

**VIMALA COLLEGE, THRISSUR**  
**(AUTONOMOUS)**

**SYLLABUS FOR M.Sc PROGRAMME**  
**OFFERED BY**  
**THE DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY**

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# SYLLABUS FOR M.Sc ZOOLOGY

(CREDIT SEMESTER SYSTEM)

## CREDIT DISTRIBUTION FOR THEORY COURSES

Semester	Code No. & title of the course	Credits	External weightage	Internal weightage
<b>I</b>	THEORY I Code- VPZO1C01 <b>Biochemistry</b>	4	36	5
	THEORY II Code- VPZO1C02 <b>Biophysics &amp; Biostatistics</b>	4	36	5
	THEORY III Code- VPZO1C03 <b>Systematics &amp; Evolution</b>	4	36	5
<b>II</b>	THEORY IV Code- VPZO2C04 <b>Physiology</b>	4	36	5
	THEORY V Code- VPZO2C05 <b>Ecology &amp; Ethology</b>	4	36	5
	THEORY VI Code- VPZO2C06 <b>Developmental biology &amp; Endocrinology</b>	4	36	5
<b>III</b>	THEORY VII Code- VPZO3C07 <b>Cell &amp; Molecular Biology</b>	4	36	5
	THEORY VIII - Elective Code- VPZO3E11 <b>Fishery Biology I: Taxonomy, Biology, Physiology &amp; Ecology (Offered by the department)</b>	4	36	5
	THEORY VIII - Elective Code- VPZO3E12 <b>Environmental biology-I: Man, Environment &amp; Natural resources</b>	4	36	5

	THEORY XI Code- VPZO3C09 <b>Microbiology and Biotechnology</b>	4	36	5
IV	THEORY X Code- VPZO4C08 <b>Immunology</b>	4	36	5
	THEORY IX - Elective Code- VPZO4E21 <b>Fishery Biology II: Capture &amp; Culture Fisheries (Offered by the department)</b>	4	36	5
	THEORY IX - Elective Code- VPZO4E22 <b>Environmental biology-II: Environmental pollution</b>	4	36	5
	THEORY XII - Elective Code- VPZO4E32 <b>Environmental biology-III: Environmental Conservation</b>	4	36	5

#### CREDIT DISTRIBUTION FOR PRACTICAL COURSES/ PROJECT/ VIVA VOCE

Semester	Code No. & title of the Course	Credits	External Weightage	Internal weightage
I & II	PRACTICAL I Code-VPZO2PL1 <b>Biochemistry, Biophysics &amp; Biostatistics</b>	4	24	5
	PRACTICAL II Code-VPZO2PL2 <b>Physiology, Developmental biology &amp; Endocrinology</b>	4	24	5
	PRACTICAL III Code-VPZO2PL3 <b>Systematics, Evolution, Ecology &amp; Ethology</b>	4	24	5
	PRACTICAL IV Code- VPZO4PL4 <b>Cell &amp; Molecular Biology, Immunology, Microbiology, Biotechnology &amp; Microtechniques</b>	4	24	5

<b>III &amp; IV</b>	PRACTICAL V Code-VPZO4PL5 <b>Fishery Biology I &amp; II</b> (Offered by the department)	4	24	5
	PRACTICAL V Code-VPZO4PL5 <b>Environmental biology I &amp; II</b>	4	24	5
	PRACTICAL VI Code-VPZO4PL6 <b>Fishery Biology III</b> (Offered by the department)	4	24	5
	PRACTICAL VI Code-VPZO4PL6 <b>Environmental biology III</b>	4	24	5
	<b>Project work</b> Code- VPZO4PR	4	24	5
	<b>Viva –voce</b> Code- VPZO4V	4	24	5

Total number of theory courses - 12

Credit for each theory course - 4

Total credits for theory course – 48

Total number of practical courses - 6

Credit for each practical course - 4

Total credits for practical courses – 24

Credits for Project work - 4

Credits for Viva-voce - 4

**Total credits: 80**

#### **EVALUATION SCHEME**

The evaluation scheme for each course contains two parts: viz., internal evaluation and external evaluation.

#### **THEORY**

External examination for theory papers will be conducted at the end of the each semester.

1.Weightage for each core and elective theory course shall be 36 for the external examination and 5 for the internal examination.

2.A minimum of two test papers for each course is to be conducted, of which the best performance shall be counted for internal evaluation.

3.Question paper for external evaluation shall contain 14 short answer questions with one weightage each , 7 short essay questions with two weightage each and 2 essay questions with four weightage each.

4. One seminar for each course is compulsory.

#### **PRACTICAL**

1. External practical examination for first & second semester practicals shall be conducted at end of second semester and the examination for third and fourth semester practicals at the end of fourth semester. Practical courses of the concerned theory courses shall be conducted during the same semester.

2. Weightage for each external examination of core and elective practical courses shall be 24 and the internal weightage shall be 5.

3. Weightage for the external practical examination can be distributed as follows-

**With submission**

Major question (one number) - 8

Minor question (two numbers)- 5 each

Spotters (two numbers) -1 each

Submission- 2

Record - 2

**Total: 24**

**Without submission**

Major (one number) - 8

Minor(two numbers)- 5 each

Spotters (four numbers) -1 each

Record - 2

**Total: 24**

4. No submission is required for the practical in elective course.

5. A candidate has to submit the following at the time of practical examination related to

Practical IV

Whole mount - 4 numbers

Slides: Histology - 4 numbers

Slides: Histochemistry - 2 numbers (To show the presence of carbohydrate and protein. Control not required)

6. Attested Record is compulsory for appearing in the practical examination. The candidate has to submit the field study / tour reports on the day of Practical III and VI.

**PROJECT**

1. Students are required to undertake project work on problems pertaining to any topic included in the syllabi, inclusive of the elective course. The research work on the chosen topic shall be carried out by each student under the supervision of a teacher.

2. Two hours per week under practical work may be allotted during the third and fourth semesters for the project work.

3. The report of the research work shall be submitted by each student in the form of a dissertation which shall be submitted for the evaluation a day prior to the date of viva-voce pertaining to the dissertation.

4. A declaration by the student to the effect that the dissertation submitted by him/ her has not previously been formed the basis for the award of any degree or diploma and a certificate by the supervising teacher to the effect that the dissertation is an authentic record of work carried out by the student under his/ her supervision are to be furnished in the dissertation.

5. Project report should be presented using power point option. Credit given for project is limited to maximum 4 and project and general viva -voce is limited to 4.

6. Criteria for the evaluation of dissertations

Sl.No.	Criteria	Weightage
1	Introduction & review of literature	2

2	Objectives and relevance of the study	3
3	Methodology	4
4	Results	3
5	Discussion and interpretation	4
6	Conclusions	3
7	Involvement of the student	1
8	Style and neatness of the dissertation	1
9	References	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

7. Criteria for the Viva- voce

Sl.No.	Criteria	Weightage
<b>A. Power point presentation of project work</b>		
<b>B.</b>		
1	Quality and correctness of slides	2
2	Time management	2
3	Way of presentation	2
4	Clarity of presentation	3
5	Communication skill	3
6	Answers to questions	4
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>C. General Viva-voce</b>		
1	Knowledge of the student	3
2	Communication	2
3	Answers to questions	3
	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>24</b>

**FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc ZOOLOGY PROGRAMME**  
**THEORY I - BIOCHEMISTRY**  
**Code: VPZO1C01**  
**(90 Hours)**

**SECTION A: CHEMISTRY AND FUNCTIONS OF BIOMOLECULES(36 hrs)**

**1.Introduction(2 hrs)**

- 1.1 Macromolecules and their subunits
- 1.2 Chemical bonds of biomolecules

**2. Carbohydrates(12 hrs)**

2.1 Monosaccharides

Classification with examples

Structure of glucose, fructose, galactose, mannose and ribose

Methods of representation of sugars (Ball & stick, projection formula & perspective formula)

Isomerism - structural isomerism (functional group isomerism) and stereo isomerism (optical isomerism), mention epimer, anomer and enantiomer with examples

Mutarotation

Reactions - Oxidation (by acids, metal hydroxides and  $H_2O_2$ ), dehydration (by acid) and reduction (by alkali), reactions with alanine and phenyl hydrazine

Derivatives - ascorbic acid, acetal and hemiacetal, ketal and hemiketal, glycosides, glycosidic bond and deoxyribose

Biological roles of monosaccharides

2.2 Disaccharides

Structure and biological roles of Maltose, Sucrose, Lactose, Cellobiose and Trehalose

Biosynthesis of trehalose and lactose

2.3 Polysaccharides

Homopolysaccharides - Structure and biological roles of cellulose, starch, glycogen, inulin and chitin

Mode of action of amylase on homopolysaccharides (starch and glycogen)

Heteropolysaccharide - Structure and biological roles of hyaluronic acid, chondroitin, chondroitin sulphate, keratin sulphate, heparin and agar-agar

**3. Proteins(9 hrs)**

3.1 Amino acids

Classification on the basis of

- (a) number of amino and carboxyl group
- (b) the chemical composition of side chain

(c) the polarity of side chain (R)

Amphoteric properties of amino acids

pK value and isoelectric point (pI) of amino acids

Peptide bond and peptides (di, tri, tetra, oligo and polypeptide)

### 3.2 Structure of protein

Primary structure, secondary structure ( $\alpha$ -helix - parallel & antiparallel and  $\beta$  pleated sheet), random coil conformation, tertiary structure, quaternary structure

Brief note on protein domains, motifs, folds and Ramachandran plot

Biological roles of proteins

## 4. Lipids (8 hrs)

### 4.1 Classification of lipids

Simple lipids (fats, oils and waxes)

Compound lipids (phospholipids, glycolipids, lipoproteins and sulpholipids)

Derived lipids

### 4.2 Brief account of the chemistry of sterols, terpenes and carotenoids

### 4.3 Acid number, saponification number, Iodine number, Polenske number and Reichert-Meissl number of lipids

4.4 Biological roles of lipids - as food reserves (storage lipids), structural lipids in membrane, as signals, as co-factors, as pigments, as insulators, as vitamin carriers etc

### 4.5 Prostaglandins - Chemical nature and functions

### 4.6 Fatty acids – definition, essential fatty acids

Classification with examples– Saturated, unsaturated, hydroxyl and cyclic fatty acids

Nomenclature of fatty acids – Geneva system

## 5. Nucleic acids(5 hrs)

### 5.1 Structure of nitrogen bases and nucleotides

### 5.2 Structural organization of DNA (Watson –Crick model)

### 5.3 Characteristic features of A, B, C and ZDNA

### 5.4 Structural organization of t-RNA,

### 5.5 Brief note on micro-RNA

### 5.6 Biological roles of nucleotides and nucleic acids

## SECTION B: ENZYMES(15 hrs)

### 1. Classification- (I.U.B. system)

### 2. Specificity of enzyme action

3. Mechanism of enzyme action- Formation of enzyme substrate complex- Gibbs free energy of activation, Michaelis-Menten theory, Fischer's template theory and Koshland's induced fit theory, electrostatic, hydrogen and Van der Waal's bonds in enzyme-substrate complex

4. Enzyme kinetics - Michaelis-Menten equation, derivation, significance of  $K_m$  and  $V_{max}$  values

### 5. Lineweaver-Burk equation and double reciprocal plot of enzyme reaction

6. Enzyme inhibition – competitive, non-competitive and uncompetitive inhibition (distinguish kinetically), suicide inhibition and feedback inhibition

### 7. Allosteric enzymes – positive and negative modulators

### 8. Iso-enzyme and ribozyme

### 9. Vitamins as coenzymes

### 10. Factors influencing enzyme action



## **SECTION C: BIOENERGETICS(5 hrs)**

- 1.Laws of thermodynamics and biological system, enthalpy, entropy, free energy concept
- 2.Energy of activation, standard free energy change
- 3.Role of ATP as a free energy carrier in the biological system

## **SECTION D: METABOLISM AND BIOSYNTHESIS OF BIOMOLECULES (34 hrs)**

### **1. Carbohydrate metabolism(15 hrs)**

- 1.1 Glycolysis, PFK as pacemaker, Hexokinase conformation and change by glucose, fate of pyruvic acid
- 1.2 Metabolism of 2, 3 DPG as regulator of oxygen transport
- 1.3 Citric acid cycle, pyruvate dehydrogenase complex and ketoglutarate dehydrogenase complex
- 1.4 Electron transport system and oxidative phosphorylation, redox potential, chemiosmotic Hypothesis, inhibitors of electron transport chain
- 1.5 Gluconeogenesis, Glycogenesis, Glycogenolysis, regulation of glycogen synthesis breakdown-Cori`s cycle
- 1.6 Pentosephosphate pathway (HMP pathway)

### **2. Amino acid metabolism (5hrs)**

- 2.1 Biosynthesis and degradation of amino acids – glutamic acid, phenyl alanine, methionine, tryptophan, isoleucine, histidine

### **3. Lipid metabolism (8hrs)**

- 3.1 Oxidation of fatty acids
- 3.2 Biosynthesis of fatty acids
- 3.3 Biosynthesis of cholesterol
- 3.4 Disorders related to defect in lipid metabolism

### **4. Nucleic acid metabolism (5hrs)**

- 4.1 Biosynthesis and degradation of purines and pyrimidines

### **5.Interrelation between lipid,aminoacid &carbohydrate metabolism(1hr)**

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**THEORY II- BIOPHYSICS AND BIOSTATISTICS**  
**Code: VPZO1C02**  
**(90 Hours)**

**SECTION A: BIOPHYSICS (55hrs)**

**1. Matter and mechanics of cells (3hrs)**

1.1 Colloids, properties of colloids, forms of colloids, Brownian movement and Tyndall Phenomena

**2. Diffusion and Osmosis (5 hrs)**

- 2.1 Fick's law and diffusion coefficient
- 2.2 Gibb's Donnan equilibrium
- 2.3 Application of diffusion processes in biology, haemolysis
- 2.4 Vant Hoff's laws
- 2.5 Osmotic concentration, osmotic pressure and osmotic gradient
- 2.6 Electrosmosis
- 2.7 Electrolytic and ionic balance in biological fluid
- 2.8 Adsorption

**3. pH (2 hrs)**

- 3.1 Dissociation of water
- 3.2 Dissociation of a weak acid
- 3.3 Henderson Hasselbalch equation
- 3.4 Buffers
- 3.5 pH meter
- 3.6 pH value calculation

**4. Bioacoustics (5 hrs)**

- 4.1 Characteristics of sound
- 4.2 Physical basis of hearing
- 4.3 Physical organization of ear
- 4.4 Physical aspects of sound transmission in the ear
- 4.5 Audible sound frequency
- 4.6 Pitch reception and theories
- 4.7 Infrasonic and ultrasonic sounds

