## **UNIVERSITY OF JAMMU**

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<u>Svllabus of Entrance/Screening Test for the post of Laboratory Assistant in the Department</u> of Zoology

S.No.	Examination Type	Units	No. of Questions	Marks	Duration
1.	Multiple Choice Questions	Chromatography Techniques	20	20	2 Hours
2.		Historical Background/Innate and adaptive immunity	20	20	
3.		Insects, General Organization and Classification	20	20	
4.		History of Development of Microbiology	20	20	
5		-Composition and levels of Biodiversity		- 20	

#### UNIT I Composition and levels of Biodiversity

(Genetic diversity, Species diversity, Ecosystem Diversity); Patterns of Biodiversity (a,b,y); Classification of Non-chordates and Chordates (major orders); Hot spots of biodiversity; National Parks; wildlife sanctuaries; wet lands; National wildlife Act, Red Data Book and its significance; Strategies for Biodiversity Conservation; In-situ, Ex – situ conservation; Biodiversity Act of India and related international conventions (CBD, Ramsar Convention, CITES, Brundtland Report, Agenda 21, Kyoto Protocol). Theories of organic evolution; Evolutionary time scale: Eras, period and epoch; Major events in evolutionary time scale and origin of unicellular and multi cellular organisms; Evidences of Biological evolution; Vestigial organs; Atavism; Connecting and missing links; Allopatricity; Sympatricity; Co-evolution; Reciprocal altruism; Hardy Weinberg law: Evolution of Man.

#### UNIT II Insects, Preservation and Culture Practices

General characters of different insect orders; Preparation of insect killing bottles; Techniques used for the collection of insects; Various methods used for preserving the terrestrial and aquatic insects: Sampling techniques for estimation of insect population and damage; Preparation of insects for the insect collection box: Study of different species of silkworms, characteristic features. moriculture, pests and diseases of silkworms, rearing and management of silkworms: Lac insect- natural enemies and their management: Identification of honey bec species, bee castes: identification and handling of bee-keeping equipments: Establishment and maintenance of apiaries.

#### UNIT III Microscopy and techniques in Molecular Biology

Thin layer chromatography. Affinity chromatography. Liquid and gas chromatography, Planar/ paper chromatography. lon exchange chromatography. Size exclusion chromatography: Centrifugation: principles and types: Bright Field Microscopy. Dark Field Microscopy. Electron microscopy. Transmission Electron microscopy and Scanning Electron microscopy, Fluorescence Microscopy. Confocal Microscopy; Polymerase Chain Reaction; DNA sequencing Techniques, Southern Blotting; Western Blotting; Northern Blotting; Principle and applications of native

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polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis, SDS- polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis, 2D gel electrophoresis. Isoelectric focusing, Agarose gel electrophoresis; Radiolabelling techniques; Spectrophotometry-Principles and Techniques; DNA modifying enzymes and their applications: DNA polymerases; Terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase, kinases and phosphatases, and DNA ligases.

# UNIT IV Immunology and Biochemistry: Background and Techniques

Structure, Functions and Properties of Immune Cells – Stem cell, T cell, B cell, NK cell, Macrophage, Neutrophil, Eosinophil, Basophil, Mast cell, Dendritic cells; Immune Organs – Bone Marrow. Thymus, Lymph Node, Spleen, GALT, MALT, Antibody: Types, Structure, Function and generation of diversity; Immunological Techniques: ELISA; Immuno precipitation; Immuno blotting; Monoclonal antibodies; Principles of Precipitation, Agglutination, Immuno diffusion; Proteins: Structure, Function & Metabolism; Enzymes: Structure & Function; Irreversible inhibition, Reversible inhibition, Competitive inhibition; Non-competitive inhibition; Uncompetitive inhibition; Carbohydrates: Structure and Function; Lipids: classification; Nomenclature and forms of fatty acids.

### UNIT V Microbiology and Biosafety practices

Bacteriological techniques, Pure culture isolation: Streaking, serial dilution and plating methods: cultivation, maintenance and preservation/stocking of pure cultures; