

# Vidyasagar University



## Post Graduate Syllabus in Zoology

under Choice Based Credit System  
(CBCS)

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Semester I			Semester II			Semester III			Semester IV		
ZOO 101	A.	Non-chordates	ZOO 201	A.	Biosystematics	ZOO 301	A.	Entomology	Z401	A.	Biodiversity, Pollution & Environmental management
	B.	Chordates		B.	Ecology		B.	Ecotoxicology		B.	Neurobiology and Endocrinology
ZOO 102	A.	Cell Biology	ZOO 202	A.	Biochemistry	ZOO 302	A.	Evolution & Adaptation	Z402	A.	Biostatistics
	B.	Biophysics		B.	Parasitology		B.	Microbiology		B.	Developmental biology
ZOO 103	A.	Animal Physiology	ZOO 203	A.	Molecular Biology	ZOO For Other Dept.	A.	<b>Genetics</b>	Z403	A.	<b>SPECIAL theory</b> Fishery: Aquaculture and Fish Technology (BP) Ecology: Systems Ecology (PH) Genetics: Recombinant DNA & Molecular Analysis (SA)
	B.	Biotechnology & Techniques and Bioinstrumentation		B.	Histochemistry		B.	<b>Hematology</b>		B.	Fishery: Inland & Marine Fishery (SD) Ecology: Human Ecology (SKC) Genetics: Applied Genetics (JK /BM)
ZOO 104	A.	Cytogenetics	ZOO 204 For Other Dept.	A.	<b>Wildlife Diversity &amp; Environmental Management</b>	ZOO 304	A.	<b>SPECIAL Theory</b> Fishery: Fish Taxonomy & Biology (BP) Ecology: Wildlife & Animal Behaviour (SKC) Genetics: Genetics (JK)	Z404		<b>Practical</b> based on Z401 & Z402 (SD, JK, BP, SA)
	B.	Immunology		B.	<b>Bioinformatics</b>		B.	Fishery: Limnology & Oceanography (SD) Ecology: Aquatic Ecology (SKC/PH) Genetics: Molecular Biology (SA)		Z406	
ZOO 105		<b>Practical</b> Based on Z101 & Z102 (SKC, BP, SD, SA)	ZOO 205		<b>Practical</b> based on Z201 & Z202A (SKC,BP,SA)+ Field	ZOO 305		<b>Practical</b> based on Z301, Z302 (SKC,BP,JK,PH)			
ZOO 106		<b>Practical</b> Based on Z103 & Z104 (JK,BM,PH,SKC)	ZOO 206		<b>Practical</b> based on Z202B & Z203 (JK, SD, BM)	ZOO 306		<b>Practical (Special)</b> (JK/SA/BM,SKC /PH,BP/SD)			

## M.Sc. ZOOLOGY SEMESTER MARKS DISTRIBUTION

### For Department of Zoology

SEM	Theory	Practical
I	200	100
II	150	100
III	150	100
IV	150	150
<b>Total</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>450</b>

### For other Department

SEM	Theory
II	50
III	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

Practical papers	
<b>ZOO105</b>	<b>Marks 50</b>
Non- Chordate	10
Chordate	10
Cell Biology	10
Biophysics	10
Internal assessment- (Viva & Lab Note Book)	10
<b>ZOO106</b>	<b>Marks 50</b>
Animal Physiology	05
Biotechnology & Techniques and Bioinstrumentation	10
Cytogenetics	15
Immunology	10
Internal assessment- (Viva & Lab Note Book)	10

<b>ZOO205</b>	<b>Marks 50</b>
Biosystematics	05
Ecology	10
Biochemistry	15
Internal assessment- (Viva & LNB)	10
Field report	10
<b>ZOO206</b>	<b>Marks (50)</b>
Parasitology	15
Molecular Biology	15
Histochemistry	10
Internal assessment- (Viva & LNB)	10

<b>ZOO305</b>	<b>Marks (50)</b>
Entomology	05
Ecotoxicology	10
Microbiology	15
Endocrinology and Neurobiology	10
Internal assessment- (Viva & LNB)	10
<b>ZOO306</b>	<b>Marks (50)</b>
Special paper	
Ecology	40
Fishery	40
Genetics	40
Internal assessment- (Viva & LNB)	10 (in each special paper)

<b>Practical papers</b>	
<b>ZOO 405</b>	<b>Marks (50)</b>
Biodiversity, Pollution & Environmental management	08
Neurobiology and Endocrinology	10
Biostatistics	12
Developmental biology	10
Internal assessment- (Viva & Lab NB)	10
<b>ZOO406</b>	<b>Marks (50)</b>
Special paper	
Ecology	40
Fishery	40
Genetics	40
Internal assessment- (Viva & Lab NB)	10 (in each special paper)

## **SEMESTER I**

### **Paper ZOO101, Group A. Non-chordates**

1. Origin & Evolution of Metazoa; Phylogenetic overview of major invertebrate phyla.
2. Comparative account about different larval forms of coelomate non-chordates.
3. Biology of the free living nematods – feeding mechanisms and role of nematodes in ecosystem.
4. Bryozoa – anatomical peculiarities feeding mechanisms and phylogenetic relationship.
5. Rotifera – general organisation, mastax, reproduction and cyclomorphosis.
6. Foraminifera – characteristics, origin, distribution, biology and ecological role of foraminifera.
7. Conservation strategies of invertebrates: invertebrate diversity, importance and threats; alternative approaches to species focused conservation; conservation status evaluation for invertebrate species.

## Paper ZOO101, Group B. Chordates

1. **Origin of Chordates:**

Hemichordata, Cephalochordata, Urochordata, Origin of craniates, Evolution of primates with special reference to *Homo sapiens sapiens*.

2. **Protochordates :**

Endostyle and Iodine binding capacity in Protochordates.

3. **Fishes:**

Taxonomy of Fishes, Inland and Marine fisheries of India, Problems & Prospects.

4. **Respiratory system & Gas bladder:**

General functional and requirements; ventilation of Internal gills; Agnathoxs, Cartilaginous fishes, Bony fishes, larval gills; arial respiration in long fishes; swim bladder and the origin of lungs, lung and other ducts, evolution.

5. **Excretory System and Osmoregulation:**

General nature of kidneys; Evolution of kidneys, Kidney structure in relation to Osmoregulation; Basic pattern and the Archinephros, Pronephros, Mesonephros, Metanephros: External salt excretion, Osmoregulation in freshwater and marine water fishes; Association of Urinary System & General system.

6. **Echolocation:**

General consideration of organs of hearing balance and Echolocation; Morphological adaptation for echolocation. Bat Echolocation.

## **Paper ZOO102, Group A. Cell Biology**

### **1) Membrane structure, function & Cell Signaling:**

- i) Membrane pumps, Membrane channels, Membranes of cell organelles.
- ii) Membrane structure & dynamics.
- iii) G-protein coupled receptors, signaling through second messengers.  
Receptor tyrosine kinase signaling, MAP Kinase, TGF $\beta$  Signaling

### **2) Cytoskeleton & Cellular Motility:**

- i) Microtubular motor proteins: Kinesins & Dyneins.
- ii) Microtubular protein: Tubulin, structure & function.
- iii) Cellular motility.

### **3) Cell cycle & its regulation:**

- i) Cell cycle controlled system depends on cyclically activated cyclin dependent protein kinase (CDKs).
- ii) Steps in cell cycle and molecular control of cell cycle.
- iii) Tumorigenesis.

### **4) Cellular communication:**

- i) Principles of cell communication.
- ii) Cell adhesion & different adhesion molecules.
- iii) Gap junction, extra-cellular matrix & integrins.

## **Paper ZOO102, Group B. Biophysics**

1. Properties of matter
  - a. Diffusion – Fick’s law, Graham’s law, facilitated diffusion, biological application.
  - b. Osmosis – Van’t Hoff laws
  - c. pH. and buffer – pH and its biological significance
  - d. Colloids– electro kinetic property
  - e. Dialysis – Hollow fibre dialysis and electro dialysis
2. Thermodynamics – Isolated, close and open system, first and second law of thermodynamics, enthalpy and entropy, Biological steady state and its maintenance, Gibb’s free energy.
3. Radioactivity – alpha, beta and gamma rays, half life of radio isotopes, kinetics of radioactive decay, artificial radio isotopes, Geiger- Muller counter, Scintillation counter, radioisotopes and their application in biology, Radiation dosimetry, Carbon dating.
4. Model Membrane and dynamics
5. Nanotechnology – Characteristics of nanoparticles and application.

## **Paper ZOO103, Group A. Animal Physiology**

### **1. Animal Nutrition:**

- BMR
- Role of vitamins in metabolism
- Physiological roles of minerals – Na, K, Ca & P.

### **2. Blood, Circulation and Respiration**

- Haemopoiesis, haemoglobin, blood groups, haemodynamics.
- Regulation of blood volume and blood pressure, haemostasis.
- Respiratory response to extreme conditions like hypoxia & diving.
- Body oxygen stores –blood, muscle and pulmonary.
- Oxyhaemoglobin and Myoglobin; Oxygen dissociation curve.

### **3. Cardiovascular System:**

- Cardiac cycle,
- Electrical and mechanical properties of myogenic and neurogenic hearts;
- Heart as a pump; regulation of heart pumping;
- Neural and chemical regulation of excitation & conduction in heart;
- Frank-Starling mechanism;
- Principle of ECG.

### **4. Thermoregulation:**

- Body temperature and determinants of body heat – production and loss.
- Physiological events for thermoregulation; counter-current system.
- Thermal biology of ectotherms, heterotherms and endotherms.

## **Paper ZOO103, Group B. Biotechnology & Techniques and Bioinstrumentation**

### **A. Molecular Biotechnology**

- a) Recombinant DNA technology
- b) Restriction Endonuclease
- c) Production of recombinant DNA molecule
- d) Cloning Vector
- e) Amplification by PCR
- f) DNA finger printing and its application

### **B. Environmental Biotechnology**

- a) Bioremediation
- b) *In situ* bioremediation
- c) *Ex situ* bioremediation
- d) Bioremediation of Xenobiotic components and hydrocarbons
- e) Phytoremediation
- f) Cryopreservation; Integration of different rural biotechnological tools

### **C. Techniques and Bioinstrumentation**

- a) Principles and application of gel-filtration, ion-exchange and Affinity Chromatography, Thin layer and Gas Chromatography- MS.
- b) Basic Principles of Electrophoresis, Agarose Gel Electrophoresis, SDS-PAGE, Cell fractionation, Ultracentrifugation, Southern Blotting Hybridization, Western Blotting Hybridization.
- c) Flow Cytometry, 2D Gel Electrophoresis, FISH, FTIR.

## **Paper ZOO104, Group A. Cytogenetics**

### **1. Genetic Fine structure:**

Classical vs. molecular concept of the gene, the CIS-TRANS or complementation test for functional allelism, Fine structure of the phage T4 rII locus, Complementation mapping.

### **2. Conjugation in Bacteria:** F factor, episomes, Hfr, integration of F factor, Interrupted mating Experiment.

### **3. The Molecular Basis of Mutation:**

Chemically induced mutation – Base analogs, Nitrous Acid, Acridines, Alkylating & hydroxylating agents, Radiation induced mutation- Ultraviolet radiation DNA repair mechanisms.

### **4. Tumor Inducing Viruses – Viral Oncogenes.**

Life Cycle of Rous Sarcoma Virus, RV genome organization, mechanism of integration, formation of transducing retroviruses, protein products of protooncogene, Oncoproteins regulate gene expression and signal transduction Cancer induction by Retroviruses.

### **5. Genetic structure of Populations -**

Genotypic frequencies, Allelic Frequencies, the Hardy Weinberg Law, calculation of genotypic and allelic frequencies where multiple alleles are present, derivation the Hardy-Weinberg Law

## **Paper ZOO104, Group B. Immunology**

1.
  - a) Cells and organs involved in Immune System.
  - b) Types of Immunity
2.
  - a) Antigenicity and Immunogenicity
  - b) Concept of Epitope, Paratope, Agreptope
  - c) Hapten, Adjuvants
3.
  - a) Origin and maturation of T and B lymphocyte
  - b) Humoral and cell mediated Immune Response
  - c) T-cell subpopulation
4.
  - a) Antigen processing and presentation
  - b) Major Histocompatibility Complex (MHC) Mechanism of immune response and generation of immunological diversity
5.
  - a) Structure and function of Immunoglobulin (Ig) and its Isotypes.
  - b) Enzymatic activity on Ig molecule.
6. Applied Immunology:-
  - a) ELISA
  - b) Southern blotting hybridization
  - c) Western blotting hybridization
  - d) Immunohistochemistry

## ZOO105, Practical Paper

1. **Identification** of common Invertebrate and Vertebrate taxa
2. **Anatomy** of Invertebrate and Vertebrate specimens
  - a) Grasshopper - Reproductive system/ Nervous system
  - b) Cockroach – Stomatogastric Nervous system
  - c) Achatina – Reproductive system & Nervous system
  - d) Bony fish - Vth, VIIth cranial nerves
3. **Study of** - pecten of *Gallus*, head kidney of fish, bursa fabricius, mouth parts of cockroach, otolith of fish.
4. **Cell Biology**- Identification of different stages of cell division and cell organelle.  
Mitochondrial Staining
5. **Biophysics**
  - a. Role of buffer in living cell
  - b. Stress analysis by biophysical method

