hours**

**Max. Marks : 60**

I. Answer **any five** of the following:

- 1) Explicate on the role of second messengers during cell signaling.
  - 2) Elaborate on the process of neurotransmission.
  - 3) List out important hormones and receptors involved in growth of a human.
  - 4) Articulate on the evolution of stress genes.
  - 5) Delineate on Beer-Lambert's law.
  - 6) Outline the differences between Freeze etching and freeze fracture methods.
  - 7) Phase contrast microscopy
  - 8) Signify the importance of Extracellular matrix in the dynamics of tissue organization.
- (5x2=10 Marks)**

II. Write short notes on **any six** of the following:

- 9) Analyze GPCR signaling as one of the most important cell signaling pathways.
- 10) Briefly outline the process of cell communication, types and its importance.
- 11) Peruse on cell adhesion and role of different adhesion molecules.
- 12) Integration in intercellular signaling. Present your views.
- 13) Elucidate about the principle and application of fluorescence in Cell Biology.
- 14) Give an outline on Gene therapy and its pros and cons.
- 15) Electron microscopy is the epitome of microscopic techniques. Justify.
- 16) Comment on Circular Dichroism and its significance in classifying biomolecules.

**(6x5=30 Marks)**

III. Answer **any two** of the following:

- 17) Illustrate in detail the process of hematopoiesis and how it is regulated.
- 18) Outline various spectroscopic methods, their principles and their importance in studying Science.
- 19) Speculate on the various microscopic techniques and their importance with respect to its application in biological research.
- 20) Explicate about the integrating principles of chemical, physical and biological processes in life forms.

**(2x10=10 Marks)**

<b>SEMESTER</b>	<b>Course Code: INB-GC-501</b>	<b>Credits: 2</b>
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## **MOLECULAR TECHNIQUES IN INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY**

### **Course Outcomes (CO)**

- CO1:** Understand the major tools and techniques used for studying biochemical and biophysical nature of life
- CO2:** Learn about analytical methods used for measuring biomolecules and pharmacologically active substances
- CO3:** Develop knowledge on safety concerns which arise during and after any biological assay is performed
- CO4:** Comprehend protocols better and create new procedures by improvising existing assays to measure various biomolecules
- CO5:** Gain awareness about the ethical aspects involved in biology and biological research including intellectual property rights
- CO6:** Apply knowledge achieved to create new assessments tools for measuring levels of biomolecules

### **COURSE CONTENT**

**MODULE I:** Microscopy: Differential Interference contrast (Nomarsky) microscopy, Confocal microscope, Electron microscope – TEM, SEM, Scanning Tunneling and Atomic Force Microscopes. Light microscope and dark field microscope, Phase contrast microscope, Polarizing microscope, birefringence fluorescence microscope.

#### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Comprehend and remember history of microscopy
- M02: Understand different parts of various microscopes
- M03: Evaluate pros and cons of various microscopes
- M04: Analyse functioning of electron microscopes
- M05: Apply knowledge to design novel microscopes with improvements over existing Designs

**MODULE II:** Chromatography: Paper chromatography, Thin layer chromatography, Ion exchange chromatography. Gel permeation chromatography, Affinity chromatography, Gas chromatography, High pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC).

#### **Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Learn and remember techniques in chromatography
- M02: Understand principles of different types of chromatography methods
- M03: Evaluate functioning of different types of chromatography methods
- M04: Analyse the instruments used to assess levels of biomolecules using chromatography methods
- M05: Apply the principles to create novel processes and instruments using principles in chromatography

**MODULE III:** Electrophoresis: Paper electrophoresis, Gel electrophoresis, Polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (PAGE) – SDS and non SDS, Agarose gel electrophoresis, Disc electrophoresis, High voltage electrophoresis, immunoelectrophoresis, isoelectric focusing.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Learn and remember techniques in electrophoresis
- M02: Understand principles of different types of electrophoretic methods
- M03: Evaluate functioning of different types of electrophoretic methods
- M04: Analyse the instruments used to assess levels of biomolecules using electrophoretic methods
- M05: Apply the principles to create novel processes and instruments using principles in Electrophoresis