**5. Radiation Biology (9hrs)**

- 5.1 Properties of different types of radio isotopes normally used in biology, their detection and measurement, incorporation of radioisotopes in biological tissues and cells
- 5.2 Molecular imaging of radioactive material, safety guidelines
- 5.3 Biological effects of radiations
- 5.4 Radiation protection and therapy, nuclear medicine
- 5.5 Applications of tracer techniques- radiation dosimetry, radioactive isotopes, ionizing radiations, radiation detectors (GM Counter, Liquid Scintillation Counter)
- 5.6 Autoradiography

## **6. Biophysical methods (Brief account)(5hrs)**

- 6.1 Analysis of biomolecules- using UV / visible fluorescence, circular dichroism
- 6.2 NMR and Electron Spin Resonance (ESR) spectroscopy
- 6.3 Structure determination using X-ray diffraction and NMR, analysis using light scattering
- 6.4 Different types of mass spectrometry and surface plasma resonance methods

## **7. Electrophysiological methods (Brief) (3hrs)**

- 7.1 Single neuron recording
- 7.2 Patch clamp recording
- 7.3 ECG
- 7.4 Brain activity recording
- 7.5 Lesion and stimulation of brain
- 7.6 Pharmacological testing
- 7.7 PET (Positron Emission Tomography), MRI, f MRI, CAT

## **8. Principles and applications (8 hrs)**

- 8.1 Microscopy (Fluorescent, interference, confocal -scanning and transmission electron microscopes), resolving powers of different microscopes
- 8.2 Different fixation and staining techniques for EM (freeze-etch & freeze fracture methods)
- 8.3 Image processing methods in microscopy
- 8.4 Laser and its applications in biology

## **9. Separation Techniques (10hrs)**

- 9.1 Chromatography (adsorption, partition and ion-exchange chromatography, column, paper, thin-layer, gel-filtration, gas chromatography, affinity chromatography, HPLC)
- 9.2 Electrophoresis (paper, disc, PAGE, two dimensional PAGE, high voltage and Immunoelectrophoresis)
- 9.3 Isoelectric focusing
- 9.4 Flow cytometry

## **10. Influence of gravity (3 hrs)**

- 10.1 Human body posture in the gravitational field
- 10.2 Influence of G force
- 10.3 Force of centrifugal acceleration, importance in aviation and space travel
- 10.4 Effect of positive G force & negative G forces
- 10.5 Protection against G force
- 10.6 Influence of linear acceleration on the body

## **11. Nanotechnology(2 hrs)**

- 11.1 Definition
- 11.2 Nanotechnology and its applications in the field of health care

### 11.3 Roles of nanotechnology in environmental management

## **SECTION B: BIOSTATISTICS (35hrs)**

### **1. Introduction (2hrs)**

- 1.1 Biostatistics- definition, terms, applications
- 1.2 Role of biostatistics in modern research.

### **2.Data collection (7hrs)**

- 2.1 Types of data- Primary, secondary, qualitative, quantitative
- 2.2 Methods of data collection and classification- types of sampling methods, advantages and disadvantages of census and sampling method
- 2.3 Classification of data- tabulation, methods of classification, class intervals (exclusive and inclusive method)
- 2.4 Diagrammatic and graphical presentation of data- Bar diagram (types), pie diagram, histograms, frequency polygon, frequency curve (skewness, kurtosis, ogive)

### **3. Statistical Methods(8 hrs)**

- 3.1 Measures of central tendency and dispersal - mean, median, mode, quartile
- 3.2 Range, mean deviation, Quartiles deviation, variance, standard deviation, standard error, degree of freedom

### **4. Statistical Inference (7hrs)**

- 4.1 Difference between parametric and non-parametric statistics
- 4.2 Testing of hypothesis
- 4.3 Errors
- 4.4 Confidence interval, levels of significance, critical region
- 4.5 Normality test
- 4.6 t-test, chi-square test, F-test, ANOVA
- 4.7 Kruskal-Wallis, Mann-Whitney

### **5. Correlation and Regression (7 hrs)**

- 5.1 Types of correlation
- 5.2 Methods to measure correlation- scatter diagram, Karlpearson's coefficient of correlation, Spearman's correlation
- 5.3 Types of regression analysis
- 5.4 Regression equations
- 5.5 Difference between regression and correlation analysis

### **6. Probability distributions (4 hrs)**

- 6.1 Basic concepts and definition:
- 6.2 Laws of probability
- 6.3 Probability distribution (Binomial, poisson and normal)

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**THEORY III- SYSTEMATICS AND EVOLUTION**  
**Code: VPZO1C03**  
**(90 Hours)**

**SECTION A: SYSTEMATICS (45 hours)**

**1. Definition and basic concepts in Systematics and Taxonomy (4hrs)**

- 1.1 Historical resume of systematics
- 1.2 Levels of taxonomy - Alpha, Beta, Gamma
- 1.3 Importance and application of Taxonomy
- 1.4 Goals of taxonomy

**2. Classification (4 hrs)**

- 2.1 Practice of classification, purpose of classification
- 2.2 Use of classification- storage of data, recovery of data
- 2.3 Theories of biological classification, hierarchy of categories
- 2.4 Types of classification- evolutionary & phylogenetic classification, typological classification, phenetic classification, omniscient classification, horizontal and vertical classification
- 2.5 Components of classification

**3. Taxonomic procedure (8hrs)**

- 3.1 Taxonomic collections- types of collections, value of collections, types of Museum collections
- 3.2 Curation- preservation of collection in field and laboratory
- 3.3 Recording of field data, storage of collection, labelling and cataloguing of collections
- 3.4 Identification- methods of identification, use of keys, kinds of keys, their merits and demerits
- 3.5 Taxonomic descriptions, presentation of findings
- 3.6 Kinds of taxonomic publications, ecological publication and their difference

**4. Species concepts (7hrs)**

- 4.1 Species category- different species concepts- typological, Nominalistic, biological, evolutionary, recognition, ontological (theoretical) and operational (epistemological species concepts)
- 4.2 Taxonomic diversity within species, different kinds of species, sub species and other infra specific categories, hybrids

**5. Taxonomic character (4hrs)**

- 5.1 Different kinds of taxonomic characters
- 5.2 Functions of taxonomic characters
- 5.3 Taxonomic characters and classification
- 5.4 Taxonomic characters and evolution

## **6. Zoological nomenclature(5hrs)**

- 6.1 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
- 6.2 Principle of priority, homonymy and synonymy
- 6.3 Type method and its significance, different kinds of types in descriptive taxonomy

## **7. Newer trends in systematic (4hrs)**

- 7.1 Chemo and serotaxonomy
- 7.2 Cytotaxonomy
- 7.3 Numerical taxonomy
- 7.4 Cladistics
- 7.5 Molecular systematic
- 7.6 DNA bar coding vs traditional taxonomy

## **8. Ethics in taxonomy (5hrs)**

- 8.1 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
- 8.2 Ethics related to taxonomic publications
  - Authorship of taxonomic papers
  - Correspondence
  - Suppression of data
  - Undesirable features of taxonomic papers
- 8.3 Taxonomists and user communities

## **9. Taxonomic impediments (4hrs)**

- 9.1 Impediments to build up taxonomic collections and maintenance
- 9.2 Shortage of man power
- 9.3 Lack of funding for taxonomic research
- 9.4 Lack of training in taxonomy
- 9.5 Lack of library facilities
- 9.6 Impediments in publishing taxonomic work
- 9.7 Solutions to overcome the impediments
- International co-operation, development of taxonomic centres
- 9.8 Need for efficient international networking
- 9.9 The desired end product

# **SECTION B: EVOLUTION(45 hrs)**

## **1. Natural Selection (7hrs)**

- 1.1 Mechanism of natural selection - directional, disruptive and stabilizing selection
- 1.2 Natural selection in Islands
- 1.3 Sexual selection- Intrasexual and intersexual selection, secondary sex characteristics, sexyson hypothesis, good genes hypothesis

## **2. The Mechanisms (10hrs)**

- 2.1 Population genetics – populations, gene pool, gene frequency, Hardy-Weinberg law, founder principle, bottleneck effect and genetic drift as factors in speciation.
- 2.2 Isolating mechanisms-Prezygotic and Postzygotic isolating mechanisms
- 2.3 Speciation-allopatric, peripatric, parapatric, heteropatric, sympatric speciation, ecotypes
- 2.4 Co-evolution, Microevolution, Macroevolution, convergent (homoplasy), divergent and parallel evolution

## **3. Tempo of evolution (8hrs)**

- 3.1 Gradualism vs punctuated equilibrium
- 3.2 Anagenesis vs Cladogenesis

## **4. Molecular evolution (10hrs)**

- 4.1 Neutral theory of molecular evolution, molecular divergence, molecular drive
- 4.2 Molecular clocks, genetic equidistance, human mitochondrial molecular clock
- 4.3 Phylogenetic relationships- homology, orthogous, paralogous, parsimony, homologous sequences of protein and DNA analysis, nucleotide sequence analysis, DNA bar coding vstraditional taxonomy

## **5. Evolutionary trends (10hrs)**

- 5.1 Biochemical evolution- RNA world hypothesis, collapse of Orthogenesis, Evo-Devo, heterochrony, heterotopy, heterometry and heterotypy
- 5.2 Stages in primate evolution- *Homo*, dry and wet nosed primates, prosimians and simians, humans, African origin for modern humans. Y-chromosomal Adam- mitochondrial Eve
- 5.3 Communication, speech, language and self awareness in primates

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**SECOND SEMESTER M.ScZOOLOGY PROGRAMME**  
**THEORYIV-PHYSIOLOGY**  
**Code: VPZO2C04**  
**(90 Hours)**

**1. Nutrition (12hrs)**

- 1.1 Constituents of normal diet and their daily requirements
- 1.2 Physiological calorie value of food stuffs
- 1.3 Antioxidant nutrients
- 1.4 Digestion of carbohydrate, protein & lipids, brief note on the role of salivary glands, liver, pancreas and intestinal glands in digestion
- 1.5 Absorption of carbohydrates, lipids, amino acids, water, electrolytes, vitamins & minerals
- 1.6 Movements of GI tract: deglutition, gastric motility and emptying, intestinal motility and defecation
- 1.7 The role of hormones and neurotransmitters in the control of gastrointestinal motility
- 1.8 Energy balance and obesity, causes and consequences
- 1.9 BMR and its significance

**2. Excretory system (12hrs)**

- 2.1 Introduction- brief description of different types of excretory organs in different animal groups
- 2.2 Functional anatomy of mammalian kidney, nephron and juxtaglomerular apparatus- structure, parts and function
- 2.3 Urine formation (glomerular filtration, tubular re-absorption and tubular secretion)
- 2.4 Regulation of water balance - mechanism of concentration of urine, counter current system (counter current multiplier and counter current exchanger)
- 2.5 Renal regulation of acid base balance
- 2.6 Composition (normal & abnormal) and characteristics of urine
- 2.7 Physiology of micturition
- 2.8 Renal clearance – definition, concept and significance, clearance value of urea, creatinine, phosphate, potassium, chloride and sodium

**3. Respiratory system (13hrs)**

- 3.1 Introduction- brief description of major respiratory organs (tracheal system, book lungs, gills and ctenidia)
- 3.2 Physiological anatomy and histology of respiratory passage and lungs
- 3.3 Mechanism of pulmonary ventilation (inspiration & expiration)
- 3.4 Alveolar ventilation, dead space and its effect on alveolar ventilation
- 3.5 Role of surfactant in alveolar expansion
- 3.6 Pulmonary volumes and capacities – definition, normal values (tidal volume, inspiratory reserve volume, expiratory reserve volume, residual volume, functional residual capacity,

inspiratory capacity, vital capacity, total lung capacity)

3.7 Exchange of gases

3.8 Transport of gases - transport of oxygen and carbon dioxide

Oxygen dissociation curve - factors affecting binding of oxygen to haemoglobin ( $pO_2$ ,  $pCO_2$ , CO, pH, body temperature, diphosphoglyceric acid level, foetal haemoglobin and also myoglobin)

3.9 Neural and chemical regulation of respiration

#### **4. Nervous system (18hrs)**

4.1 Introduction- basic details of neurons and action potential

4.2 Gross neuroanatomy of the brain (histology & neural pathway not expected)

Cerebral cortex-motor cortex, mention functional areas (including specialized areas) and their motor functions

Cerebral cortex- Association areas, their sub areas and their functions, Wernicke's area and its intellectual function

Memory – definition, types of memory (positive and negative memory), brief note on the mechanism of short term, intermediate long term and long term memory, consolidation of memory

Brain stem – list the components (medulla, pons, mesencephalon, reticular and vestibular nuclei) and functions

Cerebellum- mention parts and functions

Basal ganglia – mention components and functions

Limbic system; structure and functions (emotion and motivation)

4.3 Gross neuroanatomy of the spinal cord

Spinal cord - structural organization

Reflex action – reflex arc, muscle spindle, golgi tendon organ

Types of reflexes- monosynaptic reflex (Muscle stretch reflex, negative stretch reflex), polysynaptic reflex (withdrawal reflex)

4.4 Diseased states of brain – brief description of epilepsy, depression, schizophrenia, Alzheimer's disease, senile dementia & Parkinson's disease

#### **5. Special senses (13hrs)**

5.1 Vision

Structure of eyeball

Fluid systems of the eye

Layers of Retina and photoreceptors (rods & cones)

Brief notes on the neuronal cell types and neural circuitry of the retina and visual pathways from retina to visual cortex

Image formation, formation of image on the retina, brief general account of electrophysiology of vision, photochemistry of vision & colour vision, problems related to vision

5.2 Taste, primary sensations of taste (agents and site of sensation)

Taste buds (location, structure, receptors and nerve supply)

Physiology of taste (receptor stimulation, generation of nerve impulse by taste buds and its transmission to CNS)

5.3 Smell, olfactory membrane and receptor cells

Physiology of olfaction (stimulation of olfactory cells and transmission of smell signals to CNS)

## **6. Tactile response (brief note) (4hrs)**

6.1 Mechanoreceptors and their stimulation

6.2 Pain receptors and their stimulation

6.3 Thermal receptors and their stimulation

## **7. Cardiovascular system (8hrs)**

7.1 Introduction- brief description of vertebrate hearts

7.2 Structural organization of myogenic heart (in human beings)

7.3 Physiological anatomy of cardiac muscle - specialized tissue

7.4 Heart as a pump

7.5 Cardiac cycle

7.6 ECG – Principle and application

7.7 Neural and chemical regulation of heart function

7.8 Blood volume and blood pressure

7.9 Physiological anatomy of coronary blood flow, coronary blood flow and its control

7.10 Ischemic heart disease – mention causes and example

## **8. Lymphatic system (5hrs)**

8.1 Lymph channels of the body

8.2 Composition and formation of lymph

8.3 Functions of lymph and lymphatic system including role in controlling interstitial fluid, protein concentration, interstitial fluid volume and interstitial fluid pressure

## **9. Environmental physiology (5hrs)**

9.1 Thermoregulation

Comfort zone, normal body temperatures (oral, skin & core), heat production & heat loss, factors affecting body temperature, lethal temperature