## ZOO106, Practical Paper

1. **Animal Physiology:** i) Estimation of pH and its impact on plankton.  
ii) Observation of gut movement in frog/rat/fish under hypoxia using Dali's apparatus
2. **Biotechnology & Techniques and Bioinstrumentation**
3. **Cytogenetics:**
  - a. Life cycle of *Drosophila*.
  - b. Analysis and interpretation of genetic crosses with special reference to *Drosophila*
  - c. Study of polytene chromosome of *Drosophila*.
4. **Immunology:**
  - d. Study of macrophage.
  - e. Study of phagocytosis.
  - f. Determination of human blood group

## SEMESTER II

### Paper ZOO201, Group A. Biosystematics

1. **Microtaxonomy:**

Phenon, Taxon, Category, type; stages of taxonomy; Aims and tasks of Taxonomists; Importance of taxonomy in Biology.

2. **Macrotaxonomy:**

Theory and practice of Biological classification; Basic principles, Rules for the classification of organisms, Identification criteria, Taxonomic characters, Classification and phylogeny, Is classification a Theory? The functions of a classification.

3. **Concept of Species:**

Typological species concept, Nominalistic species concept, Biological species concept, Evolutionary species concept; other kinds of species; Polytypic species, Subspecies, Intraspecies and Superspecies.

4. **Newer Systematics:**

Morphological approach, Immature stages and Embryological approach, Ecological approach, Behavioural approach, Ecological approach, Behavioural approach, Cytological approach, Biochemical approach, Numerical systematics, Differential systematics.

5. **Molecular Systematics**

Immunological aspect, chromatographic aspect, Electrophoresis, Infrared spectrophotometry, Histochemical studies, genetic complement, DNA hybridization, Karyological studies.

6. **Macromolecular & Micromolecular Systematics:** based on DNA, RNA, Protein, amino acids, fatty acids and phenols.

7. **Role of Systematics in applied Biology:**

Agriculture & Forestry, Biological control, wild life management, National defence, Environmental problems, soil fertility, Mineral prospecting, Quarantine measure, Commercial application.

8. **Systematics and Public Health Management**

## **Paper ZOO201, Group B. Ecology**

### **1. System Ecology**

Biosphere and Ecosphere; Types of food web : Connectedness, energy and functional webs; Features of food web – nodes, links, linkage density, connectance, chain length; cybernetic nature of ecosystem; stability through feedback control and through redundancy of components; resistance and resilience stability, Gaia hypothesis.

Macroecology: concept and consequences. Causes of higher abundance of species in tropics and small bodied animals. Principles of Thermodynamics, energy flow and ecological energetic; Secondary succession; Evolutionary convergence and ecological equivalence.

### **2. Population Ecology**

Survivorship; Life table, fertility schedule. Reproductive strategies; semelparity, iteroparity, r & k strategies, population interactions- direct and indirect, positive and negative. Lotka-volterra model of competition and predator-prey interaction. Causes of extinction and endangerment of populations. Anthropogenic impact on species extinction, habitat destruction and fragmentation, introduction of exotic species.

### **3. Community and Ecosystem**

Structure of biotic community. Community patterns: diversity and stability. Community boundary: Ecotone and edge types, Edge effect and edge species, Edge/Area ratio in relation to size, shape and fragmentation of habitat. Organismic and individualistic concepts of community. Leibig's Law of tolerance.

### **4. Habitat Ecology**

Habitat and niche: spatial, trophic and multi-dimensional niche concepts, fundamental and realized niche, niche breadth and niche overlap. Competitive exclusion: experimental and natural evidence. Keystone species. Foundation species. Species abundance hypothesis. Ecological guilds and ecological equivalents.

### **5. Evolutionary Ecology:** Evolution in a variable environment- Bet-Hedging strategies.

ESS models for the evolution of parental care. Hamilton's role and limitations of inclusive fitness model. Handicap principle and evolutionary stability of signals. Optimal foraging model.

## Paper ZOO202, Group A. Biochemistry

1. **Stablizing** interactions (Van der Waals, electrostatic, hydrogen bonding, hydrophobic interaction)
2. **Protein Conformation:** Primary, secondary, tertiary and quaternary structures; Ramachandran plot; domains; motif and folds.
3. **Enzymes:** Enzyme kinetics, Michaelis-Menton equation, hyperbolic and Lineweaver-Burke plot; co-enzymes and Cofactor; competitive and non-competitive inhibitor and their effects on enzyme kinetics; Active site of an enzyme; Enzyme regulation, allosteric modification, its kinetics, covalently modulated enzymes.
4. **Biological Oxidation:** Redox potential, mitochondrial electron carriers, the respiratory chain (electron transport chain); Mitchell's chemiosmotic theory of oxidative phosphorylation; FoF, ATPase
5. **Lipid Metabolism:** denovo synthesis of fatty acids, microsomal fatty acid elongase & desaturase systems; oxidation of saturated fatty acids and unsaturated fatty acids.
6. **Protein metabolism:** deamination, transamination, ammonotelism, ureotelism, uricotelesim, formation of urea, formation of specialized products from amino acids: catecholamine, serotonin, melatonin, glutathione, T<sub>3</sub>, T<sub>4</sub>.
7. **Carbohydrate metabolism:** anabolic role of TCA cycle, integration of carbohydrate, fat and protein metabolism. Regulation of Glucolysis TCA cycle, Gluconeogenesis, Pentose phosphate pathway, Glycogenesis, glycogenolysis with special reference to rate limiting steps.

## Paper ZOO202, Group B. Parasitology

1. a) Types of Parasites and hosts.  
b) Basic concept of Parasitism, symbiosis, phoresis, commensalisms and mutualism.
2. Molecular, cellular and physiological basis of host-parasite interactions.
3. Life cycle and immunology of *Plasmodium falciparum*, African Trypanosomiasis.
4. Epidemiology and transmission of parasitic diseases. Malaria, Kalazar, Filaria.
5. a) Zoonosis and Zoonotic diseases with special reference to Balantidiasis, Giardiasis, Filariasis and Paragonimiasis.  
b) Life cycle and biology of *Leishmania*, *Schistosoma*.
6. Structure and composition of helminthes cuticle.
7. Vector biology with special reference to mosquito/Sand fly/ticks.