**MODULE IV:** Colorimetry, Spectrophotometry and Spectroscopy: Principle and applications of colorimetry and spectrophotometry. Spectroscopy: Flame emission spectroscopy, Atomic absorption spectroscopy, Nuclear Magnetic resonance spectroscopy (NMR), Circular dichroism spectroscopy, ESR spectroscopy, Mass spectroscopy.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Learn and remember techniques in spectroscopy
- M02: Understand principles of different types of spectroscopic methods
- M03: Evaluate functioning of different types of spectroscopic methods
- M04: Analyse the instruments used to assess levels of biomolecules using spectroscopic methods
- M05: Apply the principles to create novel processes and instruments using principles in spectroscopy

**MODULE V:** Centrifugation: Basic principles of sedimentation, Types of centrifuges, Analytical and Preparative centrifugation, Differential and density gradient centrifugation.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Learn and remember techniques in centrifugation
- M02: Understand principles of different types of centrifugation methods
- M03: Evaluate functioning of different types of centrifugation methods
- M04: Analyse the instruments used to assess levels of biomolecules using centrifugation methods
- M05: Apply the principles to create novel processes and instruments using principles in centrifugation

**MODULE VI:** Radioisotope Detection and Measurement: Dosimetry, Ionization chamber, GM counter, Solid and liquid scintillation counters, Autoradiography. Radio ImmunoAssay, Enzyme Linked Immuno Sorbant Assay (ELISA).

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Comprehend and remember basics of radioactivity
- M02: Understand principles in radioisotope detection and its measurements
- M03: Evaluate types of devices to measure radioactivity
- M04: Analyse diverse radioactive biomolecules using principle of ELISA
- M05: Apply knowledge to design novel methods and instruments to measure Radioactivity

**ACTIVITIES, LEARNING RESOURCES & ASSESSMENT****Suggested Class Room Activities:**

- Assignments
- Seminar Presentation on selected topics
- Debates
- Quiz
- Demonstration of simple experiments

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**ASSESSMENT**

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60% End-semester/Summative Assessment: 3 hour written Exam.

## Model Question Paper

**M. Sc. (CSS) Degree Examination**  
**Branch: Integrative Biology (Zoology)**  
**INB-GC-501: Molecular Techniques in Integrative Biology**

Time : **3 Hours**

Max. Marks : **60**

I. Answer **any five** of the following:

- 1) Radio labelled antibodies are widely used in immunoassays for high sensitivity tests. Specify.
  - 2) There are analytical techniques which measure the mass-to-charge ratio and present the result as a mass spectrum. Identify this spectroscopy and explain the principle.
  - 3) There are techniques which employs the sublimation of ice to reveal internal structures. Clarify.
  - 4) Which microscopy technique will you use to study the surface of nano materials ?
  - 5) There is a spectroscopy which is commonly used to study the secondary structure of proteins on the basis of chirality. What is your take on this ?
  - 6) “Nuclear spin and spectroscopy”. Discuss the concept.
  - 7) How sucrose and cesium chloride are important in centrifugation. Comment.
- (5x2=10 Marks)**

II. Write short notes on **any six** of the following:

- 8) Radiolabelling is important in the isolation of macromolecules such as DNA or protein. Name the technique which employs this principle and discuss the protocol.
- 9) What are the steps will you adopt for the disposal of bio-hazardous wastes ?
- 10) How will you analyse the serum of a patient with suspected food poisoning for botulinum toxin employing Immunoelectrophoresis ?
- 11) Can we modify the genome of an organism ? If yes how ? Discuss its application.
- 12) “Nanoparticles as sensors”. Elaborate.
- 13) Beer lambert’s contribution in the field of spectrophotometry. Comment.
- 14) How acetylcholine receptors can be purified from a mixture of proteins employing chromatography ?
- 15) Most advanced chromatographic techniques are used for the isolation and purification of bioactive compounds. Specify.

**(6x5=30 Marks)**

III. Answer **any two** of the following:

- 16) What are the strategies that you will adopt to separate DNA and proteins employing electrophoresis ?
- 17) Discuss about the protocol to detect a specific protein from a cellular protein extract.
- 18) What safety measures will you adopt to work in a laboratory ?
- 19) Radioactive isotopes have immense application in biomedical research. How will you detect and measure it ?