9.2 Temperature regulating mechanisms (hot & cold), mention the role of hypothalamus, thyroid and adrenal glands

9.3 Acclimatization

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**SECOND SEMESTER M.Sc ZOOLOGY PROGRAMME**  
**THEORY V: ECOLOGY AND ETHOLOGY**  
**Code: VPZO2C05**  
**(90 Hours)**

**SECTION A: ECOLOGY (65 hrs)**

**1. Natural history of Indian subcontinent (3 hrs)**

- 1.1 Major habitat types of the subcontinent
- 1.2 Geographic origin and migration of species
- 1.3 Seasonality of the subcontinent
- 1.4 Resistance and resilience stability
- 1.5 Gaia hypothesis

**2. Habitat and niche (3 hrs)**

- 2.1 Concept of habitat and niche
- 2.2 Niche width and overlap
- 2.3 Fundamental and realized niche
- 2.4 Resource partitioning
- 2.5 Character displacement

**3. Ecosystem (9hrs)**

- 3.1 Structure and function
- 3.2 Ecosystem energetics
- 3.3 Primary production
- 3.4 Energy flow models
- 3.5 Mineral cycling (CNP)
- 3.6 Trophic levels, food chain, food web and secondary production.
- 3.7 Decomposers and detritivores
- 3.8 Structure and function of some Indian ecosystems-  
Terrestrial- major forest types in India with their features, grassland, desert  
Fresh water, marine, coral reef, estuarine, wetland and mangrove ecosystems

**4. Population Ecology (7hrs)**

- 4.1 Characteristics of a population
- 4.2 Methods of estimating population density of animals, ranging patterns through direct, indirect and remote observations
- 4.3 Sampling methods in the study of behaviour, habitat characterization
- 4.4 Ground and remote sensing methods
- 4.5 Population growth curves, life tables, survivorship curves, population regulation, life history strategies, r and k selection, demes and dispersal, interdemec extinctions, age

structure of populations

#### 4.6 Growth and regulation of human population

### **5. Species interaction (6 hrs)**

5.1 Types of interactions, interspecific competition

5.2 Herbivory, carnivory, pollination, symbiosis, mutualism, commensalisms and proto-cooperation

### **6. Community Ecology (7hrs)**

6.1 Nature of communities

6.2 Characteristics of a biotic community

6.3 Species diversity and its measurements

Alpha diversity-Simpson's Diversity Index -Shannon index -Fisher's Alpha-Rarefaction, Beta diversity –Sorensen's similarity index-Whittaker's measure

Gamma diversity –Guild and its functioning in the community

6.4 Latitudinal gradients in diversity

6.5 Edges and ecotones

### **7. Ecological succession (4hrs)**

7.1 Types, mechanisms

7.2 Changes involved in succession

7.3 Concept of climax

### **8. Biogeography (6hrs)**

8.1 Major terrestrial biomes:

Tropical rain Forest, grassland, desert, chaparral, temperate deciduous forest, temperate boreal forest, tundra, savanna

### **9. Theory of island biogeography (4hrs)**

9.1 Theory, influencing factors

9.2 Applications in conservation biology

9.3 Species-area relationship -single large or several small (SLOSS)

9.4 Development of habitat corridors

### **10. Biogeographical zones of India (4hrs)**

10.1 Trans Himalayan zone

10.2 Himalayan zone

10.3 Desert zone

10.4 Semiarid zone

10.5 Western Ghats zone

10.6 Deccan plateau zone

10.7 Gangetic plain zone

10.8 North east zone

10.9 Coastal zone

10.10 Islands present near the shore line

### **11. Applied ecology (8hrs)**

11.1 Environmental pollution (air, water, terrestrial and noise pollution)-causes and consequences

11.2 Global environmental change (global warming and ozone layer depletion), climate

change

11.3 Biodiversity with special reference to India, status monitoring and documentation, major drivers of biodiversity change

11.4 Biodiversity management approaches- *Exsitu* and *insitu* conservation strategies

## **12. Conservation Biology(4hrs)**

12.1 Principles of conservation

12.2 Major approaches to management with reference to Indian case studies on conservation & management strategy (concepts of project tiger, biosphere reserves)

## **SECTION B: ETHOLOGY (25 hrs)**

### **1. Introduction (4hrs)**

1.1 Ethology as different from the other schools studying animal behaviour like behaviourism  
Behaviour as a reaction to stimuli - sign stimuli, social releasers

1.2 Ethograms, super normal stimuli, stimulus filtering

### **2. Motivating factors (5hrs)**

2.1 General factors in motivation, studies of motivation in guppies

2.2 Mating systems-parental investment and reproductive success

### **3. Conflict behaviour (3 hrs)**

3.1 Stress-displacement activities, ritualization

### **4. Instinct behaviour and reflex action(2hrs)**

Neural basis of sleep and arousal

### **5. Adaptiveness of behavior (2hrs)**

J.P.Scotts categories of behaviour

### **6. External stimulus - circadian rhythms(3hrs)**

### **7. Parental care -Social behaviour (3 hrs)**

Termites

Primates(Macaque, Langurs)

### **8. Evolution of behaviour (3hrs)**

Altruism, kin selection, inclusive fitness, selfish gene theory, cultural transmission of behaviour, domestication and behavioural changes

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**SECOND SEMESTER M.Sc ZOOLOGY PROGRAMME**  
**THEORY VI: DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY & ENDOCRINOLOGY**  
**Code :VPZO2C06**  
**(90 Hours)**

**SECTION A: DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY (55hrs)**

**1. Introduction- Basic concepts of development (7hrs)**

- 1.1 Potency
- 1.2 Commitment
- 1.3 Specification - autonomous, conditional
- 1.4 Induction
- 1.5 Competence
- 1.6 Determination and differentiation
- 1.7 Morphogenetic gradients

**2. Gametogenesis, fertilization and early development (10hrs)**

- 2.1 Production of gametes
- 2.2 Cell surface molecules in sperm-egg recognition in animals
- 2.3 Zygote formation
- 2.4 Cleavage and blastula formation
- 2.5 Embryonic fields
- 2.6 Gastrulation and formation of germ layers in amphibia

**3. Embryogenesis and Organogenesis (10hrs)**

- 3.1 Axis formation in amphibians - primary embryonic induction
- 3.2 Anterior posterior patterning in Amphibians - Hox code hypothesis
- 3.3 Anterior posterior patterning in Drosophila - gap genes, bicoid gradient, segmentation genes, pair rule genes, homeotic selector genes, realtor genes
- 3.4 Dorsoventral patterning and left right patterning - dorsal protein gradient in Drosophila
- 3.6 Limb development in chick
- 3.7 Insect wings and legs
- 3.8 Vulva formation in *Caenorhabditis elegans*

**4. Cellular and Molecular basis of development (10 hrs)**

- 4.1 Cellular interactions during development  
Epithelial - mesenchymal interactions, paracrine factors, RTK pathway, JAK-STAT pathway, cell death pathways
- 4.2 Cellular interactions concerned in fertilization
- 4.3 Cellular changes during blastulation and gastrulation
- 4.4 Cellular interactions in organogenesis
- 4.5 Molecular basis of cellular differentiation - cadherins

## **5. Genetic basis of development (7hrs)**

### **5.1 Differential gene expression**

Promoters, transcription factors, silencers, DNA methylation, insulators, dosage compensation, differential RNA processing

### **5.2 Models of cell differentiation**

### **5.3 Reversibility of patterns of gene activity**

## **6. Metamorphosis, Regeneration and Aging (7hrs)**

### **6.1 Metamorphosis in amphibians and insects and their hormonal control**

### **6.2 Types of regeneration - super, hetero, epimorphic, morphallactic and compensatory regeneration, histological process during regeneration**

### **6.3 Ageing – cellular and extra cellular aging, causes, wear and tear, oxidative damage, mitochondrial genome damage, genetically programmed aging**

## **7. Environmental regulation of animal development (4hrs)**

### **7.1 Environmental regulation of normal development – types of polyphenism sex determination in Bonellia, primary and secondary sex determination, environmental sex determination**

### **7.2 Environmental disruptions of normal development (Teratogenesis)**

Teratogenic agents - Alcohol, retinoic acid, bisphenol, heavy metals, pathogen

### **7.3 Environmental oestrogens**

## **SECTION B: ENDOCRINOLOGY (35hrs)**

## **1. Endocrine glands and their hormones (Brief account) (3hrs)**

### **1.1 Hormone secreting tissues –skin, liver, kidney, heart**

### **1.2 General classes of chemical messengers- peptide, thyroid, steroid hormones, neurotransmitters and pheromones**

### **1.3 Synthesis and delivery of hormones- storage, secretion and transportation**

### **1.4 Physiological roles of hormones**

### **1.5 Control of hormone secretion**

## **2. General mechanisms of Hormonal action (5hrs)**

### **2.1 Cell signalling**

### **2.2 Receptors and transducers, types of receptors, regulation of receptor number, receptor activation**

### **2.3 Second messengers of hormone action, receptor signal transduction**

### **2.4 Eicosanoids and hormone action**

## **3. Endocrine glands (15 hrs)**

Structure, physiological functions and control of secretion of their hormones and pathophysiology of

### **3.1 Hypothalamus**

### **3.2 Hypophysis**

### **3.3 Thyroid**

### **3.4 Parathyroid**

### **3.5 Adrenal**

### **3.6 Pancreas**

## **4. Hormones and male reproductive physiology (3hrs)**

- 4.1 Synthesis, chemistry, and metabolism of androgens
- 4.2 Endocrine control of testicular function
- 4.3 Physiological roles of androgens and estrogens
- 4.4 Pathophysiology

## **5. Hormones and female reproductive physiology (6hrs)**

- 5.1 Synthesis, chemistry, and metabolism of ovarian steroid hormones
- 5.2 Physiological roles of ovarian steroid hormones
- 5.3 Hormonal regulation of female monthly rhythm
- 5.4 Hormonal factors in pregnancy, parturition and lactation

## **6. Neurohormones (3 hrs)**

- 6.1 Gases as neural messengers
- 6.2 Endorphins- physiological roles, mechanism of action and pathophysiology
- 6.3 Brain hormones and behaviour
- 6.4 Neuroendocrine pathophysiology

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**THIRD SEMESTER M.Sc ZOOLOGY PROGRAMME**  
**THEORY VII- CELL AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY**  
**Code: VPZO3C07**  
**(90 Hours)**

**1. DNA replication (11hrs)**

- 1.1 Semi-discontinuous synthesis-Okazaki fragments
- 1.2 Replication origin and replication fork
- 1.3 Unit of replication, extra chromosomal replicons
- 1.4 Enzymes/proteins of replication- primase, replisomes, helicase, DNA polymerases, single strand binding proteins, topoisomerases and ligase, fidelity of replication
- 1.5 Replication of the ends of eukaryotic chromosome – role of telomerase
- 1.6 Models of DNA replication –Rolling circle model and looped rolling circle model, D-loop model,  $\theta$ -model
- 1.7 Inhibitors of DNA replication – Methotrexate and Fluorodeoxyuridylate

**2. Safeguard systems of DNA (5hrs)**

- 2.1 Restriction - significance, role and features of Type I, II & III restriction enzymes
  - 2.2 Modification- enzymes and significance
  - 2.3 Repair - major kinds of damage to DNA and causes
- Repair mechanisms: direct reversal, mismatch repair, excision repair, recombination repair, SOS response

**3. Transcription of mRNA in prokaryotes and eukaryotes (9hrs)**

- 3.1 Structural organisation and life span of mRNA, monocistronic and polycistronic mRNA
- 3.2 Initiation, elongation and termination of transcription
- 3.3 Promoter (mention Pribnow, TATA, CAAT and GC box), enhancer and silencer sites
- 3.4 Transcription factors - Transcription activators and repressors
- 3.5 Characteristic features of RNA polymerases of phages, prokaryotes and eukaryotes and their functions
- 3.6 Post transcriptional modification of RNA  
Capping, polyadenylation, splicing
- 3.7 RNA editing - site specific deamination and role of gRNAs
- 3.8 mRNA transport

**4. Genetic code (5hrs)**

- 4.1 Characteristics of genetic code
- 4.2 Start codons and stop codons
- 4.3 Degeneracy of the code - Wobble hypothesis and isoacceptor tRNAs
- 4.4 Special features of the genetic code in mitochondria, mitochondrial tRNA
- 4.5 Variations in the genetic code in *Mycoplasma* and *Tetrahymena*
- 4.6 Point mutations that alter genetic code (missense, nonsense & frameshift)
- 4.7 Suppressor mutation, suppressor genes & suppressor tRNA

## **5. Ribosome (5hrs)**

5.1 Composition, topography, active centres and biogenesis of ribosome

5.2 Experiments to understand composition, topography, active centres and biogenesis of ribosome

Composition - Reconstitution experiments, r-protein mutants

Topography, methods to study ribosome structure- Immune electron microscopy, cross linking

5.3 Active centres, affinity labelling

5.4 Biogenesis, anucleolate mutants in *Xenopus laevis*

## **6. Translation in prokaryotes and eukaryotes(8hrs)**

6.1 Aminoacylation of tRNA, initiation, elongation and termination of protein synthesis

6.2 Aminoacyl tRNA synthetases & initiation, elongation and termination factors

6.3 Translational proof-reading

6.4 Differences in protein synthesis between prokaryotes and eukaryotes

6.5 Translational inhibitors in prokaryotes and eukaryotes – role of tetracycline, streptomycin, neomycin, chloramphenicol, erythromycin, puromycin and diphtheria toxin

6.6 Post- translational modification of proteins - protein folding (role of chaperones) and biochemical modifications

## **7. Control of gene expression at transcription and translation level(8 hrs)**

7.1 Regulation of gene expression in Phages – alternate patterns of gene expression for control of lytic and lysogenic cycle in  $\lambda$  phage

7.2 Regulation of gene expression in bacteria – basic features of tryptophan, arabinose and galactose operons, riboswitches

7.3 Regulation of gene expression in eukaryotes –

Role of chromatin in regulating gene expression

Activation and repression of transcription

Regulation of translation by gene arrangement

Regulation of translation by alternate pathways of transcript splicing

Antisense RNA strategies for regulating gene expression

si RNA and mi RNA in regulation

## **8. Eukaryotic genome: (5 hrs)**

8.1 Special features of eukaryotic genome

8.2 Features, components and reassociation kinetics of unique, moderately repetitive and highly repetitive DNA

8.3 Junk DNA, satellite DNA and selfish DNA

8.4 Cot value and complexity of genome

8.5 Organisation of human genome (brief account)

## **9. Interrupted genes(4 hrs)**

9.1 Definition and explanation

9.2 Organisation and special features of interrupted genes

9.3 Evolution of interrupted genes

## **10. Gene families(6 hrs)**

10.1 Definition and concept

10.2 Classification with example

Simple multigene family - organisation of rRNA gene in *Xenopus*

Complex multigene family - organisation of histone genes in sea urchin and tRNA genes in *Drosophila*

