

RAJASTHAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, AJMER

SYLLABUS FOR SCREENING TEST FOR THE POST OF SENIOR SCIENTIFIC OFFICER BIOLOGY DIVISION (M.Sc. ZOOLOGY) (STATE FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORY, RAJASTHAN, JAIPUR)

UNIT-I

CELL STRUCTURE, MOLECULES AND THEIR INTERACTION:

Structural organization and functions of cell including Plasma membrane, intracellular organelles (Nucleus, Mitochondria, Golgi-bodies, Lysosomes, Endoplasmic reticulum, Peroxisomes) and types and structure of Chromosomes, Cell division and cell cycle.

Bio-molecules-Structure, composition and function(carbohydrates, lipids, proteins and nucleic acids), pH, buffer and buffer system, Enzymes- types and their functions, regulation, enzyme inhibition, iso-enzymes. Nucleic acids, their structure and functions, types of DNA and RNA, replication mechanism, Proteins synthesis.

UNIT-II

HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY:

Tissues of body, epithelia and glands, their classification and functions, connective tissues, cartilage- structure and types, bones- formation , gross structure, fracture and healing, Structure and growth of teeth, types, dentition-pattern and formula, eruption sequence and age determination, dental anomalies and their significance in personal identification, bite marks of human/ animals and their analysis. Structure and functions of major organ systems and their physiology-Integumentary, digestive , skeleton, respiratory, endocrine, nervous, cardiovascular, excretory, reproductive, muscular and neuromuscular systems, blood physiology.

UNIT-III

ECOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT AND MICROBIOLOGY:

Ecosystem and their types, ecological factors, types of pollution, types of waste, BOD, COD, effect on human health, algal blooms and identification and composition, eutrophication and their effects. Various types of planktons, diatoms, preparation and identification and their forensic importance. Diatom tests and its importance in drowning cases, precaution in collection, preservation and forwarding of biological samples for diatom test, methods of isolation of diatoms from different body tissues/ bone marrow and water samples. Soil and water analysis for various microbes, isolation, classification, cell structure of bacteria and fungi, spores, microbes of soil and spoiled food.

UNIT IV

BIOSYSTEMATICS, TAXONOMY, ANIMAL CLASSIFICATION AND GENETICS:

Chemotaxonomy, Cytotaxonomy, Molecular Taxonomy and General classification of Animals (classification of Invertebrates upto order, classification of chordates upto class) Mendelian and Non mendelian inheritance, linkage, recombination and crossing over, chromosomal basis of inheritance, sex linked inheritance, chromosomal aberration, Eugenics.

UNIT V

TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES IN BIOLOGY:

Tissue preparation- fixation, preparation of paraffin and plastic blocks, sectioning- rotary microtome, cryostat, vibratome and ultrathin sectioning. Staining- various staining techniques- simple and double staining, histochemical staining for bio molecules, Decalcification of bones and tooth, immunocytochemical staining. Chromatographic techniques- Paper, TLC, GLC, HPLC, GCMS, Electrophoresis-gel, agar, SDS and rocket; Statistical analysis- data collection and processing, regression and correlation, ANOVA analysis, probability, t-test, p value, χ^2 test (Chi square).

UNIT- VI

FORENSIC TECHNIQUES: ANTHROPOLOGY:

Anatomical description of skeletons of human and animals as relevant to forensics, ossification and identification of bones for determination of age, sex, race, stature etc. forensic anthropometry/ osteometry and tools involved. Determination of personal identity- sex differences in skull, pelvis and other bones. Calculation of stature from long bones, identification of burnt bones. Recovery of and identification of skeletal remains in accident, crimes and mass disasters, recovery, packing and storage of fleshed and burnt bone remains of human/ animal of forensic importance . Skeletal pathology and trauma of bones, facial reconstruction and superimposition, craniofacial superimposition techniques as photographic and video superimposition.

UNIT-VII

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE COLLECTION & PACKAGING OF EXHIBITS FROM CRIME SCENE:

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HISTOLOGICAL AND ANATOMICAL EXAMINATION OF SOME PLANTS YIELDING DRUG:

Morphology and anatomy of plants, types of plants yielding drugs of abuse— opium, cannabis, coca, tobacco. Identification of plants of Cannabis sativa (Ganja & bhang), opium (Papaver somniferum), tobacco (Nicotiana tabacum) etc. in criminal cases.

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BIOLOGY DIVISION (M.Sc. BIO-CHEMISTRY)

UNIT-I

Foundation of Biochemistry: Cellular and chemical foundations of life, Water: unique properties, weak interactions in aqueous systems, ionization of water, buffering action in biological system.

Carbohydrate chemistry: Structure of classification of monosaccharides, disaccharides, and polysaccharides, Glycolytic pathway, TCA cycle, pentose phosphate pathways, glycogen metabolism.

Lipid Chemistry: Building blocks of lipids - fatty acids, glycerol, ceramide; Structural lipids in membranes – glycerophospholipids; sphingolipids and sterols, Composition and synthesis of lipoproteins and transportation, oxidation of fatty acids, biosynthesis of lipids, cholesterol metabolism.