## **Paper ZOO203, Group A. Molecular Biology**

### **1. DNA Replication:**

Role of Topoisomerase, Enzymes involved in DNA synthesis, Molecular model of DNA replication: initiation of replication, Semidiscontinuous DNA replication, structure of oriC, Bidirectional replication.

### **2. The Transcription Process –**

Role of RNA polymerase in prokaryotes initiation of transcription at Promoters, elongation and termination of an RNA Chain.

### **3. The Genetic Code:**

Three nucleotides per codon, Deciphering the Code, Degeneracy and Wobble, Universality of the Code, Initiation and Termination codons.

### **4. Protein Synthesis**

Charging tRNA, initiation of translation; role of initiation factors, Elongation: binding of Aminoacyl tRNA, peptide bond formation and translocation. Termination of translocation.

### **5. Regulation of Gene Expression in Prokaryotes:**

The Operon Model; lac, an inducible Operon, Positive Control of the lac Operon by CAP and Cyclic AMP. Repressible operon, Gene organization of the Tryptophan biosynthesis gene, Regulation of the trp operon.

## **Paper ZOO203, Group B. Histochemistry**

1. Fixation
2. Dye and Staining
3. Histochemical methods for nucleic acids
4. Enzyme histochemistry – Acid phosphatase and alkaline phosphatase activity
5. Immunohistochemistry – Fluorescence Markers, ABC and Colloidal Gold methods.

## **Paper ZOO204, Group A. Wildlife diversity and environmental management**

- a) Wildlife diversity and distribution in India – Mammals, Avifauna and Reptiles; IUCN threatened categories.
- b) Threatened wildlife in India with special reference to Eastern India.
- c) Root causes of depletion of wildlife wealth.
- d) Wildlife conservation strategies-

Protected areas-National Parks, Sanctuaries, Biosphere Reserve; Cores and Buffer; Nodes and Corridor.

- e) Management of wildlife-Taxonomic Status, Distribution, Habitat Utilization Patterns, Threats and conservation of Mask Deer; Vultures; Olive Ridley turtle.
- f) Tools and Techniques-

PRA methods ; Molecular Techniques; Tele satellite images; Radio coloring ; Peoples Participation; Ground truth Assessment-Pugmarks, Call counts, Capture-Recapture.

Wild life trades, Crimes, Laws & Ethics.

- g) Environment –different relevant terminology.
- h) Environmental Management-Basic steps Sustainability, Ecomonitoring Impact Assessment.
- i) Pollution-Types: Mode of action and Environmental Consequences; Global Scenario.
- j) Conservation Biology –different concepts and approaches.

## **Paper ZOO204, Group B. Bioinformatics**

1. **Basics of computers.**
2. Internet: Webpages, Internet protocols, Search engines, Subject Directories etc.
3. **Biological Database management systems:**
  - a. Nucleic acid sequences databases
  - b. Genome databases (e.g. Human Genome Project)
  - c. Protein sequence and structure databases
  - d. Literature databases
4. Importance of Bioinformatics.
5. Introduction to Data archiving systems (FASTA format, Accession number)
6. **Applications of bioinformatics:**
  - a. Data retrieval systems: data query and data mining (Pubmed, Entrez), Sequence retrieval system (SRS) and protein identification resource (PIR).
  - b. Molecular sequence analysis software packages and tools, Sequence alignments (Pairwise & multiple alignment)
  - c. Molecule structure: domains, folds and motif analysis.
  - d. Evolutionary study with Phylogenetic trees

## Paper ZOO205, Practical Paper

1. **Biosystematics:** Preparation of taxonomic key
2. **Ecology:**
  - a. Estimation of primary productivity in aquatic ecosystems
  - b. Measurement of intensity of light – using Lux meter.
  - c. Estimation of transparency of water
  - d. Estimation of textural composition of soil
  - e. Determination of the minimum size and number of quadrat – Species area curve method.
  - f. Study of density, diversity, frequency and abundance of plant population.
3. **Biochemistry:**
  - a. Quantitative estimation of protein- Lowry method or by Folin Ciocalteu reagent.
  - b. Estimation of Glucose by Dinitrosalicylic (DNS) acid reagent.
  - c. Estimation of Fructose by Resorcinol reagent.
  - d. Estimation of DNA by Diphenylamine reagent.
  - e. Detection of reducing sugars by Benedict's, Barfoed's & Fehling's reagents.
  - f. Detection of amino acids by Ninhydrin reaction.
  - g. Determination of  $K_m$  &  $V_{max}$  of enzymes Amylase and/or Alkaline phosphatase.  
Preparation of Progress Curve of the above mentioned enzymes.
4. **Field report & viva**

Bioecological observations under different habitats of animals.

## Paper ZOO206, Practical Paper

### 1. Parasitology:

- a. Smear preparation and staining of rectal content of *Bufo* sp.
- b. Preparation and staining of blood parasite from pigeon blood.
- c. Identification:

*Plasmodium* sp., *Leishmania* sp., *Ascaris* sp., *Fasciola* sp., *Paramphistomum* sp.,  
*Anopheles* sp., *Culex* sp., *Columbicola* sp., *Pediculus* sp., *Cimex* sp.

### 2. Molecular Biology:

- a. Isolation & purification of DNA from tissue.
- b. Principle & method of Agarose Gel Electrophoresis

### 3. Histochemistry

- a) Microanatomy and tissue identification
- b) Measurement of cell diameter by OCM and SM.
- c) Histochemical demonstration of glycogen/ DNA/ RNA in a tissue/ cell
- d) Histochemical demonstration of enzyme in a invertebrate/ vertebrate blood cells/ tissue sections

## SEMESTER III

### Paper ZOO301, Group A. Entomology

1. **The importance, diversity and conservation of insects** – Insect biodiversity, uniqueness and adaptability, insect conservation. Insect for food and silk – prospects and problems of sericulture in drought prone lateritic tracts of South West Bengal, India.
2. **General characters and classification of Insects up to order** - Insect's head, capsule, antennae, legs, wings, digestive system with special emphasis to midgut, filter chamber and peritrophic membrane; integument, Insects' neuro-endocrine system – components, chemical structure of hormones and functions; molting and metamorphosis, insects' egg-type, hatching, growth, development, diapause and aestivation.
3. **Biology, nature of damage and control of Insects' pests** - Jute, cashew, betel vine and stored grains; Integrated approach to pest management.
4. **Aquatic insects** – Diversity of freshwater and marine insects, Adaptation – water balance; Importance for environmental monitoring.
5. **Insect behaviour** - Pheromones – Structure of pheromone glands; types and functions; biochemical synthesis of pheromones. Bioluminescence – Light producing organs, Mechanism of light production, Control and significance of light production.
6. **Insects and Plants** – Insect plant interaction and co-evolutionary interactions between plants and animals; Plant chemicals and their effect on insects; Pollination by insects; Organic compounds and their biosynthesis pathways in insects

## **Paper ZOO301, Group B. Ecotoxicology**

### **1. Xenobiotics**

General idea of Xenobiotics and their Physical & Chemical Properties; Corrosive, Metabolic, Neurotoxic, Mutagenic & Carcinogenic toxins; Characteristics of toxin, Route of Entry, Mechanism of Action.