Developmentally controlled complex multigene family e.g. globin gene

Globin genes and its products, organisation of globin genes and its expression in man,

Evolution of globin genes

10.3 Concept of an evolutionary clock

10.4 Pseudogenes

## **11. Transposable genetic elements - Transposons(6 hrs)**

11.1 Definition, features and types

11.2 Transposition and mechanism

11.3 Transposons in bacteria

IS elements, Tn family

μ phage as a transposable element

11.4 Transposons in eukaryotes

SINE, Alu family, LINE, L1

P elements in *Drosophila*

Transposons in Maize

11.5 Retroviruses and transposition

## **12. Molecular mechanisms involved in recombination of DNA(4 hrs)**

12.1 Genetic recombination – types with example

Site specific recombination, non-homologous recombination, homologous recombination

12.2 Molecular mechanism involved in homologous recombination of DNA in eukaryotes-

Holliday model, Holliday intermediate, heteroduplex DNA, gene conversion

12.3 Role of Rec A protein in genetic recombination

## **13. Microbial genetics (5 hrs)**

13.1 Prokaryotic genome- structural organisation of *Escherichia coli*

13.2 Methods of genetic transfers in bacteria– transformation (in *Streptococcus pneumoniae*), conjugation and sexduction, transduction

13.3 Brief note on mapping genes by interrupted mating (in bacteria)

## **14. Organelle genome (4 hrs)**

14.1 Extra nuclear genes and maternal inheritance

14.2 Chloroplast genome: special features

14.3 Mitochondrial genome

Special features of yeast mitochondrial genome, petite mutants

Special features of human mitochondrial genome

## **15. Cancer(5 hrs)**

15.1 Genetic rearrangements in progenitor cells

15.2 Oncogenes, protooncogenes and tumour suppressor genes

15.3 Virus-induced cancer

15.4 Cancer and the cell cycle

15.5 Cancer and apoptosis

15.6 Interaction of cancer cells with normal cells

15.7 New therapeutic interventions of uncontrolled cell growth (immunotherapy and gene therapy)

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**THEORY VIII-ELECTIVE**  
**FISHERY BIOLOGY-I**  
**TAXONOMY, BIOLOGY, PHYSIOLOGY & ECOLOGY**  
**Code: VPZO3E11**  
**(90 Hours)**

**SECTION A: TAXONOMY (5hrs)**

**1. Fish Taxonomy (5hrs)**

- 1.1 Classification and distribution of economically important fin fishes

**SECTION B: FISH BIOLOGY (20hrs)**

**1. Integument (10hrs)**

- 1.1 Exoskeleton
- 1.2 Skin and scales
- 1.3 Colouration
- 1.4 Chromatophores and pigments
- 1.5 Structure, function and modification of fins

**2. Locomotion (5hr)**

- 2.1 Body shape and musculature
- 2.2 Mechanism of propulsion- forces
- 2.3 Types of locomotion

**3. Life history of fishes (5 hrs)**

- 3.1 Reproduction, reproductive hormones, reproductive behaviour, oviparity, ovoviviparity
- 3.2 Age and growth
- 3.3 Migration

**SECTION C: PHYSIOLOGY (40hrs)**

**1. Digestive physiology (10hrs)**

- 1.1 Food and feeding
- 1.2 Feeding behaviour
- 1.3 Feeding mechanism
- 1.4 Digestive enzymes
- 1.5 Absorption

**2. Circulatory physiology (6hrs)**

- 2.1 Heart
- 2.2 Blood, blood cells, blood pigments and functions of blood
- 2.3 Circulation

**3. Respiratory physiology (6hrs)**

- 3.1 Gills and accessory respiratory organs
- 3.2 Gas transport

**4. Excretory and osmoregulatory physiology (6hrs)**



- 4.1 Excretory organs
- 4.2 Osmoregulation in marine, brackish water and fresh water fishes

### **5. Endocrine physiology (6hrs)**

- 5.1 Endocrine glands – structure and function
- 5.2 Regulation of endocrine secretion
- 5.3 Crustacean neurosecretory system and their role in reproduction

### **6. Adaptive physiology (6hrs)**

- 6.1 Deep sea fishes
- 6.2 Cave dwelling fishes
- 6.3 Hill stream fishes

## **SECTION D: ECOLOGY (25 hrs)**

### **1. Oceanography (15hrs)**

- 1.1 Ecological subdivisions of the sea
- 1.2 Major topographic features of continental shelf, continental slope and ocean floor
- 1.3 Physico-chemical properties of sea water
- 1.4 Ocean currents
- 1.5 Ocean productivity
- 1.6 Coral reefs

### **2. Brackish water ecology (5hrs)**

- 2.1 Characteristics of brackish and estuarine waters
- 2.2 Estuarine productivity

### **3. Limnology(5 hrs)**

- 3.1 Classification of inland waters – ponds, lakes, rivers and reservoirs
- 3.2 Physico-chemical properties of inland waters

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**THEORY IX- ELECTIVE**  
**FISHERY BIOLOGY- II**  
**CAPTURE AND CULTURE FISHERIES**  
**Code: VPZO3E21**  
**(90 Hours)**

**1. Introduction to capture and culture fisheries (10hrs)**

1.1 Marine fisheries –

Crustaceans, molluscs, fin fishes, shrimps, crabs, lobsters, mussels, oysters cephalopods, sardine, mackerel, Bombay duck, pomfrets, ribbon fishes and Tuna

**2. Freshwater fisheries (5hrs)**

2.1 Major river systems and fisheries

2.2 Lakes and reservoir fisheries

**3. Estuarine fisheries (6hrs)**

3.1 Major estuaries and fisheries

**4. Aquaculture (5hrs)**

4.1 History of aquaculture, scope and definition

4.2 Importance of aquaculture, present state of aquaculture, future prospectus

4.3 Classification of aquaculture practices

**5. Design and construction of aqua farms and hatcheries(7 hrs)**

5.1 Pond design and construction

5.2 Farm design and layout

5.3 Pond preparation

5.4 Cage farms

5.5 Pens and enclosures

5.6 Design and construction of hatcheries

**6. Transportation and acclimatization (3hrs)**

**7. Nutrition and feeds (3hrs)**

7.1 Feeding habits and food utilization

7.2 Live feeds

7.3 Artificial feeds

**8. Water quality management (3hrs)**

8.1 Water quality parameters

8.2 Techniques for monitoring

8.3 Strategies for monitoring

**9. Fertilizers and chemicals in aquaculture (2hrs)**

**10. Reproduction and genetic selection (11hrs)**

- 10.1 Reproductive cycles
- 10.2 Control of reproduction
- 10.3 Induced breeding
- 10.4 Use of hormone analogues
- 10.5 Cryo-preservation of gametes
- 10.6 Sex reversal
- 10.7 Genetic selection and hybridization

## **11. Control of weeds, pests and predators in aquaculture (2hrs)**

## **12. Aquaculture practices (21hrs)**

- 12.1 Integrated fish farming –  
Paddy cum fish culture, duck cum fish culture, pig cum fish culture
- 12.2 Polyculture
- 12.3 Culture of shrimps
- 12.4 Culture of prawns
- 12.5 Culture of crabs
- 12.6 Culture of edible oysters, pearl oysters and mussels
- 12.7 Culture of sea weeds
- 12.8 Culture of fresh water fishes – Indian major carps and exotic carps
- 12.9 Culture of cold water fishes – trout and mahaseer
- 12.10 Culture of brackish water fishes – mullets, milk fish and *Etroplus*
- 12.11 Culture of Holothuria

## **13. Preparation and maintenance of aquarium (5hrs)**

- 13.1 Types of aquaria
- 13.2 Preparation and maintenance
- 13.3 Equipments
- 13.4 Water Chemistry
- 13.5 Aquarium fishes and plants

## **14. Pathology (7 hrs)**

- 14.1 Major fish diseases - viral, bacterial, fungal
- 14.2 Protozoan infections
- 14.3 Control and treatment

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**THIRD SEMESTER M.Sc ZOOLOGY PROGRAMME**  
**THEORY VIII- ELECTIVE**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY- I**  
**MAN, ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**Code: VPZO3E12**  
**(90 Hours)**

**1. Weather and climate (15 hrs)**

- 1.1. Atmosphere- structure and composition; Local winds: Sea and land breezes; Polar easterlies, Westerlies; Trade winds.
- 1.2. Indian and African Monsoon
- 1.3. Inversions: temperature or thermal inversions- causes –consequences –subsidence inversion;
- 1.4. Clouds and their formation  
Cloud categories: low, middle, and high clouds: Cirrus (Ci), Cirrocumulus (Cc), Cirrostratus (Cs), Altopumulus (Ac), Altostratus (As), and Nimbostratus (Ns), Cumulus (Cu), Stratocumulus (Sc), Stratus (St), and Cumulonimbus (Cb).

**2. Element and factors of climate(15 hrs)**

- 2.1. External factors: solar radiation- Plate tectonics-Milankovitch Theory –Orbital eccentricity - obliquity- axial precession.
- 2.2. 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
- 2.3. Global climate changes – causes and consequences.
- 2.4. Physical evidence for climatic change–Historical and archaeological evidence-Glaciers – Vegetation -Ice cores –Dendroclimatology-Pollen analysis-Sea level change

**3. Human population (10 hrs)**

- 3.1. 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.
- 3.3. Current trends in global population with reference to developed and developing countries
- 3.4. Population explosion –Baby boom –History of population growth Projections of population growth; Demographic transition Carrying capacity– Human population in India

**4. Ecosystem (25 hrs)**

- 4.1. Ecosystems-a) types, natural & artificial, agroecosystems, City ecosystems and Spacecraft ecosystems
- 4.2. Functions of Ecosystems
- 4.3. Ecological energetics - Fixation and utilization of energy
- 4.4. Primary production, factors affecting & measurements of primary production
- 4.5. Ecological efficiencies- ratios within and between trophic levels
- 4.6. Lindmann's work, Single channel, Y shaped and universal energy flow models,
- 4.7. Place of man in the food chain, Human expropriation of primary production, Nutrient cycling, selection, diversity, decomposition and stability.
- 4.8. Development of ecosystems, Types and factors controlling, changes in the trends of ecological attributes,

- 4.9. Relevance of ecosystem development concept to human ecology and evolution of ecosystems
- 4.10. Human impact on ecosystems, Human settlements, Human cultural evolution, Environmental crisis,
- 4.11. Environmental protection and sustainable development, Creating sustainable cities suburbs and towns,
- 4.12. Meeting human needs while protecting the environment.

## **5. Resources of the Earth – Renewable & Non renewable (25 hrs)**

- 5.1. Natural resources-Renewable and nonrenewable natural resources.
- 5.2. Depletion of natural resources and its effects.
- 5.3. Culture fisheries; briefly mention the common species and culture methods
- 5.4. Aquaculture- Economically important crustaceans, mussels, oysters, clams and sea weeds (Brief)
- 5.5. Fishery resources of Kerala with special reference to fresh water ornamental species.
- 5.6. Marine products - Food value of fish, Fish meal, fish body oil, Fish liver oil, Fish maw and other products.
- 5.7. Forest products -major and minor products of both plant and animal origin
- 5.8. Economically important insects and their products-Honey, Lac and Silk.
- 5.9. Plantation, crops, and their products and uses (Tea, coffee, Rubber, Coconut, Cashew nut, Cardamom)
- 5.10. Mineral resources with special reference to India. Their over exploitation and environmental problems citing case studies from India.
- 5.11. Water as a resource –Characteristics of water. Major water compartments; Hydrological cycle. Water management and conservation – Rain water harvesting techniques. Surface and ground water resources of Kerala
- 5.12. Energy resources
- 5.13. Conventional energy sources (coal, Oil and natural gas and oil shale)
- 5.14. Non conventional energy sources -solar energy, wind energy, geothermal energy, hydropower, biomass, biogas Tidal energy, Energy from waste, Hydrogen, and Nuclear energy.
- 5.15. Energy crisis

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**ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY- II**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION**

**Code: VPZO3E22**  
**(90 Hours)**

**1. AIR POLLUTION (35 hrs)**

1.1 Primary air pollutants: occurrence, sources and sinks of the following pollutants:

(a) compounds of carbon, (b) compounds of sulphur, (c) compounds of nitrogen, (d) gaseous halogens, (e) ozone, (f) mercury, (g) particulate matter

1.2 Sampling of air using sampling train and orifice flow meter

1.3 Method of sampling and monitoring of the following gaseous air pollutants (Two methods for each pollutant)

(a) Oxides of Carbon, Hydrocarbons

(b) SO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>S, Mercaptans

(c) Oxides of Nitrogen, Ammonia

(d) Ozone

1.4 Sampling sizing of Particulate matter.

Sample collection – settlement, filtration, particle count, evaluation by optical microscopy, particle size analysis – projected diameter and statistical diameter (Feret's diameter and Martin's diameter).

1.5 Interaction of air pollutants in the atmosphere

Secondary pollutants: photochemical-smog, Acid rain, and green house effect,

1.6 Effect of air pollution:

(a) On materials, buildings, metals etc.

(b) On vegetation

(c) On weather and atmospheric conditions

(d) On human health- a brief survey of major air pollution episodes.

1.7 Air pollution- abatement technology, basic principles of design and working of:

(a) Bag filters (b) Inertial collection- cyclones

(c) Electrostatic precipitators (d) Scrubbers

(e) Adsorption (f) Device for controlling automobile emissions

1.8 Noise pollution-sources, effects and abatement.

**2. WATER POLLUTION (40 hrs)**

2.1. Organic pollution: (a) Origin and sources of Organic pollutants, Biodegradable and Non-biodegradable- Domestic, Agricultural and Industrial sources.

(b) Biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) - Kinetics of BOD tests- rate constant and its importance- Method of estimation

(c) Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) - Importance and method of estimation

(d) Effects of organic pollution on aquatic systems, saprobicity system and indicator species Importance in pollution assessment

2.2. Eutrophication- natural and cultural sources and effects.

2.3. Biocides: Classification and types of Biocides- Fungicides, Pyrethroids and pesticides. Effects of Biocides, Biological magnification Toxic effects on non target organisms- hazards to man.

