

2023
M.Sc.
Fourth Semester
CORE – 12
ZOOLOGY
Course Code: MZOC 4.21
(Animal Behaviour & Chronobiology)

Total Mark: 70
Time: 3 hours

Pass Mark: 28

Answer five questions, taking one from each unit.

UNIT-I

1. What do you mean by orientation? Discuss the different types of orientation prevalent in animals. 4+10=14
2. Write a short note on the following: 7×2=14
 - (a) Complex animal behaviour
 - (b) Difference between kinesis and taxis

UNIT-II

3. Write a note on the following: 7×2=14
 - (a) Sonar-navigation
 - (b) Echolocation
4. Explain the concept of infra-sound communication in elephants. Add a note on migration in birds using different communication signals. 14

UNIT-III

5. Elucidate the concept of intra and inter-sexual selection in animals giving suitable examples. 14
6. What is parental care? Discuss the different types of parental care in animals and their role in population regulation. 3+11=14

UNIT-IV

7. What are biological rhythms? Discuss the different types of biological rhythms and their influence on animal behaviour. 4+10=14
8. (a) Describe the various factors that control biological rhythms. 7
(b) Write a note on supra-chiasmatic nuclei. 7

UNIT-V

9. Write a note on the following: 7×2=14
(a) Molecular basis on biological clock in mammals
(b) Importance of chronopharmacology and chronotherapy
10. What is phase-shift? How is phase response curve plotted? Explain their role in understanding biological clock. 3+11=14
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