Protein Chemistry: Structure and classification of amino acids, peptide, polypeptide, Ramachandran plot, protein folding, Primary, Secondary, Tertiary and Quaternary structure of proteins; essential, non-essential and non-standard amino acids.

Nucleic acid chemistry: Structure of purine, pyrimidine, nucleoside & nucleotides, De-Novo synthesis of purine and pyrimidine, Synthesis of nucleoside di- and triphosphates, deoxynucleotides, degradation of purine and pyrimidine nucleotides, salvage pathways of nucleotides synthesis, different types of DNA and RNA, Watson-Crick model of DNA, Structure of mRNA, tRNA and rRNA.

UNIT-II

Enzyme chemistry: Enzyme definition, basic principle of enzyme action, activation energy, General characteristics of enzymes; nature of enzymes - protein and non-protein (ribozymes – RNaseP, abzymes), apoenzyme, holoenzyme. Fischer's lock and key hypothesis, nomenclature and classification of enzymes, mechanisms of action various enzymes including chymotrypsin, lysozyme.

Enzyme kinetics: Kinetics of single substrate reaction, Michaelis-Menten equation, Lineweaver-Burk plot, Eadie-Hofstee and Hanes plot. Determination of K_M and V_{max} , K_{cat} , specificity constant.

Enzyme Inhibition: Reversible and irreversible inhibition, kinetics of bi-substrate reaction.

Enzyme regulation: Allosteric enzymes, symmetrical and sequential model, Hill's coefficients, cooperativity, Enzyme regulation and feedback control, enzyme activity regulation by post translational modification.

UNIT-III

Classical genetics: Mendelian and non-Mendelian inheritance, genetic linkage, recombination and crossing over, chromosomal basis of inheritance, mutagenesis, genetic basis of sex determination, extra-nuclear inheritance.

Molecular Genetics: Structure of chromatin and chromosomes, Central dogma of molecular biology, replication, transcription, translation, regulation of gene expression: transcriptional, translational and post-translational.

Cell Biology: Membrane models, chemical composition of membrane, membrane proteins, endocytosis, phagocytosis, liposomes and its application.

Structure and functions of intracellular organelles such as nucleus, mitochondria, endoplasmic reticulum, golgi apparatus, lysosomes, plastids, peroxisomes.

UNIT-IV

Basic concept of development: Basic features of development in animals, gametogenesis, types of eggs, fertilization, cleavage, and blastula, modification of development in evolution, generation of multicellular embryo, formation of germ layers, patterning of vertebrate body plan.

Reproductive Biology: Reproductive strategies and reproductive cycles in vertebrates, spermatogenesis, oogenesis, hormonal regulation in gametogenesis in male and female, In-vitro fertilization, embryo transfer technology.

Nervous System: Organization of nervous system, somatic nervous system; sympathetic and parasympathetic system; structure and function of neuron and glial cells.

Musculo-skeletal System: Bone structure and function; smooth, cardiac and skeleton muscles, muscle contraction.

Endocrinology: Endocrine glands including pituitary, thyroid, etc; hormones, regulation of hormone secretion, peptide hormones and steroid hormones, biochemistry of hormone action.

Immunity: innate and acquired immunity, antibody, major histocompatibility complex, complement systems, T and B-cell maturation and differentiation, antigen processing and presentation, hypersensitive reaction and autoimmune diseases, polyclonal and monoclonal antibodies.

UNIT-V

Blood: Components & functions of blood, lymph, CSF; Plasma and serum, major plasma proteins, Erythrocytes, Leukocytes, Platelets- structure and function; role of platelets in coagulation, Biochemical mechanism of blood clotting and fibrinolytic system.

Glycogen storage diseases: Von Gierke, Pompe, Cori and McArdle.

Anemia and amino acid metabolism: Hemophilia and thrombosis, Hemoglobin, sickle cell anemia, thalassemia, phenylketonuria, alkaptonuria, albinism, etc.

Electrolyte and acid balance: Acid-base balance, regulation of electrolyte and water balance, renin-angiotensin system in human body.

Clinical analysis: Functional test of liver, kidney, thyroid, pancreas, tissue biopsy, liquid biopsy, circulating nucleotides as molecular diagnosis.

UNIT-VI

Immunological techniques: Immuno-electrophoresis, immune-precipitation, agglutination, RIA, ELISA, FACS, immune-fluorescence microscopy, Immuno-electron microscopy, Fluorescence In-situ hybridization (FISH), Chromatin immuno-precipitation.

Statistics: Data collection and processing, Regression and Correlation, ANOVA analysis Probabilities; t-test, p-value; χ^2 test.

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Pattern of Question Papers:

1. Objective Type Paper
2. Maximum Marks : 100
3. Number of Questions : 100
4. Duration of Paper : Two Hours
5. All Questions carry equal marks
6. There will be Negative Marking
7. The candidate has to choose either Zoology or Bio-Chemistry

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