2.4. Heavy metals sources and effects of the following in the ecosystem and human population

(a) Mercury - Inorganic and Organic mercury compounds - Bioconversion of inorganic and organic mercury

(b) Cadmium - itai - itai disease



- (c) Lead - Plumbism
- (d) Lesser metals - copper, zinc, selenium, chromium, molybdenum, beryllium and thallium.
- 2.5. Thermal pollution-sources, effects- cooling towers as control measures.
- 2.6. Oil spills-sources effects and control.
- 2.7. Hazards of Radioactive materials in the environment Biological effects of ionising radiations, Nuclear waste disposal.
- 2.8. Carcinogens in the environment
  - (a) Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (b) Nitrosamines (c) Inorganic carcinogens Asbestos, Metal dust (d) Carcinogens in food: Artificial sweeteners, disodium benzoate and other additives.
- 2.9. Water pollution abatement technology:
  - (a) Primary, secondary and tertiary treatment systems (b) Principles of design and operation of (1) screens (2) Grit chambers (3) Sedimentation tanks (4) Oxidation ponds and (5) algal pond.
- 2.10. Design and operation of biological treatment systems: (1) Aerated lagoons (2) Activated sludge process (3) Trickling filters (4) sludge digest.
- 1.11. Sewage and sewage treatment: composition, bacteriology of sewage treatment, stabilisation-properties of sewage, categories of sewage, use of effluents in irrigation

### **3. TERRESTRIAL POLLUTION (15 hrs)**

- 3.1 Solid waste- garbage, rubbish, ashes, debris, street litter, agricultural waste, mining waste, industrial waste, e-waste etc.
- 3.2 Problems of solid waste disposal, consequences of solid pollution- Love canal episode as an example.
- 3.3 Solid waste disposal methods: Sanitary land fill, plasma gasification, deep well injection, incineration, recycling biogas

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## **(90 Hours)**

### **1.Introduction(6 hrs)**

- 1.1 Innate and adaptive immunity
- 1.2 Cells and organs of the immune system
- 1.3 Antigens, antigenecity, immunogenecity and haptens
- 1.4 Factors influencing immunogenicity

### **2. Antibodies (14hrs)**

- 2.1 Structure and functions of antibody molecules
- 2.2 Generation of antibody diversity
- 2.3 Monoclonal antibodies- Hybridoma technology and applications
- 2.4 Antibody engineering

### **3. Antigen-Antibody Interactions(16 hrs)**

- 3.1 Strength of antigen antibody interactions
- 3.2 Cross reactivity, precipitation reactions,agglutination reactions
- 3.3Immunotechniques - ELISA, RIA, Western Blot, Immunoprecipitaion, Immunofluorence microscopy, Flowcytometry

### **4. Generation of B cell & T cell response (12hrs)**

- 4.1 Humoral & cell mediated response
- 4.2 B & T cell receptors and CD3 Complex
- 4.3 Properties of B cell & T cell epitopes
- 4.4 Activation and differentiation of B and T cells

### **5. Immune effector mechanisms(12 hrs)**

- 5.1 Cytokines & antagonists
- 5.2 Complement System-components & functions
- 5.3 Complement activation and regulations (classical,alternate and lectin pathways)
- 5.4 Toll –like receptors
- 5.5 Cell mediated effector functions
- 5.6 Inflammation & hypersensitivity

### **6. Major Histocompatability Complex (MHC) (10 hrs)**

- 6.1 General organisation and inheritance of MHC
- 6.2 MHC genes & molecules
- 6.3 Cellular distribution of MHC molecules
- 6.4 MHC and immune response
- 6.5 Antigen processing and presentation –Endogenous and Exogenous pathways  
Presentation of non peptide bacterial antigens

### **7. Immune system in health and diseases(20 hrs)**

- 7.1Immune responses in bacterial (tuberculosis) parasitic (malaria) and viral (HIV) infections
- 7.2 Autoimmune diseases (organ specific and systemic)
- 7.3 Primary Immunodeficiency diseases -Bruton's disease, Di-george Syndrome & Severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID)
- 7.4 Secondary immunodeficiency diseases -AIDS(origin,means of infection, course of infection, structure and types of HIV, viral multiplication, mutation, diagnosis, antiretroviral therapy and AIDS vaccine)

## 7.5 Vaccines –Recombinant , DNA vaccines, synthetic peptide vaccines and multivalent vaccines

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**(90 Hours)**

**SECTION A: MICROBIOLOGY (45 Hours)**

**1. Introduction (3 hrs)**

- 1.1 History and scope of microbiology
- 1.2 Spontaneous generation concept
- 1.3 Recognition of the role of microbes in diseases
- 1.4 Composition of the microbial world
- 1.5 Turning points in microbial research
- 1.6 Microorganisms and the evolution of the earth
- 1.7 Modern age of microbiology

**2. Microbial taxonomy and phylogeny (4 hrs)**

- 2.1 Major characteristics (classic and molecular)
- 2.2 Numerical taxonomy
- 2.3 Taxonomic ranks
- 2.4 Phylogenetic studies
- 2.5 Phenetic classification
- 2.6 Bergey's Manual (mention major groups)

**3. Bacterial cell structure and function (6 hrs)**

- 3.1 Plasma membrane and internal system - cytomatrix, inclusions, ribosomes, nucleoid
- 3.2 Bacterial cell wall –peptidoglycan, structure
- 3.3 Gram positive and gram negative cell wall- mechanism of gram staining
- 3.4 Components external to cell wall- pili and fimbriae, capsule and slime layers
- 3.5 Flagella and motility

**4. Microbial nutrition (3hrs)**

- 4.1 Nutritional requirements
- 4.2 Nutritional types (auto, hetero, chemo, phototrophs & obligate parasites)
- 4.3 Culture media and types of media
- 4.4 Mixed microbial population and pure cultures

**5. Microbial growth (5 hrs)**

- 5.1 Growth curve -synchronous growth
- 5.2 Continuous culture
- 5.3 Influence of environmental factors on growth
- 5.4 Measurement of growth
- 5.5 Measurement of cell numbers-  
Petroff, Hauser counting Chamber, Spread plate and pour plate techniques
- 5.6 Measurement of cell mass-turbidity and microbial mass measurements

**6. Utilization of energy (4 hrs)**

- 6.1 Biosynthetic process-  
Peptidoglycan synthesis, amino acid synthesis, non synthetic processes
- 6.2 Bacterial motility and transport of nutrients

**7. Viruses (4 hrs)**

7.1 General structural properties

7.2 Types- DNA viruses, RNA viruses, and enveloped viruses

## **8. Microbial diseases(4 hrs)**

8.1 Human diseases caused by bacteria- *Streptococcal* diseases, typhoid, cholera, tetanus, leprosy, tuberculosis and Pneumonia

8.2 Human diseases caused by viruses - AIDS, small pox, rabies, measles, swine flu, bird flu, SARS

8.3 Fungal diseases- candidiasis

## **9. Control of microorganisms(5 hrs)**

9.1 Disinfectants-

Physical- heat, filtration and radiation

Chemical agents - phenol and phenolic compounds, alcohols, halogens and aldehydes

9.2 Antibiotics- Penicillin's, Cephalosporins, Chloramphenicol, Tetracyclines

9.3 Microbial drug resistance

## **10. Microbial fermentation (4hrs)**

10.1 Lactic fermentation - homolactic and heterolactic fermenters

10.2 Dairy products cheese, Yogurt, kefir (brief)

10.2 Alcoholic fermentation- alcoholic beverages

## **11. Environmental microbiology(3 hrs)**

11.1 Aquatic microbes

11.2 Microbiological analysis of drinking water

11.3 Waste water- microbial characteristics and treatment

11.4 Microbial Bioremediation- microbial fouling and corrosion

11.5 Biogas plants

## **SECTION B: BIOTECHNOLOGY (45 hrs)**

### **1. Introduction (1hr)**

1.1 Definition, scope and importance

1.2 Branches

### **2. Genetic engineering (4hrs)**

2.1 Cloning vectors – properties of a good cloning vector

2.2 Types of vectors -

Plasmids - pBR322, pBR327, pUC

Phages - lambda phage, M13

Cosmids, Phagemids, viruses, BAC, YAC and MAC

2.3 Shuttle vectors and expression vectors

2.4 Enzymes for r DNA technology- restriction enzymes and ligases

### **3. Different steps involved in *in vivo* cloning (3hrs)**

3.1 Construction of chimeric DNA (blunt end ligation, cohesive end ligation, homopolymer tailing, use of linkers)

3.2 Selection of transformed cells –blue white selection method, colony hybridization, Plaque hybridization

3.3 Amplification – multiplication, expression and integration of the DNA insert in host genome

#### **4. Molecular probes (2hrs)**

- 4.1 Production
- 4.2 Labelling
- 4.3 Applications

#### **5. Genomic and cDNA library (4hrs)**

- 5.1 Construction
- 5.2 Screening by - DNA hybridization, immunological assay, protein activity
- 5.3 Blotting techniques - Southern blot, northern blot, western blot, dot blot and slot blot
- 5.4 FISH and GISH, chromosome walking

#### **6. Polymerase Chain Reaction(2 hrs)**

- 6.1 Basic PCR – raw materials and steps involved
- 6.2 Inverse PCR, anchored PCR, asymmetric PCR, PCR for mutagenesis and real time PCR
- 6.3 Applications of PCR in biotechnology and genetic engineering

#### **7. Molecular markers (brief notes) (3hrs)**

- 7.1 RFLP
- 7.2 AFLP
- 7.3 RAPD
- 7.4 Minisatellites (VNTR)
- 7.5 Microsatellites (SSR)
- 7.6 SNPs

#### **8. Isolation, sequencing and synthesis of genes (4 hrs)**

- 8.1 Isolation (for specific proteins and tissue specific proteins)
- 8.2. DNA sequencing –Maxam and Gilbert's chemical degradation method, Sanger's dideoxynucleotide synthetic method
- 8.3 Synthesis of gene-chemical synthesis of tRNA gene, synthesis of gene from mRNA, gene synthesis machines

#### **9. Transfection methods and transgenic animals (3hrs)**

- 9.1 Definition, methods of transfection - Electroporation, DNA micro injection, Calcium phosphate precipitation, Dextran mediated transfer, shot gun method, virus mediated, lipofection method, engineered embryonic stem cell method
- 9.2 Transgenic animals for human welfare

#### **10. Biotechnology - animal and human health care (3hrs)**

- 10.1 Vaccines
- 10.2 Disease diagnosis
- 10.3 Gene therapy
- 10.4 Transplantation of bone marrow, artificial skin
- 10.5 Antenatal diagnosis
- 10.6 DNA finger printing
- 10.7 Forensic medicine

#### **11. *In vitro* fertilization (2hrs)**

- 11.1 *In vitro* fertilization and embryo transfer in human
- 11.2 *In vitro* fertilization and embryo transfer in live stock

## **12. Animal cell and tissue culture (3hrs)**

12.1 Culture media – natural and artificial

12.2 Culture methods – primary explantation techniques, various methods of cell and tissue culture

12.3 Tissue and organ culture

## **13. Gene Silencing techniques (2hrs)**

13.1 Antisense RNA

13.2 RNAi

## **14. Cloning (2hrs)**

14.1 Cloning procedures (adult DNA cloning, therapeutic cloning, embryo cloning) –

14.2 Advantages and disadvantages of cloning

## **15. Environmental biotechnology (3hrs)**

15.1 Pollution control – cleaner technologies, toxic site reclamation, removal of oil spill, reducing of pesticides and fertilizers, biosensors, biomonitoring

15.2 Restoration of degraded lands - reforestation using micro propagation, development of stress tolerant plants

## **16. Intellectual property rights (2 hr)**

16.1 Intellectual property protection

16.2 Patents, copy right, trade secrets, trademarks

16.3 GATT and TRIPS, patenting of biological materials, Geographical indicators

16.4 International co-operation, obligation with patent applications, implications of patenting-current issues

## **17. Ethical and social implications(2 hrs)**

17.1 Ethics of Genetic engineering - social impacts, human safety, virus resistant plants, animals and ethics

17.2 Release of GEOs-Use of herbicide resistant plants

17.3 Human genome alterations by biotechnology

17.4 Social acceptance of biotechnology-

Transgenic crops

Social acceptance of medical biotechnology

Acceptance of GM crops for food and pharmaceutical production

Social acceptance of industrial biotechnology

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**FOURTH SEMESTER M.Sc ZOOLOGY PROGRAMME**  
**THEORY XII- ELECTIVE**  
**FISHERY BIOLOGY-III**  
**HARVESTING, POST HARVESTING TECHNOLOGY AND MARKETING**  
**Code: VPZO4E31**

(90 Hours)

**SECTIONA: HARVESTING&POST HARVESTING TECHNOLOGY (84 hrs)**

**1. Commercial fishing method (2hr)**

- 1.1 Brief history of commercial fishing
- 1.2 Introduction to materials for construction of nets and ropes

**2. Crafts and gears for harvesting (21hrs)**

- 2.1 Towed or dragged gear
  - Bottom trawling
  - Beam trawl
  - Otter trawl
  - Side trawling
  - Stern trawling
  - Bottom pair trawling
  - Mid water (pelagic) trawling
  - Targeted and selective trawling
  - Turtle excluder device (TED)
  - Dredging
- 2.2 Encircling gear
  - Beach seining
  - Purse seining
  - Seine nesting
- 2.3 Static gear
  - Gill nets
  - Trap nets
  - Long lines
  - Pots and traps
- 2.4 Other gears
  - Squid jigging
  - Net fishing
  - Harpooning
- 2.5 Fish aggregating devices (FAD)
- 2.6 Echo-sounder and sonar
- 2.7 Catch per unit effort and economic consideration of vessel operations

**3. Chemical composition of fish (2hrs)**

- 3.1 Chemical composition of fish muscle
- 3.2 Significance of proteins and lipids
- 3.3 Nutritive value of fish muscle over red meat

**4. Post-mortem changes in fish muscle (4hrs)**

- 4.1 Pre-rigor mortis and post mortem changes
- 4.2 Physical and biochemical changes associated with the post mortem changes
- 4.3 Importance of post mortem changes in fish processing
- 4.4 Problems associated with post mortem changes and solutions

**5. Fish spoilage mechanisms(4hrs)**

- 5.1 Microbial spoilage

- 5.2 Enzymatic spoilage
- 5.3 Biochemical spoilage

## **6. Handling of fresh fish (3hrs)**

- 6.1 Icing and icing methods
- 6.2 Different types of ice - block ice, flake ice and dry ice
- 6.3 Handling - on board chilling and use of refrigerated sea water (RSW)
- 6.4 Fish landing platforms
- 6.5 Hygienic handling of fish on board and on shore

## **7. Preservation and processing techniques(10 hrs)**

- 7.1 Drying
- 7.2 Salting
- 7.3 Smoking
- 7.4 Freezing - plate freezers, blast freezers and individual quick freezing (IQF)
- 7.5 Battered and breaded products
- 7.6 Accelerated freeze drying (AFD)
- 7.7 Immersion freezing and cryogenic freezing
- 7.8 Canning
- 7.9 Irradiation
- 7.10 Assessment of capacity of plate, blast and IQF freezers

## **8. Processing of shrimps (3hrs)**

- 8.1 Commercially important prawns and shrimps of India
- 8.2 Pre-processing of prawns and shrimps into different varieties - peeled and deveined (PD), peeled and undeveined (PUD), head-less shrimps (HI), head on shrimps (HON)
- 8.3 Grades of shrimps
- 8.4 Cooked shrimps
- 8.5 IQF shrimp

## **9. Processing of lobsters (3hrs)**

- 9.1 Commercially important lobsters of India
- 9.2 Processing lobsters into different varieties of products
- 9.3 Grades of packing