### **2. Toxicity test & bioassay**

LC<sub>50</sub>, LD<sub>50</sub>, Dose response curve; Biotransformation, Bioaccumulation & Biomagnification of Xenobiotics in food chain; Hazardous heavy metals and their toxicity and probable antidotes; Elementary idea on Chelation therapy.

### **3. Aquatic Toxicology**

A short history of Aquatic toxicology, The aquatic environment, Factors affecting the Environmental Contraction of Chemicals, Toxicological Concept and Principles, Factors influence Toxicity, Toxic agents and their effects, concentration – Response Relationships, toxicity testing, Biomonitoring Toxicity data and Environmental regulation.

### **4. Immunotoxicology**

Immunology – Defensive responses, Immunological methodology; Immunotoxicology – Effects of classes of Toxicants.

### **5. Environmental Genotoxicology**

Basic mechanism of DNA damage, Analytical techniques, In situ Environmental Genotoxicity studies with Aquatic species, potential value of Environmental genotoxicity.

## **Paper ZOO302, Group A. Evolution & Adaptation**

1. Neo-Darwinism
  - a. Hardy-Weinberg law of genetic equilibrium
  - b. A detailed account of destabilizing forces: (i) Natural selection (ii) Mutation (iii) Genetic drift (iv) Migration
2. Molecular phylogenetics
  - a. Construction of phylogenetic trees
  - b. Phylogenetic inference-Distance methods, parsimony methods, maximum likelihood method
  - c. Immunological techniques
  - d. Amino acid sequences and phylogeny
  - e. Nucleic acid phylogeny, DNA-DNA hybridizations, restriction enzyme sites, nucleotide sequence comparisons and homologies
3. Oxidative stress. Cellular response. Free radicals and anti-oxidants.
4. Adaptation
  - a) Homeostasis, Feedback control systems
  - b) Conformity and Regulation

## Paper ZOO303, Group A. Genetics

### Sex-chromosome inheritance

- Chromosomal Determination of Sex
- X-linked inheritance
- Pedigree characteristics of Human
- X-linked inheritance
- Nondisjunction as proof of the chromosome theory of heredity
- Chromosome theory of Heredity
- Sex Determination in *Drosophila*

### Probability in the prediction of progeny distributions

- Using the binomial distribution in genetics

### Testing goodness of fit to a genetic hypothesis

- The Chi-Square Method

### Genetic Linkage and Chromosome Mapping

#### Linkage and recombination of genes in a chromosome

- The Chi-square test for linkage
- Each pair of linked genes has a characteristics frequency of recombination

#### Genetic Mapping

- Map distance and frequency of recombination
- Crossing –over
- Recombination between genes results from a physical exchange between chromosomes

#### Genetic Mapping in a Three-Point Testcross

- Chromosome Interference in a double crossovers
- Genetic Mapping Functions
- Genetic Map Distance and physical distance

#### Genetics of Bacteria and their Viruses

- Bacterial Genetics
- Mechanisms of genetic Exchange

#### Conjugation

- Cointegrate formation and Hfr cells
- Time-of-entry Mapping
- F' Plasmids

#### Transduction

- The Phage Lytic Cycle
- Generalized transduction

#### Lysogeny and Specialized Transduction

- Site- specific recombination and Lysogeny
- Specialized Transduction

## **Paper ZOO303, Group B. Haematology**

1. Haemopoetic tissues: Structure & function [Annelida/ Arthropoda/ Mollusca; Chordata (Class-Fish/mammals)]
2. Blood cells: Structure & function
3. Red cell abnormalities: (Anemia: Introduction, Classification, Iron deficiency anemia & other hypochromic, microcytic anemia)
4. White cells and their disorders: Acute leukemia/ Chronic myeloid leukemia/ Chronic Lymphocytic leukemia
5. Physiology of coagulation & Haemostasis (Congenital bleeding disorders/ Acquired bleeding disorders/ Congenital platelet disorders/Acquired platelet disorders/ Thrombophilic disorders)

## **Special Paper: Ecology**

### **Paper ZOO304, Group A. Biodiversity, Wildlife and Animal Behaviour**

- Biodiversity - Utility and concept. CBD, Megadiversity countries, biodiversity hotspots, Estimating biodiversity, biodiversity indices. Conservation of biodiversity. IUCN Red List Category Version 3.1; IUCN categories of Protected Areas. Biodiversity convention, criteria for measuring conservation value of areas. Ex-situ conservation of animals; captive breeding; species reintroduction, species translocation; population reinforcement; In-situ conservation-conserving ecosystem function and management.
- Wildlife Ecology – Diversity & Distribution of major Wildlife in India. Wildlife Habitat management for conservation. Size and design of of Natural Reserves. Wildlife crime. Concept of Biome. Social forestry: Joint Forest management- Arabari concept.
- Conservation Status - Critically Endangered Vertebrates of India with special reference to West Bengal. Distribution, endemicity, habitat utilization pattern, threats to survival and conservation strategies of Amphibia, Olive Ridley turtle, Woodpecker, Vulture and Elephant.

- Endemic Wild Avifauna –Categories of birds in respect of different habitats. Distribution, habitat preference, migration, biology, threats to survival, conservation strategy of Woodpeckers, Vulture and Great Indian Bustard. Wetland and forest as complementary habitats for the conservation of Avifauna.
- Tools and techniques for wildlife census and survey: Transects – line and point transects, counting roosts and flocks, counting leks and migrants; Radio telemetry, Capture – recapture, Band recovery, Radio-tagging, pugmark census.
- Remote sensing and GIS: Digital imagery and Image Processing; basic idea of GIS and GPS (Spectral reflectance) and their application in wildlife conservation.
- **Animal behavior:** Types of behavior - Innate and Learned behavior. Role of behavioural study in animal conservation. Motivation-homeostasis and hyperphagia; Biological rhythms- Foraging behavior; Avoiding predation. Reproductive behavior- Mating types, Sex ratio: causes of tilt in operational sex ratio. Sexual selection. Male rivalry, female choice, epigamic qualities, Hypotheses explaining sexual selection. Sexual dimorphism. Territoriality, home range, communication and signaling (courtship display and calling behavior), man-animal conflict with special reference to elephant.

