

SRI VENKATESWARA UNIVERSITY
B.Sc. DEGREE COURSE IN ZOOLOGY
FIRST YEAR - SECOND SEMESTER
(Revised Syllabus under CBCS w.e.f. 2020-21)

PAPER – II: ANIMAL DIVERSITY – BIOLOGY OF CHORDATES

HOURS: 60 (5X12)

Max. Marks: 100

Course Outcomes:

By the completion of the course the graduate should be able to –

- CO1** Describe general taxonomic rules on animal classification of chordates
- CO2** Classify Protochordata to Mammalia with taxonomic keys
- CO3** Understand Mammals with specific structural adaptations
- CO4** Understand the significance of dentition and evolutionary significance
- CO5** Understand the origin and evolutionary relationship of different phyla from Protochordata to mammalia.

Learning objectives

1. To understand the animal kingdom .
2. To understand the taxonomic position of Protochordata to Mammalia.
3. To understand the general characteristics of animals belonging to Fishes to Reptilians.
4. To understand the body organization of Chordata.
5. To understand the taxonomic position of Protochordate mammals.

SYLLABUS

Unit - I

- 1.1 General characters and classification of Chordata upto classes
- 1.2 Salient features of Urochordata
- 1.3 Structure and life history of *Herdmania*
- 1.4 Retrogressive metamorphosis –Process and Significance

Unit - II

- 2.1 Cyclostomata, General characters, Comparison of Petromyzon and Myxine
- 2.2 Pisces : General characters of Fishes
- 2.3 Scoliodon: Digestive system, Structure and function of the Brain.
- 2.4 Migration in Fishes
- 2.5 Types of Scales
- 2.6 Dipnoi

Unit - III

- 3.1 General characters of Amphibia
- 3.2 Classification of Amphibia up to orders with examples.
- 3.3 *Rana hexadactyla*: Digestive system, Structure and function of Heart, structure and functions of the Brain
- 3.4 Reptilia: General characters of Reptilia, Classification of Reptilia upto orders with examples
- 3.5 Identification of Poisonous snakes and Skull in reptiles

Unit - IV

- 4.1 Aves General characters of Aves
- 4.2 Columba livia: Respiratory system, structure and function of Brain
- 4.3 Migration in Birds
- 4.4 Flight adaptation in birds

Unit - V

- 5.1 General characters of Mammalia
- 5.2 Classification of Mammalia upto sub - classes with examples
- 5.3 Comparison of Prototherians, Metatherians and Eutherians
- 5.4 Dentition in mammals

Co-curricular activities (suggested)

- Preparation of charts on Chordate classification (with representative animal photos) and retrogressive metamorphosis
- Thermocol or Clay models of Herdmania and Amphioxus
- Visit to local fish market and identification of local cartilaginous and bony fishes Maintaining of aquarium by students
- Thermocol model of fish heart and brain
- Preparation of slides of scales of fishes
- Visit to local/nearby river to identify migratory fishes and prepare study notes
- Preparation of Charts on above topics by students (Eg: comparative account of vertebrate heart/brain/lungs, identification of snakes etc.)
- Collecting and preparation of Museum specimens with dead frogs/snakes/lizards etc., and/or their skeletons
- Additional input on types of snake poisons and their antidotes (student activity).
- Collection of bird feathers and submission of report on Plumology
- Taxidermic preparation of dead birds for Zoology museum
- Map pointing of prototherian and metatherian mammals
- Chart preparation for dentition in mammals

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MODEL QUESTION PAPER

Time: 3 hrs

Max. Marks: 75

I. Answer any FIVE of the following:

5x5=25

Draw labeled diagrams wherever necessary

1. Amphioxus
2. Placoid scale
3. Quill feather
4. Prototheria
5. Anadromous migration
6. Draco
7. Emu
8. Apoda

II. Answer any FIVE of the following:

5x10=50

Draw labeled diagrams wherever necessary

9. Explain the life history of Herdmania
OR
Explain the origin and general characters of chordates
10. Compare the characters of Petromyzon and Myxine
OR
Describe the structure of heart of Scoliodon
11. Describe the brain of Rana hexadactyla
OR
Explain the external features of Calotes
12. Write an essay on flight adaptations in birds
OR
Explain the respiratory system of Columba livia
13. Compare the characters of Metatheria and Eutheria
OR
Write an essay on dentition in mammals

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PRACTICAL PAPER: ANIMAL DIVERSITY - BIOLOGY OF CHORDATES

Periods: 24

Max. Marks: 50

Learning Outcomes:

- To understand the taxidermic and other methods of preservation of chordates
- To identify chordates based on special identifying characters
- To understand internal anatomy of animals through demo or virtual dissections, thus directing the student for “empathy towards the fellow living beings”
- To maintain a neat, labeled record of identified museum specimens

OBSERVATION OF THE FOLLOWING SLIDES / SPOTTERS / MODELS

1. Protochordata : *Herdmania, Amphioxus, Amphioxus* T.S through pharynx.
2. Cyclostomata : *Petromyzon and Myxine*.
3. Pisces : *Pristis, Torpedo, Hippocoampus, Exocoetus, Echeneis, Labeo, Catla, Clarius, Channa, Anguilla*.
4. Amphibia : *Ichthyophis, Amblystoma, Axolotl larva, Hyla*,
5. Reptilia: *Draco, Chamaeleon, Uromastix, Testudo, Trionyx, Russels viper, Naja, Krait, Hydrophis, Crocodile*.
6. Aves : *Psittacula, Eudynamis, Bubo, Alcedo*.
7. Mammalia: *Ornithorhynchus, Pteropus, Funambulus*.

Dissections-

1. *Scoliodon* IX and X, Cranial nerves
2. *Scoliodon* Brain
3. Mounting of fish scales

Note: 1. Dissections are to be demonstrated only by the faculty or virtual.

2. Laboratory Record work shall be submitted at the time of practical examination.

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