## **10. Processing of cephalopods (3hrs)**

- 10.1 Commercially important cephalopods of India(squids and cuttlefish)
- 10.2 Pre-processing of cephalopods into different varieties
- 10.3 Grades of packing

## **11. Processing of fish (4hrs)**

- 11.1 Commercially important fishes of India
- 11.2 Fish filleting
- 11.3 Surimi
- 11.4 IWP products, grades for fish products

## **12. Fishery by-products (9hrs)**

- 12.1 Body oil, liver oil and sauces
- 12.2 Shark fins, fin rays, fish maws/isinglass
- 12.3 Fish silage, chitin and chitosan

## 12.4 Fermented fishery products

### **13. Fish processing plant and cold storage (2hrs)**

13.1 The pre-processing and processing plant, cold storage - general conditions relating to premises building, equipment, general conditions of hygienic of plant and workers, conditions of storage of frozen products

13.2 Requirements for registration with MPEDA, approval of processing plant by FIA allotment code

### **14. Quality control (7hrs)**

14.1 Fundamental aspects of quality

14.2 Major quality problems in sea foods

14.3 Quality of water and ice-chlorination and use of UV rays

14.4 Microbiology

14.5 Microbial hazards of sea foods - *E. coli*, *Salmonella*, *V. cholerae*, *Staphylococcus*

14.6 Inspection systems

14.7 Brief introduction to the quality control concepts of HACCP, ISO and IQM (total quality management)

### **15. Packing and export of seafood (4hrs)**

15.1 Methods of packing of various sea food products for export

15.2 Identification marks

15.3 In house stuffing and transport in refrigerated containers

### **16. Fishery education, research, development and export promotion agencies (3 hrs)**

16.1 Objectives and activities of the following institutions (very brief) – CIFT, CMFRI, CIFNET, CIFE, NIO, FSI, CIBA, EIA, MPEDA

16.2 Objectives of fishery extension

16.3 Qualities for fishery extension workers

16.4 Organizations of extension programs

## **SECTION B: FISHERY MANAGEMENT & INTERNATIONAL MARKETING (6 hrs)**

### **1. Fishery management (2 hrs)**

1.1. Marketing of fish in India

1.2. Fisherman and fisherman co-operatives

### **2. International marketing (4 hrs)**

2.1 Scope and importance

2.2 Major sea food products and markets of India

2.3 Documents required for export - letter of credit, invoice, bill of landing etc

2.4 Buyers and buyer's agents

Trade promotion

Role of trade promotion offices and embassies

Seafood trade fairs

Trade promotion visits

Value added products and its marketing

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**THEORY XII-ELECTIVE**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY-III**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**  
**VPZO4E32**  
**(90 Hours)**

## **1. Habitat Conservation (25 hrs)**

### **1.1. Forest Ecology**

- 1.1.1. Major vegetation types - dry and moist deciduous, semi evergreen, evergreen, and montane evergreen forests
- 1.1.2. Tropical rain forests; geography, climate; precipitation; features of plants/leaves, root, bark.
- 1.1.3. Shola forests (Cloud forests) ; global distribution; fog precipitation; cloud stripping; water shed function; fauna; vegetation.
- 1.1.4. Montane shola grass land matrix
- 1.1.5. Mangroves
- 1.2. Deforestation and its consequences
  - 1.2.1. Need for scientific management and conservation of forests
  - 1.2.2- Social forestry and agro forestry
- 1.3. Habitat destruction, Fragmentation and Degradation causes and consequences
- 1.4. Wetlands and waterfowl conservation
  - 1.4.1. Ramsar convention aims and objectives, Ramsar sites in Kerala
  - 1.4.2. Coastal zone management
    - 1.4.2.1. Special features of CRZ
    - 1.4.2.2. Coastal Zone Management plan and its objectives
    - 1.4.2.3. Categorization of the Coastal Zone; 'Setback line': Coastal Zone Management
  - 1.4.3. Indicative list of ecologically sensitive areas (ESA)
  - 1.4.3. Coral reefs: list of major coral reefs; conservation problems
  - 1.4.4. Ocean acidification; Ocean Warming and Coral Bleaching;
  - 1.4.5. Coral tourism; water pollution; sedimentation; coral mining

## **2. Biodiversity conservation (40 hrs)**

- 2.1. The richness of biodiversity
- 2.2. The importance of biodiversity (Direct and indirect values)
- 2.3. Reasons for high species diversity in the tropics.
- 2.4. Biodiversity of India
- 2.5. The threatened biodiversity with special reference to critically endangered vertebrates from India.
- 2.6. Loss of biological diversity and Causes of extinction.
- 2.7. Endemism
- 2.8. Keystone species and Keystone resources—
- 2.10. Exotic species introductions, invasive species, disease and over exploitations
- 2.11. Global hotspots - hotspots in India,- Western Ghats and Srilanka, Indo Burma, and Eastern Himalayas.
- 2.12. Biological control and Integrated Pest Management.
- 2.13. Organic farming and its importance

## **3. Strategies of conservation (15hrs)**

- 3.1. Concept of minimum viable area and minimum viable population
- 3.2. National Parks, aims and objectives -Briefly mention the important national parks in India with special reference to Kerala (Eravikulam, Silent valley, Mathikettan chola, Anamudi chola and Pambadum chola National parks from Kerala)
- 3.3. Sanctuaries-Major sanctuaries in India and mention the sanctuaries in Kerala.
- 3.4. Biosphere Reserves –Their aims and objectives, briefly mention them-with special reference to Kerala

- 3.5. Conservation strategies at the global level-Role of World conservation union, CITES, WWF and other international conventions and protocols
- 3.6. IUCN categories of threatened animals and red data book.
- 3.7. Wildlife management in India; Role of Government and non governmental agencies. Briefly mention wildlife protection act 1972 and its amendments and schedules
- 3.8. Endangered species -strategies of conservation with special reference to India - Project Tiger, Project Elephant, Project hangul, Operation Rhino. Crocodile breeding project, Project Sangai, Gir lion project, Himalayan Musk deer project.
- 3.9. Ex situ conservation -Zoo, Aquarium, Seed bank, Gene bank, Pollen bank, etc-
- 3.10. In situ conservation.- National parks, sanctuaries, Biosphere reserves, Community reserves and other protected areas.
- 3.11. Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK)-
  - 3.11.1. Introduction and need for its conservation
  - 3.11.2. Economic benefits
  - 3.11.3. Social implications-sacred groves, sacred landscape, sacred species
  - 3.11.4. TEK and sustainable development.

#### **4. Environmental Impact (10hrs)**

- 4.1. Aims and uses of preparing Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- 4.2. Aims and objectives of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA),
- 4.3. Environmental management systems-ISO-14000 standards
- 4.4. Cost benefit analysis of environmental protection incorporating, environmental costs and benefits of designing projects.
- 4.5. Development and displacement of rural communities, ethical and socio - economic problems, Disappearing culture and traditions, Impact on environment. Urban environment and new problems.
- 4.6. Ecotourism - Importance of Ecotourism, visitor impact, visitor management, control and safety rules – threats to local culture, eco-lodges. Economic & Ecological effects of ecotourism
- 4.7. Restoration of ecology and degraded rural landscape- Illustrate with case studies from India.
- 4.8. Environmental protection movements – Global, national, and local, historical, present social pressure group agencies like green, and Chipko movement, Narmada Bachao.

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**FIRST AND SECOND SEMESTER M.Sc ZOOLOGY PROGRAMME**  
**PRACTICAL I -BIOCHEMISTRY, BIOPHYSICS AND BIOSTATISTICS**  
**Code: VPZO2PL1**  
**(Practical classes to be conducted during first semester)**

**BIOCHEMISTRY**



1. Actual acidity and titrable acidity of a strong and a weak acid
2. Comparison of the buffering capacities of two buffers of same pH
3. Qualitative tests for carbohydrates
  - a) Qualitative tests for monosaccharides (glucose and fructose)
  - b) Qualitative tests for disaccharides (lactose, maltose & sucrose)
  - c) Qualitative tests for polysaccharides (dextrin & starch)
  - d) Identification of unknown carbohydrates (glucose, fructose, lactose, maltose, sucrose, dextrin & starch) by suitable tests
4. Quantitative estimation of carbohydrates
  - a) Estimation of blood glucose by colorimetric method (Somogy-Nelson method/ O- Toluidine method)
  - b) Estimation of total carbohydrate by phenol-sulphuric acid method
5. Qualitative tests for proteins
  - a) Colour reactions with proteins (albumin, casein, peptones & gelatin)
  - b) Precipitation reactions with proteins (albumin, casein, peptones & gelatin)
  - c) Identification of unknown protein (albumin, casein, peptones & gelatin)
6. Qualitative tests for non-protein nitrogenous substances (urea, uric acid and creatinine)
7. Identification of unknown carbohydrates, protein and non-protein nitrogenous substances from a given solution
8. Quantitative estimation of proteins
  - a) Estimation of proteins by Biuret method
  - b) Isolation of casein from cow's milk
9. Quantitative estimation of non-protein nitrogenous substances
  - a) Quantitation of blood urea by diacetyl monoxime method
  - b) Determination of urine creatine by alkaline picrate method
10. Quantitative estimation of lipids
  - a) Estimation of total serum cholesterol by Zak's method
  - b) Saponification number of oils – coconut oil & ground nut oil
  - c) Iodine number of fats

## **BIOPHYSICS**

1. pH meter and measurement of pH
2. Paper chromatography of amino acids, mixtures, identification of unknown amino acids and sugars
3. Gel filtration chromatography (Separation of starch from glucose)
4. Thin layer chromatography of amino acids and sugars
5. Serum electrophoresis
7. Determination of absorption coefficient and concentration of unknown solutions by calibration curve using a coloured solution
8. Absorption spectrum of a coloured solution (KMnO<sub>4</sub>)
9. Drawings using camera lucida

## **BIOSTATISTICS**

1. Preparation of frequency table with given data
2. Diagrammatic presentation of census data in Kerala in the form of bar diagrams and pie diagrams
3. Graphic presentation of population distribution in the form of histogram, frequency polygon and frequency curve

- 4.Computation of measures of central dispersion anthropometric data of school children
- 5.Simulation of binomial and poison distributions
- 6.Estimation of mean number of children per family in the university campus
- 7.Estimation of population of planktons
- 8.Designing of an experiment for the comparison of efficacy of a few diets on different types of animals by the method of ANOVA
- 9.Regression analysis and correlation analysis of a data of heights and weight of a group of students
- 10.Data analysis by SPSS

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**FIRST AND SECOND SEMESTER M.ScZOOLOGY PROGRAMME  
PRACTICAL II - PHYSIOLOGY, DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY AND  
ENDOCRINOLOGY**

**Code: VPZO2PL2**

**(Practical classes to be conducted during second semester)**

### **PHYSIOLOGY**

- 1.Kymograph: working principle and applications
- 2.Effect of different substrate concentration, pH and temperature on human salivary amylase activity- colorimetric method - plot graphs
- 3.Qualitative demonstration of digestive enzymes in cockroach – amylases, lipases, proteases, invertases and controls
- 4.Digestion in a vertebrate and calculation of peptic value
- 5.Influence of temperature and pH on the ciliary activity in fresh water mussel/mytilus using silver foil- plot graphs
- 6.Determination of respiratory quotient – estimation of O<sub>2</sub> consumption by an aquatic animal
- 7.Determination of the rate of salt loss and gain in an aquatic animal (fish or crab)
- 8.Estimation of urea and ammonia in human urine -Titrimetric method
- 9.Rate of glucose absorption – calculation of Cori coefficient
- 10.Estimation of haemoglobin of fish/man – Sahli's method
- 11.Blood volume determination by dye dilution method (vertebrate)
- 12.Blood - clotting time, bleeding time, rouleaux formation, preparation of haemin crystals
- 13 Enumeration of RBCs in human blood
- 14.Determination of lactic acid in muscle tissue
- 15.Differential count of human WBCs
- 16.Haematocrit and ESR of human blood
- 17.WBC total count

## **DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY & ENDOCRINOLOGY**

- 1.Induced ovulation in fish
- 2.Identification of different developmental stages of frog – egg, blastula, gastrula, neurula, tadpole external gill and internal gill stage
- 3.Vital staining of chick embryo
- 4.Preparation of temporary/permanent whole mounts of chick embryo of the following stages to study the extent of development of the circulatory and nervous system in detail - 20, 24, 33, 48 & 72 hours of incubation
- 5.Tracing the development of stained parts - candling, identification of blastoderm, window preparation – staining using stained agar strips and following the development
- 6.Preparation of stained temporary/permanent mounts of larvae
- 7.Experimental analysis of insect development - *Drosophila*
- 8.Regeneration studies in frog tadpole tail
- 9.Demonstration of sperm of rat/calotes/ frog
- 10.Morphological and histological studies of different types of placenta in mammals
- 11.Hormones in amphibian metamorphosis - Thyroxine/Iodine solution
- 12.Culture of early chick embryo *in vitro*
- 13.Study of invertebrate/vertebrate larval forms (minimum 7)
- 14.Observation of the mid-sagittal sections and cross sections of the chick embryo through head/ heart region of 24, 48 & 56 hours of incubation

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**FIRST AND SECOND SEMESTER M.Sc ZOOLOGY PROGRAMME**  
**PRACTICAL III- SYSTEMATICS, EVOLUTION, ECOLOGY AND ETHOLOGY**  
**Code: VPZO2PL3**  
**(Practical classes to be conducted during first & second semesters)**

**SYSTEMATICS**

1. Collection, preservation and curation of specimens
2. Identification of 15 specimens (fishes/insects/any other) upto family/ generic / species level
3. Preparation of dichotomous (simple bracket) keys- minimum ten sets of identified specimen

## **EVOLUTION**

1. Exercises in convergent evolution
2. Exercises in divergent evolution

## **ECOLOGY**

1. Identification, qualitative and quantitative estimation of marine plankton
2. Estimation of BOD in polluted water sample
3. Estimation of COD in water sample
4. Estimation of salinity, phosphates, chlorides, silicates and nitrates in water samples
5. Separation and identification of soil arthropods using Berlese funnel
6. Determination of moisture content of soil sample
7. Determination of water holding capacity of soil sample
8. Testing the transparency of water using Secchi disc
9. Determination of primary productivity in pond water using light and dark bottle
10. Study of termitarium / ant colony
11. Principle and application of the following instruments-  
GPS, Thermo hygrometer, Altimeter, Air samplers, Soil samplers, Berlese funnel, Lux meter, Anemometer, Rain gauge, Plankton net, Plankton counting chamber, Weather balloon, Secchi disc etc ( at least six items)
- 12- **FIELD STUDY**-A study tour of at least five days duration (need not be at a stretch) to observe the ecology and behaviour of animals should be under taken. The places of visit should 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.