## Paper ZOO304, Group B. Aquatic Ecology

1. **Water as resource** - types and distribution; past changes and present status; Hydrological cycles – different phases, factors contributing to degradation of water quality and management. **Socio-Ecohydrological balancing:** Sustainable water management- surface & groundwater relationships; Base flow, porosity, permeability, transmissivity and storativity.
2. **Structure and function of aquatic ecosystems and their management : -**
  - a) Conservation strategies of river, floodplains, lakes, freshwater wetlands, salt marsh and coastal dunes – in respect of climate change.
  - b) **Marine Ecosystem:** Origin, extent and zonation of sea, physical properties and physical processes, chemical composition, behaviour and fate, biological components and their interactions.
  - c) **Coastal Ecosystem:** Definition, extent and types, zonation and geomorphological features, significance, human induced problems, global and marine diversity, integrated coastal zone management.
  - d) **Estuarine Ecosystem:** Definition, classification, structure – biotic assemblage and their interactions, function.
  - e) **Mangrove Ecosystem:** Definition; speciality of this ecosystem; structure and function with special reference to Sundarbans, India; Problems and Management.
  - f) **Coral Ecosystem:** Definition, types and distribution, speciality with regard to biodiversity, productivity and ecosystem functioning, problems and management.
  - g) **Wetland Ecosystem:** Definition, distribution, causal factors, wetland classification, zonation and succession, significance and values, Ramsar sites in India.
  - h) **River Ecosystem:** Fluvial hydrosystem approach; catchment size and drainage basin from selected major rivers, hydrochemical dynamics, biological productivity, human impacts and management perspective.
3. **Wastewater management** – types, source, physical-chemical properties, recycling and bioremediations.

4. **Aquatic biota, types and trophic interactions** – Macrophytes, phytoplankton, zooplankton, periphyton, benthos and nekton.
5. Threats to Marine Biological Diversity – nutrient over-enrichment and consequences of bioinvasions. Global marine diversity and threats to fishes (finfishes and shellfishes), marine mammals, seabirds and sea turtles, invertebrates and plants – conservation biology – the global strategy.

### **Special Paper: Fishery**

#### **Paper ZOO304, Group A. Fish taxonomy and Fish Biology**

1. Classification of fishes
2. Fish nutrition and growth
3. Fish reproduction and development
4. Fish endocrinology
5. Fish migration

#### **Paper ZOO304, Group B. Limnology and Oceanography**

1. Inland water bodies and biotic community of lentic & lotic systems
2. Lakes
3. Geographical, physical, chemical and biological oceanography
4. Marine biodiversity conservation
5. Sources, dispersion mechanisms and Biological impacts of pollutants in the sea.

## **Special Paper: Genetics & Molecular Biology**

### **Paper ZOO304, Group A. Genetics**

**1. Organisation of the eukaryotic genome:**

Nucleosome structure, Chromatin remodeling, Histone modification-acetylation, methylation, Centromeric & Telomeric DNA, Epigenetics, Apoptosis.

**4. Mechanism of RNA Splicing & Transcription of rRNA gene:**

Production of Mature mRNA in Eukaryotes, 5' and 3' mRNA, RNA editing, transcription of rRNA genes. Self splicing reaction.

**2. Mechanism of Crossing Over:**

The holliday model of Crossing over, The Meselson-Radding Model of Recombination, The Double-Strand-Break repair Model of Recombination.

**4. Sex determination and Dosage compensation in Mammals and Drosophila:**

Primary and Secondary sex determination in mammals. The Y chromosome sex determinant; Sry, Sox 9 gene product, role of DAX 1 gene, hormonal regulation of the sexual phenotype, Mechanism of sex determination in Drosophila; role of *sxl* gene, transformer gene and double sex protein.

## Paper ZOO304, Group B. Molecular Biology

### 1. DNA repair mechanism

Mechanism of DNA mutation, Repair mechanism, Base excision repair, Mismatch Repair, Error prone repair. Recombination repair in *E.coli*

### 2. Signal Transduction pathway

G-protein, Receptor tyrosine kinase, Intracellular receptors, Signal transduction through second messengers, cAMP dependent pathway, IP<sub>3</sub>/DAG pathway, MAPK pathway  
Mechanism of Steroid hormone action.

### 3. Transposable Genetic Element:

IS element: its property and transposition, Non-composite and Composite Transposition. Cointegration model for transposition. The AC-DC Controlling elements in Corn, Hybrid dysgenesis and P elements in *Drosophila*. Sleeping Beauty model of transposon. Retroposons.

### 4. Genetics of Cancer

Cell transformation & tumorigenesis, Oncogenes, Tumor suppressor genes, Genomic instability, Epigenetic modification, Angiogenesis & Metastasis, Current therapies.

### 5. Epigenetics and genome imprinting - DNA methylation in mammals, genomic imprinting in mammals, germ line and pluripotent stem cells, epigenetic control of lymphopoiesis, nuclear transplantation and the reprogramming of the genome. epigenetics and human disease, epigenetic determinants of cancer.

### 6. Gene Therapy

Methods of Gene targeting, ex vivo and in- vivo therapy, Stem cell therapy. siRNA and miRNA basics, regulation of transcription and translation of proteins by miRNA.

**Transgenesis:** transgenic animal and plants and their application.

## **ZOO305: Practical Paper**

### **1. Entomology**

- a. Method of collection and preservation of insects
- b. Study of the behavioural modification of legs in honey bee.
- c. Entomological comments on common Pests, Aquatic insects, Insects of medical and economical importance. Galls & Seed cocoon
- d. Mounting of sting apparatus & coupling device of Honey bee.

### **2. Ecotoxicology:**

- a. Dose response curve
- b. Lethal dose estimation
- c. MATC in a fish species
- d. Lethal dose50 mortality curve

### **3. Microbiology:**

- a. Staining and identification of bacteria, endospores, etc. from a culture media.
- b. Different methods of staining: Gram staining, Negative and differential staining.
- c. Preparation of different culture media with Sterilization techniques.
- d. Inoculation of microbes to respective culture media through proper culture methods.
- e. Enumeration of Coliform bacteria using multiple tube fermentation method.

