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SECTION-A

Total Marks: 50

Paper 1: Research Methodology

UNIT I: 10 Marks

Basics of Research: Definition and overview of Research, Need for Scientific Research, Bibliography, Research Aptitude, Citations and its importance, Research Ethics.

UNIT II: 10 Marks

Data Collection and analysis: Methods of data collection, Observation and Collection of data, Sampling Methods- Data Processing and Analysis strategies. Measures of dispersion: Range, Mean deviation, Standard deviation, Standard error of mean.

UNIT III: 10 Marks

Basic statistical definitions and concepts: Variables and Variation, Frequency Distributions and Cumulative Frequency Distributions, Test of significance: Student t- test, ANOVA; Elementary idea of probability, Central tendencies.

UNIT IV: 10 Marks

General aptitude and Computation: Basics of computers and operating systems, Blood Relation Test, Input-Output Test, Data Analysis and Interpretation Test, Ratios Test, Permutations and Combinations Test, Percentage Test, Symbol Sequence Test.

UNIT V: 10 Marks

Reasoning: Number Series, Verbal Classification, Analogies, Matching Definition, Verbal Reasoning, Statement and Assumption, Statement and Conclusion, Cause and Effect, Logical Deduction, Making Judgments, Logical Problems, Analyzing Arguments.

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Section B: Subjective Paper (Zoology)

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UNIT I:

Animal Diversity and Biomolecules: Principles and methods of taxonomy, Levels of structural organization, Comparative anatomy, adaptive radiation, adaptive modifications; Composition, structure and function of biomolecules; Bioenergetics, mechanism of enzyme catalysis.

UNIT II:

Cell and Molecular Biology: Structural organization and function of cell membrane and intracellular organelles; Cell division and cell cycle; Organization of genes and chromosomes, Replication, Transcription, Translation and gene regulation.

UNIT III:

Animal Physiology and Developmental Biology: Digestion, Cardiovascular, Respiratory, Excretory and nervous systems; Cell signaling, Endocrinology, reproduction and Immunology; Gametogenesis, Fertilization and Organogenesis.

UNIT IV:

Genetics, ecology and evolution: Mendelian's Principle and its extension, Sex determination, chromosomal aberrations and human genetics; Structure and function of Eosystem, Population ecology, Biodiversity and conservation, Evolutionary thoughts, Molecular mechanism of evolution.

UNIT V:

Biochemistry: Biochemistry of Intermediary Metabolism, Proteins and Enzymology, Medical Biochemistry

Endocrinology: Human reproduction, Hormone Receptors and Signaling Mechanisms

Fish Biology: Fish Reproduction-Genetics and Biotechnology; Capture Fishery

Neuroscience Neurons, action potential, Neurotransmitters, synapse, blood brain barrier, common neurological disorders

Toxicology: History and scope of toxicology, toxic substances, dose response relationship, occupational hazards, antioxidant defence mechanism and oxidative stress.

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