## **ETHOLOGY**

1. Studying and reporting the behaviour and ecology of animals in selected fields (social spider/jungle babbler/white headed babbler or bonnet macaques)
2. Study of circadian rhythm
3. Chemo reception and behaviour in flies –finding the tarsal threshold for sugar
4. Behavioural reaction to moisture and light using isopods

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**THIRD & FOURTH SEMESTER MSC ZOOLOGY PROGRAMME  
PRACTICAL IV– CELL & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, IMMUNOLOGY,  
MICROBIOLOGY, BIOTECHNOLOGY AND MICROTECHNIQUES  
Code: VPZO4PL4  
(Practical classes to be conducted during third and fourth semesters)**

## **CELL & MOLECULAR BIOLOGY**

- 1.Estimation of DNA by Diphenyl amine method
- 2.Estimation of RNA by Orcinol method
- 3.Estimation of protein by Lowry' method
- 4.Cell fractionation and differential centrifugation to isolate mitochondria, nuclei and nucleolus
- 5.Isolation of RNA from yeast
- 6.Isolation of plasmid DNA
- 7.Isolation of genomic DNA
- 8.Isolation of DNA from Liver/Spleen/Thymus
- 9.Maintenance of *E.coli* culture (shake and surface cultures) and quantitative evaluation (number of cells/ml) of a given sample of culture by dilution and plating.
- 10.Preparation of salivary gland polytene chromosome from drosophila larva
- 11.Drosophila banding technique and karyotyping
- 12.Grass hopper testes –squash preparation to study various meiotic stages

## **IMMUNOLOGY**

- 1.Study of cells of immune system
- 2.Histology of organs of immune system
- 3.Bleeding of animals and preparation of serum
- 4.Separation of lymphocytes
- 5.Demonstration of agglutination reaction
- 6.Immuno Electrophoresis
- 7.Demonstration of ELISA technique
- 8.Production of antibodies
- 9.Preparation of antiserum
- 10.Titration of antiserum

## **MICROBIOLOGY**

- 1.Selective isolation and enumeration of bacteria
- 2.Bacterial staining technique
  - a.Simple staining of bacteria
  - b.Negative staining
  - c.Hanging drop technique
  - d.Gram staining
  - e.Endospore staining
- 3.Turbidity test for contamination of milk
- 4.Phosphate activity of milk
- 5.Microbial filters and their application
- 6.Preparation of media and sterilization -  
Nutrient agar, MacConkey agar, sterilization by wet and dry heat, disinfection
- 7.Cultivation of yeast and moulds
- 8.Isolation of pure colonies of bacteria
- 9.Growth curve of yeast - monitoring progress of microbial culture
- 10.Bacteriological analysis of water - faecal pollutants
- 11.Anaerobic culturing
- 12.Antibiotic sensitivity test

## **BIOTECHNOLOGY**

- 1.Isolation of plasmid DNA
- 2.Isolation of total RNA from tissues
- 3.Separation of DNA by electrophoresis
- 4.Bacterial transformation
- 5.PCR
- 6.Cell immobilization

## **MICROTECHNIQUES AND HISTOCHEMISTRY**

1. Preparation of stained and unstained whole –mounts
2. Identification of the various tissues of animals in serial sections prepared using nuclear and cytoplasmic stains
3. Processing a few types of tissues for the histochemical staining- staining of serial sections to show the presence of -
  - a)Carbohydrates by PAS method
  - b)Proteins by Mercuric bromophenol blue method
  - c)Fats by Sudan Black B method
  - d)DNA by Feulgen Technique

## **SUBMISSION**

Stained/unstained whole mounts- 4 numbers  
Double stained serial histology slides- 4 numbers  
Histochemical slides - 2 numbers

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**THIRD & FOURTH SEMESTER M.Sc ZOOLOGY PROGRAMME**  
**PRACTICAL V- FISHERY BIOLOGY I&II**  
**TAXONOMY, BIOLOGY, PHYSIOLOGY, ECOLOGY,CAPTURE AND CULTURE**  
**FISHERIES**  
**Code : VPZO4PL5**  
**(Practical classes to be conducted during third semester)**



1. Identification of common and local fishes
2. Dissection of accessory respiratory organs
3. Dissection of urino-genital system
4. Dissection of arterial system
5. Mounting of internal ear
6. Study of different types of scales
7. Determination of haemoglobin content in fish blood
8. Determination of amylase, protease and lipase activities in different parts of alimentary canal of fish
9. Determination of rate of ammonia and urea excretion in fishes
10. Age determination of fishes using scales and otolith

### **CAPTURE AND CULTURE FISHERIES**

1. Demonstration of induced breeding in fishes
2. Estimation of fecundity
3. Identification and study of ecto and endoparasites in fishes
4. Study of gut content analysis in fishes
5. Study and maintenance of fresh water aquarium
6. Determination of water and soil pH
7. Studies on texture of soil
8. Test for H<sub>2</sub>S
9. Test for Alkalinity
10. Test for salinity
11. Determination of water transparency
12. Determination of Ammonia, Nitrogen, Phosphorus and Free calcium carbonate
13. Identification of culturable species of shrimps, prawns and fishes
14. Identification of larval stages of shrimps, prawns and fishes

### **THIRD & FOURTH SEMESTER M.Sc ZOOLOGY PROGRAMME PRACTICAL V- -ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY –I &II AIR POLLUTION, RADIATION BIOLOGY, HEAVY METALS AND WATER POLLUTION Code : VPZO4PL5**

#### **A. AIR POLLUTION**

**I. Air samplers** – Simple, Handy and High volume air samplers.

**II. Monitoring of the following pollutants in ambient and polluted air:**

1. Dust fall
2. Suspended particulate matter
3. Sulphation rate using lead peroxide candle.
4. Sulphur dioxide
5. Nitrogen dioxide
6. Ammonia

**III. Study on the effect of SO<sub>2</sub> on vegetation**

## **B. RADIATION BIOLOGY**

1. Demonstration of UV induced lipid peroxidation in tissue homogenates
2. Effect of Vitamin E on UV induced lipid peroxidation

## **C. HEAVY METALS**

**I. Estimation of the following metals in effluent and sediment samples**

1. Copper-Biquinoline method
2. Zinc- Zincon method
3. Chromium (Hexavalent) - Diphenylcarbazide method

## **D. WATER POLLUTION**

**Waste water characterization** – determination of the following parameters in wastewater samples

1. Turbidity – Nephlo meter or Secchi disc method
2. Odour
3. Dissolved solids – gravimetric method
4. Suspended methods - gravimetric method
5. Dissolved oxygen (modified Winkler method)
6. Biochemical oxygen demand – Dilution method
7. Chemical oxygen demand – Dichromate digestion
8. Ammonia nitrogen – Indophenol blue method
9. Nitrite nitrogen – Azo dye method
10. Nitrate nitrogen –Phenol disulphonic acid method
11. Sulphate
12. Inorganic phosphates – APHA method
13. Hardness EDTA titration Method
14. Residual chlorine
15. Species diversity indices and indicator species
16. Primary production
  - a) Light and dark bottle method
  - b) Chlorophyll method.

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**THIRD & FOURTH SEMESTER M.Sc ZOOLOGY PROGRAMME**  
**PRACTICAL VI - FISHERY BIOLOGY III**  
**HARVESTING, POST HARVESTING TECHNOLOGY AND MARKETING**  
**Code : VPZO4PL6**  
**(Practical classes to be conducted during fourth semester)**

1. Identification of fishing craft, gears and gear material from models, drawings and photographs
2. Study of processing of commercially important fin fishes and shell fishes
3. Identification of different fishery by-products
4. Identification of different mechanisms used in fish processing
5. Staining of bacteria
6. Preparation of culture media
7. Study of bacterial culture
8. Laboratory technique to detect pathogenic bacteria of public health, significance of *E. coli*, *Salmonella*, and *Staphylococcus*
9. Preparation of scoring key to identify different stages of fish spoilage
10. Estimation of ash and water content of fish muscle
11. Estimation of total amino acid in fish muscle
12. Estimation of trimethyl amine
13. Extraction of liver and body oil
14. Study of canning and refrigeration

### **STUDY TOUR**

A study tour not less than ten days duration (need not be at a stretch) to -

Fishery research institutes such as CIFT, CMFRI, CIFNET, IFP, NIFPHAT

Fish hatcheries, fish landing centers, boat building yards, aqua-farms

The field reports with dated signature of the teacher concerned and duly certified should be submitted at the time of examination.

**THIRD & FOURTH SEMESTER M.Sc ZOOLOGY PROGRAMME**  
**PRACTICAL VI - ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY-III**  
**SOIL AND SEDIMENT ANALYSIS**  
**Code : VPZO4PL6**

### **A. Soil and Sediment Analysis**

1. Collection and Preservation
2. Redox potential.
3. Alkalinity.
4. PH
5. Exchangeable calcium and magnesium
6. Sodium and potassium.
7. Available phosphorous.
8. Ammonia Nitrogen
9. Chlorides
10. Organic Matter –Walkley Black Method
11. Sulphates

### **B. Environmental Microbiology**

12. Standard plate count of soil and water samples
13. MPN of total coliforms
14. MPN of faecal coliforms

### **C. Bioassay Studies and Insecticides**

15. Fish/Daphnia bioassay test to find out the toxicity of heavy metals/pesticides
16. Calculation of LC50 or TLm
17. Determination of the concentration of the following insecticides in water:
  - a) DDT
  - b) Methyl parathion
18. Inhibition of acetylcholine esterase by organophosphates/ carbamate insecticides(demonstration only)

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VIMALA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), THRISSUR  
FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc DEGREE EXAMINATION  
(CSS-PG)  
Zoology  
VPZO1C01- BIOCHEMISTRY

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum: 36 Weightage

Part A (Short answer questions)

*Answer **all** questions*

1. Write the Haworth structure of galactose.
2. State the laws of thermodynamics.
3. Write the structure of any one steroid.
4. Define Iodine number and give its importance.
5. Explain the reaction of a reducing sugar with phenylhydrazine.
6. Define redox potential.
7. Give the role of any two vitamins as coenzymes.
8. Give the importance of glycolysis.
9. What is A-DNA?

10. Write a brief note on micro- RNA.
11. Explain the decarboxylation of Histidine. What is its biological significance?
12. What is suicide inhibition?
13. What are prostaglandins?
14. Write the structures of cellobiose and maltose and explain the glycosidic bonds in them.  
(14x1=14 Weightage)

Part B (Short essay questions)

*Answer any **seven** questions.*

15. Explain the isoenzymes of LDH.
16. Describe the biosynthesis and degradation of glutamic acid.
17. Describe the secondary structure of proteins.
18. Distinguish between competitive and non competitive inhibitors of enzyme action.
19. How are purine bases degraded and excreted. Add a note on gout.
20. Write a note on the biological importance of HMP pathway in mammalian system.
21. Describe the classification of amino acids based on the polarity of side chains.
22. What are carotenoids? Give their biological role.
23. Explain the feature of Watson - Crick Model of DNA structure.
24. Briefly explain Ramachandran plot with a diagram.(7x2=14 Weightage)

Part C (Essay questions)

*Answer any **two** questions.*

25. Describe the role of TCA cycle as common oxidative pathway.
26. Explain biosynthesis of cholesterol. Indicate the rate limiting step.
27. Describe the classification of enzymes with suitable examples.
28. Describe the mitochondrial oxidation of fatty acids with even carbon atoms. Give the

energetics of production

(2x4=8 Weightage)



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FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc DEGREE EXAMINATION  
Zoology  
VPZO1C02- BIOPHYSICS AND BIOSTATISTICS

Time: 3 Hours Maximum: 36 Weightage

Part A (Short answer questions)

*Answer **all** questions*

1. What are the properties of a colloid?
2. What is meant by osmotic gradient?
3. Write a brief note on ultrasonics.
4. What is Doppler effect?
5. What is meant by single neuron recording?
6. What is kurtosis?
7. What are the statistical properties of normal distribution?
8. Precisely explain P-value.
9. What is meant by resolving power and numerical aperture of a microscope?
10. What is liquid scintillation counter?
11. What is the advantage of two-dimensional page?
12. What is radiation dosimetry?
13. Write the Henderson- Hasselbach equation.
14. Define G force. (14x1=14 Weightage)

Part B (Short essay questions)

*Answer any **seven** questions.*

15. Explain the application of class intervals in statistics.
16. Describe briefly the various sampling methods.
17. Briefly explain the statistical concept of degrees of freedom.
18. Explain the principle of Positron Emission Tomography.
19. Comment on the application of nanotechnology in biology.
20. Explain the major approaches to 'Radiation protection' and 'Radiation therapy'.
21. Comment on Immuno electrophoresis
22. Describe Isoelectric focusing. Comment on its significance
23. Enumerate the biological effects of radiation

24. Comment on the principle, working and applications of Scanning electron microscopy.

(7x2=14 Weightage)

Part C (Essay questions)

*Answer any **two** questions.*

25. Explain the functional organization of ear and the mechanism of hearing.

26. Describe the central tendencies and dispersion in statistics.

27. What are isotopes? Enumerate the different types of radioisotopes used in biology

28. Explain the analysis of bio-molecules using a : UV/Visible fluorescence, b: Light scattering

(2x4=8 Weightage)

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FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc DEGREE EXAMINATION  
Zoology  
VPZO1C03- SYSTEMATICS AND EVOLUTION

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum: 36 Weightage

Part A (Short answer questions)

*Answer **all** questions*

1. Define gamma taxonomy.
2. What is meant by DNA barcoding?
3. Mention the significance of ICZN
4. What is meant by Law of priority?
5. Distinguish between homonymy and synonymy.
6. Mention Lamarck's contribution to taxonomy.
7. Briefly describe subspecies.
8. What is meant by meiotic drive?
9. Precisely explain Eigen's paradox.
10. What is meant by molecular clock?
11. Briefly explain the concept of gene pool
12. Note down the importance of Von-Boer's law.
13. What are ecotypes?
14. Briefly describe intersexual selection.

(14x1=14 Weightage)

Part B (Short essay questions)

*Answer any **seven** questions.*

15. Citing an example, explain directional selection.

16. Give a concise account on co-evolution.
17. Briefly explain biochemical evolution.
18. Explain good-gene hypothesis.
19. Comment on the ethical principles to be followed in taxonomic collections.
20. What are the components of classification?
21. What is a pictorial key? Explain its role in taxonomy.
22. Describe the application of serological techniques in taxonomy.
23. Assess the relevance of 'storage and recovery' of data in classification.
24. Explain Florkin's concept of species.

(7x2=14 Weightage)

#### Part C (Essay questions)

*Answer any **two** questions.*

25. Explain the role of communication, speech and language in the evolution of primates.
26. What are the uses of taxonomic key? Elaborate it with reference to Indented key.
27. Explain the principles and rules of International code of Zoological Nomenclature.
28. Explain the significance of various isolation mechanisms in species evolution.