## **ZOO306: Special Practical Paper**

### **Ecology Special**

#### **Biodiversity, Wildlife and Animal Behaviour & Aquatic Ecology**

1. Preparation of Climograph
2. Estimation of transparency, TSS, TDS, conductivity, hardness, salinity and alkalinity of water.
3. Estimation of N, P, K content of water.
4. Basic principle pertaining to acid digestion for the estimation of heavy metals in water sample.
5. Ecological comments on major biotic components in Aquatic system
6. Recording/documentation and submission of terrestrial / aquatic faunal components in and around University campus – (Collection, preservation, identification and analysis of aquatic biota – phytoplankton, zooplankton, benthos, periphyton, aquatic insects, nekton and macrophytes).
7. Applicability of GPS/GIS in recording bioresources and mapping of landscape.
8. Submission of Laboratory notebook.
9. Viva-voce

### **Paper ZOO306. Practical**

#### **Fishery Special**

1. Identification of Indian fish fauna
2. Identification of fish food organism/ artificial fish food
3. Dissection – Urinogenital system of Tilapia, ARO of catfishes, Weberian ossicles of IMCs.
4. Fecundity estimation

### **Paper ZOO306. Practical**

#### **Practical Special Paper Genetics & Molecular Biology:**

1. Probability in Mendelian Inheritance
  - a. Chi-square, degree of freedom, test for Independence (contingency Chi square),
  - b. Homogeneity Chi-square, Independent Assortment and probability(binomial expansion)
2. Preparation of mitotic metaphase chromosome of rat.
3. Plasmid isolation and restriction digestion and Agarose gel electrophoresis.

## SEMESTER IV

### **Paper ZOO401, Group A. Biodiversity, Pollution & Environmental management**

1. **Biodiversity**- concept, International Conventions, Hotspots and Megadiversity countries; IUCN Red List version 3.1. Biodiversity and sustainable resource management; Biomonitoring; types of indicator species; merits and demerits; common indices used in biomonitoring.
2. **Environmental pollution**: Types, natural versus man made; Global scenario.
3. **Air pollution**: Composition of air, zonations of atmosphere; classification, properties/behaviour and fate of air pollutants; properties and role of oxides of nitrogen, and sulphur as air pollutant, green house effect and global warming; photochemical smog, acid rains, effect of pollutants on human health and plants, Noise pollution.
4. **Water pollution**: Classification and behaviour of water pollutants, point and non-point pollution, pollution of water by agricultural wastes (fertilizers and pesticides); sewage, oil, thermal power plants; and eutrophication.
5. **Soil pollution**: Soil pollution through agricultural and solid wastes; soil erosion – types and causative agents; Bioinvasion and its environmental impact; Biosafety and its significance.
6. **Environmental management**: Ecodegradation and pollution; sustainable environmental management; indicators of quality of life. Objectives of conservation; world conservation strategies. Biomonitoring. Green movements; traditional environmental knowledge and people's participation.

## **Paper ZOO401, Group B. Endocrinology and Neurobiology**

1. Basic concept of neuroendocrinology
2. Neuroendocrine glands (Insects and fish) – structure and function
3. Neuroendocrine hormones (growth hormones and prolactin) – sources, properties and mode of action.
4. Sensory organs – Classification and Cytological demonstration (Vision/ smell/ taste)
5. Neural disorder – Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease and Auditory processing disorder

## **Paper ZOO402, Group A. Biostatistics**

- 1. Measures of Central Tendency:**
- 2. Measures of Dispersion**
- 3. Probability distribution:** Normal distributions, Properties and uses of binomial distributions and Poisson's distributions, degrees of freedom.
- 4. Testing of Hypothesis:** Null Hypothesis. Level of significance. Error of interference.
- 5. Analysis of frequencies:** Chi-square test for goodness of fit.
- 6. Correlation and regression:** Properties and types of correlation. Pearson's product-moment correlation coefficient- properties, assumptions, computation from ungrouped data and significance test. Partial and multiple correlations. Regressions- types and models, simple linear regression – assumption, properties and computation. Multiple regression.
- 7. Analysis of Variances:** Types and models of analysis of variances. Assumption for ANOVA. One-way ANOVA- computation and interpretation of F ratio, multiple comparison t-test, Scheffe's multiple comparison f-test.

## Paper ZOO402, Group B. Developmental biology

1. **Induction:** Primary and secondary induction of the organizer, organizer concept, diffusible protein of the organizer. The functioning of Nieuwkoop center
2. **Regeneration:** Regeneration of animals with special emphasis on the process of regeneration in Hydra and Amphibia.
3. **Fertilization:** Molecular mechanism and biochemical changes during the process

## **Special Paper: Ecology**

### **Paper ZOO403, Group A. Systems and Molecular Ecology**

1. **Community Ecology:** Biotic community: Abundance, Frequency, Relative Abundance, Dominance and Dominance index, Species Diversity and Evenness indices.  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  diversity. Species diversity hypotheses, Species diversity in ecological gradient. Metacommunity concept: Metapopulation structure. Fragmentation of habitat. Metacommunity dynamics: empirical examples.
2. **Restoration Ecology:** Definition, Philosophy and rationale for ecorestoration, Ecological restoration and sustainability, Process of ecorestoration – in the context of landscape to species level.
3. **Ecotourism:** Definition, sustainable development and ecotourism, Foundation of ecotourism, Tourism policy, Economics and management issues, merits and demerits.
4. **Microbial ecology:**  
Microbial communities and ecosystems; Positive and negative interaction between microorganisms and ecological implication; Microbes in nitrogen and carbon cycling; Microbes in fuel and biogas production.
5. **Molecular ecology** –Genetically modified organisms and its impact on environment. DNA fingerprinting and its role in Wildlife conservation. Molecular markers, different types and their role in conservation ecology.
6. **Mathematical Ecology:** Basic concept of ecological modeling; Deterministic and Stochastic models; Theoretical model and analytical solution. - Patterns of Spatial distribution - Random, contagious and regular, coefficient of dispersion. Index of similarity and index of association.
7. **System structure and function:**
  - a. Physiography of freshwater ecosystems, stratification, distributions and mixing patterns. Dynamics of light, oxygen and nutrient content.
  - b. Ecological processes in Tropical forest ecosystem - Vertical stratification of plants and animals. Production and nutrient cycling. Leaf litter decomposition. Types of humus

## Paper ZOO404, Group B. Human Ecology

- 1. Global Environmental Issues:** Nature, Culture and Environmental changes, Agent and processes. Global warming – climate change; Acid rain; Stratospheric ozone layer destruction; Thermal Inversion – Smog, Point and Non-point pollution – fertilizers and pesticides. Global Climate change, Sustainable Development, Biodiversity. Global environmental changes in terrestrial and aquatic systems. Darwin's earthworms, Hypercycles in ecology; Biomass and Gaia. Carbon sequestration and landscape change. The role of life: from geochemical cycles to biogeochemical cycles. The co-evolution of plants and CO<sub>2</sub>.
- 2. Solid waste recycling:** Agriculture, Municipal, Biomedical Wastes – nature, source, environmental impact and management. Wastes in ecosystems and management-urban waste, industrial waste, agricultural waste, radioactive waste, medical waste- effects and control.
- 3. Environmental Management and Acts:** Environmental Impact Assessment: Definition; Types of EIA, EIA process and methodologies – scoping, prediction, evaluation, mitigation and monitoring; Socioeconomic impact assessment; EIA Notification. Environmental Management System, Ecomark; Steps of Management, Environmental Acts of India and their effectiveness.
- 4. Urbanization:** Urban environment – criteria and its present global status, major environmental problems of cities. Urban impact on air and water environment, on biodiversity, agriculture; Indoor Pollution – characteristic of indoor environment, common indoor pollutants, their sources and mode of action; Effect of urbanization on biodiversity.
- 5. Wasteland and watershed management:** Concept – integrated process and mechanism of wasteland restoration and watershed management; Soil erosion – types and factors.