**(2x10=20 Marks)**

<b>SEMESTER</b>	<b>Course Code: INB-GC-502</b>	<b>Credits: 2</b>
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## INTRODUCTION TO MICROBIAL PATHOLOGY

### Course Outcomes (CO)

- CO1:** Articulate and exemplify the common microbial infections in humans, its laboratory diagnosis and common prophylactic measures
- CO2:** Give an overview of the pathogenesis of various microbial infections in human beings
- CO3:** Gain knowledge on normal laboratory practices and culture of microbes in a medical laboratory
- CO4:** Comprehend concepts and principles of microbiology laboratory safety, culture practices of pathogens
- CO5:** Apply knowledge on common infections in human beings to tackle the problems sticking to the motto of prevention is better than cure.
- CO6:** Understand various infections, diagnostic measures and prophylaxis

### COURSE CONTENT

**Module I:** Microbiology Laboratory Safety and the Laboratory Role in Infection Control: General Safety Principles, microbial culture practices, handling of Biologic Hazards, Disposal of Infectious waste. General concepts in infection control practice, Outbreak investigation, education, emerging and re-emerging pathogens.

#### Module Outcome:

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember concepts of microbiology
- M02: Understand microbiology laboratory general safety principles
- M03: Evaluate laboratory role in infection control
- M04: Analyse handling of biologic hazards
- M05: Apply various microbial culture production techniques

**MODULE II:** Common bacterial infections, diagnosis and prophylactic measures: Common bacterial infections: pneumonia, gonorrhoea, diphtheria, anthrax, tetanus, botulism, bacillary dysentery, typhoid, cholera, plague, tuberculosis, syphilis, small pox.

#### Module Outcome:

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember and understand the common bacterial infections
- M02: Understand various diagnosis and prophylactic measures
- M03: Evaluate working of diagnostic techniques
- M04: Analyse the common features of bacterial infections
- M05: Apply techniques to make bacterial cultures

**MODULE III:** Common viral infections, diagnosis and prophylactic measures: Common viral infections: chicken pox, small pox, polio, common cold and flu, measles, mumps, chikungunya, dengue, rabies, hepatitis, SARS, AIDS, COVID-19.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember common viral infections
- M02: Understand symptoms of common viral infections
- M03: Evaluate functioning of diagnosis and prophylactic measures
- M04: Analyse the processes of transmission of infection
- M05: Apply molecular techniques to analyse infectious agents

**MODULE IV:** Common fungal and protozoan infections, diagnosis and prophylactic measures: Common fungal infections in man. Superficial and deep mycoses. Opportunistic fungal infections and Mycotic poisoning. Common Protozoan infections in man: malaria, leishmaniasis, amoebic dysentery.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember common fungal infections in man
- M02: Understand protozoan infections
- M03: Evaluate diagnostic measures of common fungal infections
- M04: Analyse prophylactic measures to different infections
- M05: Apply techniques to identify various infectious agents

**MODULE V:** Immunoprophylaxis and national immunisation schedule (India): Active immunisation, national immunisation schedule, Passive immunisation, active and passive (combined) immunisation.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember concept of vaccination
- M02: Understand types of immunisation
- M03: Evaluate immunoprophylaxis measures
- M04: Analyse process of combined immunisation
- M05: Apply techniques to detect proteins using antibodies

**ACTIVITIES, LEARNING RESOURCES & ASSESSMENT****Suggested Class Room Activities:**

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## **Model Question Paper**

**M. Sc. (CSS) Degree Examination**  
**Branch : Integrative Biology (Zoology)**  
**INB-GC-502: Introduction to Microbial Pathology**

**Time : 3 Hours**

**Max. Marks : 60**

- 1) What are vaccines ? Is it a passive or active immunization ? Elaborate.
- 2) AIDS is a secondary immune deficiency disease. True or false. Substantiate your view.
- 3) Leishmaniasis is a common disease in Africa. Causative agent and pathogenesis.
- 4) There are reports on Viruses as etiological factors of cancer. Justify.
- 5) There are only two BSL4 labs in India. What does BSL mean ? Specify.
- 6) "SARS and MERS". What do they mean ? Explain.
- 7) Oral Polio vaccine is widely used in the eradication of Polio. Explicate on the pathogenesis?

