2012

ZOOLOGY

(Major)

Paper: 1.1

Full Marks: 60

Time: 21/2 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

1. Choose the correct answer:

 $1 \times 7 = 7$

- (a) The taxonomic level concerned with the arranging of species into a natural system of lower and higher taxa is
 - (i) alpha taxonomy
 - (ii) beta taxonomy
 - (iii) gamma taxonomy
 - (iv) systematics
- (b) The system of biological classification based on genealogy and degree of similarity is
 - (i) omnispective classification
 - (ii) cladification
 - (iii) evolutionary classification
 - (iv) numerical phenetics

- (c) The principle of binominal nomenclature is applied in the naming of a
 - (i) family
 - (ii) genus
 - (iii) species
 - (iv) All of the above
- (d) A type specimen of opposite sex to the holotype is known as
 - (i) cotype
 - (ii) genotype
 - (iii) neotype
 - (iv) allotype
- (e) Homologous characters arise due to
 - (i) inheritance from the nearest common ancestor
 - (ii) mimicry
 - (iii) convergent evolution
 - (iv) parallel evolution
- (f) Cladistic classification is due to
 - (i) Darwin
 - (ii) Linnaeus
 - (iii) Hennig
 - (iv) Adanson

- (g) The evolutionary species concept was originally proposed by
 - (i) Dobzhansky
 - (ii) Simpson
 - (iii) Paterson
 - (iv) Mayr

2. Distinguish between:

 $2 \times 4 = 8$

- (a) Monotypic species and Polytypic species
- (b) Monophyletic group and Paraphyletic group
- (c) Apomorphy and Plesiomorphy
- (d) Category and Taxon

3. Write short notes on (any three):

5×3=15

- (a) Chromosome banding
- (b) Bracket keys
- (c) Principle of priority in zoological nomenclature
- (d) Curating of taxonomic collections
- (e) Linnaean hierarchy

4. Define taxonomy. Discuss the importance of animal taxonomy to agriculture and public health. 2+4+4=10

Or

Discuss cladism in biological classification. What are the merits and demerits of cladistic classification system? 4+3+3=10

5. What is chemotaxonomy? Discuss the methods of chemotaxonomy. 2+8=10

Or .

Describe the common methods of collection for the taxonomic study of animals.

6. Explain the biological species concept. What are the difficulties in applying biological species concept? 7+3=10

Or

State the principle of typification. Discuss briefly any four of the types that are used in zoological nomenclature. 2+8=10