## **Special Paper: Fishery**

### **Paper ZOO403, Group A. Aquaculture and Fish Technology**

1. Aquaculture – Problems and prospects in India
2. Integrated fish farming system and fish breeding
3. Fishing methods, harvesting, by-products and export
4. Fish disease
5. Fisheries planning, economics and extension

### **Paper ZOO403, Group B. Inland and Marine fisheries**

1. Inland and marine resources, problems and potentials
2. Estuarine and coastal fishery
3. Remote sensing and GIS
4. Reservoir fishery
5. Sewage fed fishery

## **Special Paper: Genetics**

### **Paper ZOO403, Group A.**

#### **Recombinant DNA and Molecular Analysis**

**1. DNA Markers in Genetic Analysis:**

Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphism (RFLP), Tandem Nucleotide Repeat Marker, PCR based markers, Random Amplified Polymorphic DNA (RAPD), Amplification of DNAs by the polymerase Chain reaction and variations, Real time PCR.

**2. Protein blotting and Fluorescency:**

Western Blotting techniques for the analysis of Proteins. Mechanism of Fluorescence and Phosphorescence, Fluorescence spectroscopy. In situ localization by FISH.

**3. DNA and RNA Sequencing:**

Southern Blotting and Analysis of DNAs, Analysis of RNA by Northern Blot; Sanger Dideoxy Sequencing, Second generation sequencing- pyrosequencing.

**4. Recombinant DNA, Plasmid Cloning Vectors:**

Restriction Endonuclease & Methylases, Recombination of DNA fragments, Plasmid cloning vector and expression vectors; Linker DNA, Homopolymer tailing, Blunt end ligation, Shotgun Cloning, cDNA cloning, cDNA microarray, T-A cloning.

## **Paper ZOO403, Group B. Applied Genetics**

### **1. Genes & Immunity:**

Antibody Genes & diversity, The IGKC (k light Chain) gene, The ICLC 1 (lambda light Chain) gene, The IGHG 1 (heavy Chain) gene,  
Autoimmune disease, Immune deficiencies,  
Antibodies as tools in Genetics Research – Monoclonal Antibody, Immunofluorescence

### **2. Metagenomics:**

Introduction - from genomics to metagenomics, global impact of metagenomics; Approaches to metagenomics analysis, 16S rRNA microarray (phylochip), sequence base analysis, functional based analysis, gene expression system, single cell analysis; data management and bioinformatics challenges of metagenomics, the importance of metadata, databases for metagenomics data, software, analysis of metagenomics sequence data.

### **3. The Human Genome Initiative:**

Human Chromosome mapping, Human Genome Sequencing and data management.

### **4. Gene silencing mechanism, Protein array, Gene chip, Protein Sequencing and peptide characterization (MALDI-TOF)**

## **Paper ZOO404. Practical**

### **1. Biodiversity, Pollution & Environmental management**

- f. Qualitative and quantitative estimation of soil and aquatic biodiversity.
- g. Basic principles for the estimation of heavy metals.
- h. BOD and COD estimation.

### **2. Biostatistics**

- a. Chi square test for goodness of fit with a Mendelian frequency distribution.
- b. Computation and significance test of product – moment  $r$  between two continuous measurement variables.
- c. Computation of simple linear regression.
- d. Computation of variance ratio (F) and multiple comparison of Scheffe's F test for one-way anova and their interpretation.
- e. Significance of observed sex ratios using binomial distribution.

### **3. Developmental biology**

- a. Extraction and identification of different stages of chick embryos (24 hours, 48 hours and 72 hours)
- b. Histological sectioning and staining of different stages of chick embryo.

### **4. Endocrinology and Neurobiology**

- a. Identification of nerve fibres through silver staining method.
- b. Identification of neural cells by Alcian Blue method.
- c. Demonstration of Electro-olfactometer

## **Paper ZOO405. Practical**

### **Ecology Special**

#### **Systems and Molecular & Human Ecology**

1. Estimation of the degree of faunal similarity and association between species.
2. Estimation of alpha, beta and gamma diversity.
3. Computation of microdistribution pattern for spatial distribution.
4. Analysis of the structure of biotic community: Abundance, Relative abundance, Frequency, Species diversity and Dominance indices. Shannon-Weiner diversity index.
5. Study of impact of pesticides on soil microbes.
6. Vermitechnology and related matter: Analysis of biota from urban waste materials & identification of suitable specimen for vermicomposting.
7. Air pollution monitoring: demonstration of Air sampler and other ecological monitoring
8. Submission of Laboratory notebook.
9. Viva-voce

## **Paper ZOO405. Practical**

### **Fishery Special**

#### **Aquaculture and Fish Technology; Inland & Marine Fishery**

1. Identification of Shellfish, macrophytes and aquatic insects.
2. Physicochemical characteristics of water – salinity, organic carbon, nitrogen, potassium, phosphorus, turbidity and pH.
3. Calculation of - Length weight relationship, gastro-somatic index and gonadosomatic index in IMC.
4. Estimation of muscle protein and lipid from IMC.

## **Paper ZOO405. Practical**

### **Genetics Special**

#### **A. Recombinant DNA & Molecular Analysis**

1. Probability in Mendelian Inheritance
2. Chi-square, degree of freedom, test for Independence (contingency Chi square),
3. Homogeneity Chi-square, Independent Assortment and probability(binomial expansion)
4. Genetic cross

#### **B. Applied Genetics**

1. Thin layer chromatography.
2. DNA isolation and Gel electrophoresis (from human blood and goat liver tissue)
3. Family pedigree analysis for autosomal /sex linked, dominant /recessive trait.
4. Isolation & purification of protein & characterization through SDS-PAGE
5. PCR

## **Practical ZOO406**

### **Special Paper**

1. Dissertation work  
Based on review or experimental work
2. Field work & viva  
Field would be carried out in respect to the syllabus.