**(5x2=10 Marks)**

II. Write short notes on **any six** of the following:

- 8) Fungal infections are common in developing countries. Write about deep mycotic infections?
- 9) National immunisation schedule of India. Articulate.
- 10) Malaria parasite (Plasmodium) completes the life cycle in human and mosquito. Which is the definitive host ? Why ? Explain the life cycle.
- 11) "Plasma therapy is very effective to tackle the infection at the last stage". Justify.
- 12) Is the Rabies virus a DNA virus or RNA virus ? Illustrate the structure of this virus with a diagram.
- 13) VDRL test is used for the diagnosis of syphilis. Name the causative organism and expound the protocol of the test.
- 14) Which bacteria causes Botulism and annotate the pathogenesis.
- 15) Typhoid is a water borne disease. Elucidate the diagnostic approach for typhoid.

**(6x5=30 Marks)**

III. Answer **any two** of the following:

- 16) Dysentery caused by Amoeba and Bacteria differs in etiology. How do the bacillary dysentery differ from amoebic dysentery ?
- 17) Most of the Parainfluenza viral diseases are child borne in nature. List out various Parainfluenza viral diseases, their pathogenesis and their prophylaxis.
- 18) Tetanus toxoid is generally administered if there is a deep wound in our body. Is it a prophylactic measure ? Describe the pathogenesis and prophylaxis of Tetanus.
- 19) What are the diagnostic methods you will adopt to find out the etiological agent of a particular infection in a clinical microbiology laboratory?

**(2x10=20 Marks)**

<b>SEMESTER</b>	<b>Course Code: INB-GC-503</b>	<b>Credits: 2</b>
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## INTRODUCTION TO ANIMAL BEHAVIOR

### Course Outcomes (CO)

- CO1:** Clearly exemplify basic knowledge of ethology  
**CO2:** Give an overview of the evolutionary causes of animal behaviour  
**CO3:** Gain knowledge on ethological principles  
**CO4:** Comprehend concepts related to animal behaviour, including communication, foraging, anti-predator and social behaviours  
**CO5:** Apply concepts and principles of neuroethological model of learning and motivation  
**CO6:** Understand the endogenous cycles which influence the rhythms in physiology and behavior

### COURSE CONTENT

**Module I:** Ethological principles, Motivation and learning: Concepts in ethology, Scope of ethology, Learning- Types of learning, Motivation, Models of motivation (Psycho-hydrologic model, Deutsch's Model). Memory, Habituation, Classical conditioning (Pavlov's experiments), Instrumental conditioning, Latent learning, Insight learning, Imprinting, Neural mechanism of learning, Brain centres in learning.

#### Module Outcome:

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember concepts in ethology  
M02: Understand types of learning  
M03: Evaluate different models of motivation  
M04: Analyse habituation and Pavlov's experiments  
M05: Apply methods to understand neural mechanism of learning

**MODULE II:** Communication and Neurophysiological Aspects of Behaviour: Reflex action, Kinesis, sign stimulus, Fixed action patterns. Sherrington's neuro-physiological concepts in behaviour – Latency, summation, fatigue. Evolution of communication, Sensory mechanisms: Electrical, Chemical, Olfactory, Auditory and Visual. Dance language of honey bees, pheromones and behavior (Ants and mammals). Navigation and migration

#### Module Outcome:

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember and understand communication behaviour  
M02: Understand reflex action  
M03: Evaluate working of fixed action patterns  
M04: Analyse the neuro-physiological concepts in behaviour  
M05: Apply techniques to assess the role of pheromones in behavior

**MODULE III:** Hormones and behaviour, Social Behaviour: Sociobiology, social organization (ants, bees, mammals), Aggregations – schooling in fishes, herding in

mammals, Group selection, Kin selection, altruism, reciprocal altruism, inclusive fitness, co-operation, territoriality, alarm call

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember principles of sociobiology
- M02: Understand role of hormones in behaviour
- M03: Evaluate social organization of different animal groups
- M04: Analyse the processes of group selection and kin selection
- M05: Apply methods to find out inclusive fitness of organisms

**MODULE IV: Biological rhythms:** Biological rhythms – Circadian, Circannual, Lunar periodicity, Tidal rhythms. Genetics of biological rhythms, Clock genes

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember concept of circadian rhythms
- M02: Understand lunar periodicity and tidal rhythms
- M03: Evaluate role of clock genes in homeostasis
- M04: Analyse role of genes in biological rhythms
- M05: Apply techniques to determine hormonal control of biological rhythms