(2x4=8 Weightage)

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SECOND SEMESTER M.Sc DEGREE EXAMINATION

Zoology  
VPZO2C04 - PHYSIOLOGY

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum: 36 Weightage

Part A (Short answer questions)

*Answer **all** questions*

1. What is physiological calorie value? Give the calorific value of carbohydrate, protein and lipid.
  2. Define and give the normal values of tidal volume and inspiratory reserve volume.
  3. Name 4 antioxidant nutrients.
  4. List the different layers of retina.
  5. Mention the association areas of cerebral cortex.
  6. What are surfactants? Mention their function.
  7. Define renal clearance. Give the clearance value of urea, creatinine and phosphate
  8. Write short note on dead space.
  9. Give the methods of transportation of oxygen in blood
  10. Explain chloride shift.
  11. What is organ of corti? What is its function?
  12. Comment on Wernicke's area.
  13. Comment on intestinal motility.
  14. What is basal ganglion? What is its major function?
- (14x1=14 Weightage)

Part B (Short essay questions)

*Answer any **seven** questions.*

15. What is BMR? What is its significance?

16. Enlist the normal and abnormal constituents of urine.
  17. Distinguish between slow wave sleep and REM sleep.
  18. Write notes on Parkinson's disease.
  19. Write the principle and applications of ECG.
  20. What are the major causes of obesity?
  21. Give an account of factors causing shift of oxygen dissociation curve.
  22. What is memory? Explain the physiology of short term and long term memory.
  23. Give a short note on the composition of lymph.
  24. Give short note on pain receptors and their stimulation.
- (7x2=14 Weightage)

Part C (Essay questions)

*Answer any **two** questions.*

25. Describe the mechanism of pulmonary ventilation. Add a note on the neural and chemical regulation of respiration.
26. Describe the formation of urine.
27. Present an account of the functional areas of motor cortex and their motor functions.
28. Explain the taste buds and physiology of taste. (2x4=8 Weightage)

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SECOND SEMESTER M.Sc DEGREE EXAMINATION  
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Zoology  
VPZO2C05 - ECOLOGY AND ETHOLOGY

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum: 36 Weightage

Part A (Short answer questions)

*Answer **all** questions*

1. Describe any four characteristic features of population.
2. Explain the term ecological succession, types, sere and climax.
3. What is symbiosis? Mention the types with examples
4. What is primary production? Describe three important points.
5. What is decomposition? Mention decomposers, detritivores with suitable examples.
6. Describe four features of grasslands.
7. Distinguish between lentic and lotic systems with examples.
8. Describe four major causes of water pollution.
9. What is carnivory? Mention three important points.
10. What is meant by niche? Distinguish between fundamental and realized niche and niche width.
11. Explain klinotaxis with example
12. Explain sign stimulus with examples
13. Describe selfish gene theory.
14. Define ethograms give a suitable example. (14x1=14 Weightage)

Part B (Short essay questions)

*Answer any **seven** questions.*

15. Describe the biogeographic zones of India
16. What are the aims and objectives of Project Tiger?

17. Describe the mechanism of ecological succession.
18. What is herbivory? Mention the plant defences against herbivory.
19. Describe ecotone and edge effect.
20. Explain the features of Savanna biome.
21. Explain *ex-situ* conservation strategies.
22. What is life table? Mention its significance.
23. Describe circadian rhythm
24. Explain ritualization.(7x2=14 Weightage)

Part C (Essay questions)

*Answer any **two** questions.*

25. Write an essay on biotic divisions of the sea with its major fauna and adaptations.
  26. What is biotic community? Explain its characteristics with examples.
  27. Explain the term biodiversity? Describe alpha, beta, and gamma diversity, and methods of measuring diversity
  28. Describe motivation with special reference to guppies.
- (2x4=8 Weightage)



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SECOND SEMESTER M.Sc DEGREE EXAMINATION  
(CSS-PG)

Zoology

VPZO2C06 - DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY AND ENDOCRINOLOGY

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum: 36

Weightage

Part A (Short answer questions)

*Answer **all** questions*

1. Explain primary sex determination
2. Explain embryonic fields
3. What is grey crescent?
4. Explain RTK pathway.
5. What is morula?
6. Explain induction.
7. Explain realistor gene.
8. What is DNA methylation
9. What is epimorphic regeneration
10. Give a note on glucagon
11. Give a note on ADH.
12. What is calcitonin?
13. Give a short note on pineal gland.
14. Give short note on oxytocin.

(14x1=14 Weightage)

Part B (Short essay questions)

*Answer any **seven** questions.*

15. Describe the cellular interactions in organogenesis.
16. Explain the different types of regeneration.

17. Differentiate between determination and differentiation.
18. Explain Hox code hypothesis.
19. What is dorsoventral partitioning?
20. Explain the cortical reaction.
21. Explain the physiological role of ovarian steroid hormones.
22. What are endorphins? Explain its physiological role.
23. Explain the physical characteristics of hormones.
24. Explain the hormonal factors in pregnancy. (7x2=14 Weightage)

Part C (Essay questions)

*Answer any **two** questions.*

25. Write an essay on metamorphosis in amphibians and their hormonal control.
  26. Explain limb development in chick.
  27. Explain different types of cleavages and blastulas.
  28. Give an account on adrenocortical hormones.
- (2x4=8 Weightage)

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Zoology  
VPZO3C07 - CELL AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum: 36 Weightage

Part A (Short answer questions)

*Answer **all** questions.*

1. Distinguish between monocistronic and polycistronic mRNA.
2. Name two non-sense codons.
3. Enlist the rRNAs of eukaryotic ribosome.
4. Name two antibiotics as translational inhibitors. Mention their action.
5. What are chaperones? Mention their role in post-translational modification.
6. Distinguish between minisatellite and microsatellite.
7. What is site specific recombination? Cite example.
8. Distinguish between transduction and transformation.
9. What is a promoter site? Mention 3 consensus sequences of eukaryotic promoter site.
10. Comment on start codons.
11. What is g RNA? What is its function?
12. Give short note on suppressor tRNA.
13. What is affinity labeling? What is its application in ribosome studies?
14. What are petite mutants? Name the petite mutants of Yeast.(14x1=14 Weightage)

Part B (Short essay questions)

*Answer any **seven** questions.*

15. Explain pseudogenes.
16. Describe the rolling circle model of DNA replication.
17. Write short note on posttranscriptional modification of RNA.
18. Explain wobble hypothesis.
19. Compare translation in eukaryotes and prokaryotes.

20. Describe the basic features of tryptophan operon.
21. What is siRNA and miRNA? What are their roles in regulating gene expression?
22. What is cot ½? How it is related to complexity of the genome?
23. What is a complex multigene family? Explain the organization of histone gene in sea urchin.
24. Give a note on Human mitochondrial genome.(7x2=14 Weightage)

Part C (Essay questions)

*Answer any **two** questions.*

25. Give an account of semi conservative method of replication. Add a brief note on the enzymes  
and protein involved in DNA replication.
26. Write an essay on the organization of interrupted genes and their evolution.
27. Describe the various methods of DNA repair.
28. What are transposons? Give an account of the mechanism of transposition in eukaryotes and  
prokaryotes.(2 x 4 = 8 weightage)

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Zoology - Elective  
VPZO3E11 – FISHERY BIOLOGY-I  
TAXONOMY, BIOLOGY, PHYSIOLOGY & ECOLOGY

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum: 36 Weightage

Part A (Short answer questions)

*Answer **all** questions.*

1. Comment on physiological colour changes in fishes.
2. What is ultimobranchial organ?
3. List the different types of scales seen in fishes.
4. What is neurohypophysis? Mention its function.
5. Define deep sea trenches and give examples.
6. What is EEZ?
7. Comment on upwelling.
8. What is coral reef?
9. What is thermocline?
10. Comment on diadromus migration.
11. What is ovoviviparity? Give its evolutionary significance.
12. What is continental slope?
13. Give scientific names of four economically important fishes.
14. Comment on digestive enzymes in fishes.(14x1=14 Weightage)

Part B (Short essay questions)

*Answer any **seven** questions.*

15. Comment on the functions of blood.
16. Give the names and functions of reproductive hormones.
17. Write in brief crustacean neurosecretory system and their role in reproduction.

18. Write notes on excretion in lung fishes.
19. Describe briefly the accessory respiratory organs in fishes.
20. Comment on benthic divisions of sea.
21. What are the peculiarities of Piscean circulation?
22. Write briefly on mechanism of propulsion.
23. Describe in brief age and growth of fish.
24. Comment on mud banks.(7x2=14 Weightage)

Part C (Essay questions)

*Answer any **two** questions.*

25. Describe osmoregulation in marine fishes.
26. Explain the factors affecting primary production in ocean.
27. Explain briefly the ocean currents.
28. Describe the adaptations of cave dwelling fishes.(2x4=8 Weightage)

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VPZO3E21 - FISHERY BIOLOGY-II  
CAPTURE AND CULTURE FISHERIES

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum: 36 Weightage

Part A (Short answer questions)

*Answer **all** questions.*

1. Define integrated fish culture with examples.
2. List four bacterial fish diseases.
3. Write short notes on sex reversal.
4. Methods of fish seed transport.
5. Give a note on cryopreservation of gametes.
6. Give a note on cage farming.
7. Comment on hormone analogues.
8. Give four uses of sea weeds.
9. Distinguish between penaeid and non-penaeid prawns
10. Comment on feeding and breeding habits of Pomfrets.
11. Give a note on viviparous ornamental fishes
12. Give a note on aquarium plants
13. Explain crab fattening
14. Explain polyculture (14x1=14 Weightage)

Part B (Short essay questions)

*Answer any **seven** questions.*

15. Write notes on induced breeding in fishes.
16. What are the major symptoms of Dropsy? What are the control measures?
17. Give an account on water quality parameters.
18. How will you prepare an artificial feed?
19. Give a note on major river systems and fisheries of South India.

20. Write an account on hybridization in aquaculture.
21. Explain protozoan infections.
22. Give a note on the preparation and maintenance of freshwater aquarium.
23. Explain the design and construction of hatcheries.
24. Describe the classification of aquaculture practices.(7x2=14 Weightage)

Part C (Essay questions)

*Answer any **two** questions.*

25. Write an account on the present status and future prospects of aquaculture in India
26. Describe the biology of oil sardine and mackerel.
27. Discuss the steps involved in the culture of fresh water prawns and write notes on their commercial significance.
28. Write an account on culture of brackish water fishes.(2x4=8 Weightage)



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Zoology  
VPZO4C08 - IMMUNOLOGY

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum: 36 Weightage

Part A (Short answer questions)

*Answer **all** questions.*

1. Define innate immunity.
2. Name any two non peptide antigenic determinants.
3. Mention the application of RIA.
4. Mention any two importance of antibody engineering.
5. Briefly describe CD 3 Complex.
6. Briefly describe cross reactivity.
7. What is FACS analysis?
8. What do you mean by adaptive immunity?
9. What is hyper variable region?
10. Write brief notes on immunological tolerance.
11. Describe the genetic basis of anaphylaxis.
12. Name any two organs in human embryo involved in immunity.
13. Describe any two properties of T cell epitope.
14. What is secondary immune response? (14x1=14 Weightage)

Part B (Short essay questions)

*Answer any **seven** questions.*

15. Describe the structure of reticulocyte.
16. Explain about toll like receptors.
17. Explain the features of hapten.

18. Write a brief account on hypersensitivity.
19. Write on the structure of typical antibody.
20. Describe the immune response to infection of viral antigen.
21. Briefly explain the application of ELISA in Immunology.
22. List out application of flow cytometry in Immunology.
23. Give a brief account of humoral response.
24. Give a brief account of cellular distribution of MHC antigen.(7x2=14 Weightage)

Part C (Essay questions)

*Answer any **two** questions.*

25. Differentiate cytologically a T cell and B cell.
26. Give an account on the organization of immunoglobulin genes.
27. Write an account on the generation of antibody diversity.
28. With a labeled diagram explain the structure of lymph node.(2x4=8 Weightage)

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FOURTH SEMESTER M.Sc DEGREE EXAMINATION  
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Zoology  
VPZO4C09 - MICROBIOLOGY & BIOTECHNOLOGY

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum: 36 Weightage

Part A (Short answer questions)

*Answer **all** questions.*

1. What are plasmids? Mention their features.
2. Distinguish between YAC and MAC.
3. What are linkers?
4. Explain blue white selection method.
5. Describe FISH technique.
6. What is *in vitro* fertilization?
7. What are GATT and TRIPS?
8. Describe gram staining.
9. Distinguish between spread plate and pour plate techniques.
10. Describe microbial drug resistance.
11. Write notes on major fungal diseases.
12. Explain the structure of bacterial cell wall.
13. Describe Bergey's scheme of classification.
14. Describe various types of media used for the culture of microbes. (14x1=14 Weightage)

Part B (Short essay questions)

*Answer any **seven** questions.*

15. Explain the advantages of cloning technique.
16. Describe the features of Knockout mouse.
17. Explain DNA finger printing.
18. What are molecular markers? Describe any two of them.

19. What are molecular probes? Explain its uses.
  20. What are antibiotics? Mention their role in disease treatment.
  21. What are disinfectants? Classify them.
  22. Describe the major diseases caused by bacteria.
  23. Describe the general structure and properties of viruses.
  24. Write notes on influence of environmental factors on growth of microbes.
- (7x2=14 Weightage)

Part C (Essay questions)

*Answer any **two** questions.*

25. What is PCR? Describe the types and its applications.
26. Describe the role of biotechnology in pollution control.
27. Write an essay on human diseases caused by viruses.
28. Write an essay on microbial fermentation and the products.(2x4=8 Weightage)

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VPZO4E31– FISHERY BIOLOGY - III  
HARVESTING, POST HARVESTING TECHNOLOGY AND MARKETING

Time: 3 Hours  
Weightage

Maximum: 36

Part A (Short answer questions)

*Answer **all** questions.*

1. What is TED? Give the importance of it.
2. Comment on the different types of fishing traps.
3. Comment on FAD.
4. Explain targeted and selective trawling.
5. What are encircling gears? Give examples.
6. Write a short note on gear materials.
7. What are the different types of ice?
8. Comment on battered and breaded products.
9. Briefly explain irradiation.
10. Comment on the grades of shrimps.
11. Explain the activities of CMFRI.
12. Write a note on surimi
13. Comment on value added products.
14. Comment on the fermented and fishery products. (14x1=14 Weightage)

Part B (Short essay questions)

*Answer any **seven** questions.*

15. Give a note on squid jigging.
16. Give a note on eco sounder and sonar.

17. Give a note on onboard handling and processing of fish.
18. Give a note on chemical composition of fish.
19. Explain the different types of freezers.
20. Give a note on the processing of cephalopods.
21. Explain the fundamental aspects of quality.
22. Explain the methods of packing of various seafood products for export.
23. Give a short note on fishermen cooperatives.
24. Give a note on sea food trade fairs. (7x2=14 Weightage)

Part C (Essay questions)

*Answer any **two** questions.*

25. Write an account on fishery byproducts.
26. Give the fundamental aspects of quality control problems of sea food.
27. Give an account on the various crafts and gears operated in inland waters.
28. Describe the various methods of fish preservation and processing techniques.  
(2x4=8 Weightage)