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UPSC IFS (M)

**Previous Year Paper
(Zoology) Paper-II
28 Nov, 2023 Shift 2**



ZOOLOGY

Paper – II

Time Allowed : **Three Hours**

Maximum Marks : **200**

Question Paper Specific Instructions

Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions :

There are **EIGHT** questions in all, out of which **FIVE** are to be attempted.

Questions no. **1** and **5** are compulsory. Out of the remaining **SIX** questions, **THREE** are to be attempted selecting at least **ONE** question from each of the two Sections A and B.

Attempts of questions shall be counted in sequential order. Unless struck off, attempt of a question shall be counted even if attempted partly. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.

All questions carry equal marks. The number of marks carried by a question/part is indicated against it.

Neat sketches may be drawn, wherever required.

Answers must be written in **ENGLISH** only.

SECTION A

- Q1.**
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| (a) | Illustrate the mechanism of initiation of DNA replication and formation of primosome in prokaryotes. | 8 |
| (b) | Diagrammatically compare paracentric and pericentric inversions. | 8 |
| (c) | Distinguish between sympatric and allopatric speciation. | 8 |
| (d) | Explain the inheritance pattern of an autosomal recessive congenital disease showing a three-generation pedigree. | 8 |
| (e) | Discuss the significance of cladistics in the field of taxonomy. | 8 |

- Q2.** (a) Explain the use of minisatellite DNA in the process of DNA fingerprinting. 15
- (b) Discuss the isolating mechanisms that prevent interspecific crosses. 15
- (c) Describe the composition of prokaryotic ribosomes and illustrate sequential assemblies of 30S and 50S subunits during the formation of translation initiation complex. 10
- Q3.** (a) Diagrammatically describe prophase stages and differentiate between anaphase I and II of meiotic cell division. 15
- (b) Describe the factors which are known to affect the Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium. 15
- (c) Explain the genic balance theory of sex determination in *Drosophila*. 10
- Q4.** (a) Illustrate fluid mosaic model of plasma membrane and explain the mechanism of active transport through the membrane. 15
- (b) Distinguish between founder effect and bottleneck effect. How do these forces affect gene frequency of a large population ? 10
- (c) Describe the role of multiple alleles in the inheritance of ABO blood group system in humans. 15



SECTION B

- Q5.** (a) Explain the physiological role of cholesterol. 8
- (b) Compare the mechanism of osmoregulation in terrestrial and marine mammals with examples. 8
- (c) Describe the role of G protein-coupled receptors in the action of steroid hormone. 8
- (d) Justify the statement with examples "Coenzymes function as second substrate of concerned enzyme". 8
- (e) Discuss paedogenesis and neoteny with examples. 8
- Q6.** (a) Draw the structure of F_0F_1 -ATP synthase and explain the chemiosmotic concept of oxidative phosphorylation. 15
- (b) Illustrate actin myosin sliding mechanism of muscle contraction and relaxation. 15
- (c) Describe different types of placenta in eutherian mammals. 10
- Q7.** (a) Discuss the process of teratogenesis in animals. 15
- (b) Describe the structure of IgG and the process of generation of antibody secreting cells. 15
- (c) Explain the countercurrent mechanism operating at vasa recta and its role in urine formation. 10
- Q8.** (a) Describe hormonal regulation of menstrual cycle. 15
- (b) Explain the principle and protocol of *in vitro* fertilization in humans. 15
- (c) Describe alpha helix and tertiary structure of protein. 10

SECTION B

Q1. (a) Explain the physiological mechanism of cholesterol synthesis in the liver. (5)

(b) Discuss the role of cholesterol in the synthesis of steroid hormones. (5)

Q2. (a) Describe the structure and function of the adrenal cortex. (5)

(b) Explain the mechanism of action of cortisol. (5)

Q3. (a) Discuss the role of the hypothalamus in the regulation of the endocrine system. (5)

(b) Explain the mechanism of action of growth hormone. (5)

Q4. (a) Describe the structure and function of the thyroid gland. (5)

(b) Explain the mechanism of action of thyroxine. (5)



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