**MODULE V: Prey-Predator Behaviour:** Crypsis and Mimicry, Polymorphism, Deception mechanisms, Fighting, Vigilance, Communal. Defence, Predation and foraging Trade-offs.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember interaction between species
- M02: Understand concepts of prey-predator relationship
- M03: Evaluate environmental influence on animal behaviour
- M04: Analyse various defence mechanisms
- M05: Apply models to assess prey-predator relationship

**MODULE VI: Behavioral responses to stressors:** Quantitative and qualitative measurement of behavioural responses, Animal models of depression, Antidepressant screening tests (Despair based, Anxiety based, Reward based).

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember principles of behaviour
- M02: Understand stressor response
- M03: Evaluate quantitative and qualitative measurement of behavioural responses
- M04: Analyse the various animal models of depression
- M05: Apply models to resolve antidepressant screening tests

## ACTIVITIES, LEARNING RESOURCES & ASSESSMENT

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### ASSESSMENT

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60% End-semester/Summative Assessment: 3 hour written Exam.

## **Model Question Paper**

**M. Sc. (CSS) Degree Examination**  
**Branch: INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY (ZOOLOGY)**  
**INB-GC-503: Introduction to Animal Behaviour**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Max. Marks: 60**

I. Answer **any five** of the following:

- 1) Speculate on motivated behavior.
- 2) Imprinting in new born animals. What does it signify ?
- 3) Articulate on the process of latent learning.
- 4) Altruistic behavior is essential for survival of a species. Justify the statement.
- 5) Expound on Pheromones as communication medium in animals.
- 6) Signify the importance of Sociobiology in present world setting post corona.
- 7) Delineate on anti-depressing screening tests.

**(5x2=10 Marks)**

II. Write short notes on **any six** of the following:

- 8) List out the significance of prey-predator behavior.
- 9) Present your view on diverse aggregations in nature.
- 10) Depict chemical communication as a method of information transfer among animals.
- 11) Put in your words why ethology is considered as the scientific and objective study of animal behavior ?
- 12) Elucidate on varied forms of learning in animals.
- 13) Summarize about the clock control of the rhythmic physiology in marine organisms.
- 14) Connote on various research tools as a simulation used to investigate depression and action of antidepressants in animals?
- 15) How does the body react to common stressors ? Is there any impact of stressors on your physical and mental well being ?

**(6x5=30 Marks)**

III. Answer **any two** of the following:

- 16) The influence of biological rhythms in our day-to-day life. Elucidate with examples.
- 17) How is the structure of the nervous system related to an animal's behavior ?
- 18) Measuring the behavioral responses by quantitative and qualitative means. Is it possible ? If yes, validate your choice.
- 19) Can you correlate and find similarities between dance language in Honey bees and human social interactions. Elucidate its significances as well.

**(2x10=20 Marks)**

<b>SEMESTER</b>	<b>Course Code: INB-GC-504</b>	<b>Credits: 2</b>
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## TRADITIONAL ETHNOMEDICINE

### Course Outcomes (CO)

- CO1:** Articulate and exemplify the use of plants and plant based medicine across the world
- CO2:** Give an overview of the use of herbs and herbal drugs in different systems around the globe
- CO3:** Gain knowledge on nutraceuticals
- CO4:** Comprehend concepts related to additive and synergistic activity of phytochemicals and how they play a role in shaping evolution
- CO5:** Apply concepts and principles of synergism and integration in ethnomedicine for future use
- CO6:** Understand the indigenous and traditional practices in ethnomedicine

## COURSE CONTENT

**Module I:** Atavistic and modern food habits and Evolution: Food as a major factor in designing the course of evolution. Ancient culinary practices. Historical perspectives at local, national and global levels. Origin and development of herbal culture in human civilizations. Current trends in diet and nutrition. Defects and drawbacks in present food habits.

### Module Outcome:

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember concepts of evolution
- M02: Understand ancient and modern food habits
- M03: Evaluate current trends in diet and nutrition
- M04: Analyse defects and drawbacks in present food habits
- M05: Apply methods to assess nutritional status

**MODULE II:** Indigenous and tribal Ethnomedicinal practices: Origin and development of biomedicine; Indian Systems of Medicine (*Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani*) *Ayurveda*: Historical perspective, measures to be adopted for maintaining the health of healthy person in a positive way through prevention, promotion and correction. Fundamental principles of *Ayurveda*: *Panchabhootha* theory, *Thridosha* theory, *Saptadhatu* theory and *Ama* theory; Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia. Indigenous medicines of Kerala.

### Module Outcome:

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember Indian systems of medicine
- M02: Understand various indigenous and tribal ethnomedicinal practices
- M03: Evaluate functioning of ethnomedicinal practices
- M04: Analyse the fundamental principles of *Ayurveda*
- M05: Apply techniques of traditional medical practices

**MODULE III:** Phytochemicals as therapeutics and nutraceuticals: Plant drugs with antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory activities; Plant chemicals in modern pharmacology: Biochemistry and pharmacology of curcumin, piperine, gingerol, caffeine, opioids, taxol, Vinca alkaloids; synthetic substitutes for therapeutically active plant constituents; drug improvement by structure modification and biotransformation.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember uses of phytochemicals
- M02: Understand antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory activities of plant drugs
- M03: Evaluate role of plant chemicals in modern pharmacology
- M04: Analyse the mechanism of action of plant drugs
- M05: Apply techniques to assess drug improvement

**MODULE IV:** Synergism and integration in Ethnomedicines: Cell signalling and current drug targets. The drawback of current strategy. Examples of cancer recurrence and drug resistance in TB. Need for targeting multiple cell signalling pathways concurrently. Benefits of principles in traditional medicines using combination of phytochemicals.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember concepts of cell signaling
- M02: Understand mechanisms of drug action
- M03: Evaluate phenomenon of drug resistance
- M04: Analyse cancer recurrence
- M05: Apply techniques to identify drug targets

**MODULE V:** The future of Ethnomedicine and nutraceuticals: Epigenetics. The shift of diet regimes from fast food to natural and functional food. Problems related to consumption of phytochemicals and its effect on Environment. Solutions to overcome the problems caused due to over use of plants and herbs. Going back to nature and farming. Maintaining homeostasis in the Environment.

**Module Outcome:**

*After Completion of this module, the student should be able to:*

- M01: Remember epigenetics
- M02: Understand concepts of ethnomedicine and nutraceuticals
- M03: Evaluate solutions to overcome problems due to over use of phytochemicals
- M04: Analyse the future of ethnomedicine
- M05: Apply techniques to determine environmental effect of phytochemicals

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## Model Question Paper

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**Branch: INTEGRATIVE BIOLOGY (ZOOLOGY)**  
**INB-GC-504: Traditional Ethnomedicine**

Time: **3 Hours**

Max. Marks: **60**

I. Answer **any five** of the following:

- 1) Curcumin is a potent miracle phytochemical. Justify the statement.
- 2) Opioids and pain management. Present your views.
- 3) Articulate on Vinca alkaloids.
- 4) Explicate on Indigenous medicines of Kerala.
- 5) Exemplify the concept of Tridosha theory.
- 6) Outline the role of phytochemicals in preventing and treating cancer
- 7) Present your views on drug resistance in TB and how ethnomedicine can help prevent it.

**(5x2=10 Marks)**

II. Write short notes on **any six** of the following:

- 8) Articulate on the shift of diet regimes from fast food to natural and functional food.
- 9) Expound on cell signaling, current drug targets and role of ethnomedicine.
- 10) Elucidate about drug improvement by structure modification and biotransformation.
- 11) Delineate on plant chemicals in modern pharmacology.
- 12) Exemplify the concept of evolution of biomedicine.
- 13) Describe about the defects and drawbacks in present food habits.
- 14) Peruse on the current trends in diet and nutrition.
- 15) Illustrate the role of food as a major factor in designing the course of evolution.

**(6x5=30 Marks)**

III. Answer **any two** of the following:

- 16) More than a system of medicine, *Ayurveda* is a way of life. Justify.
- 17) Elucidate about the role of nutraceuticals and its effect on epigenetics of humans.
- 18) Deliberate about the role of consumption of phytochemicals as therapeutic and prophylactic agents and its effect on environment as well.
- 19) Ethnomedicine as a model for synergism and integration. Enunciate your view.

**(2x10=20 Marks)**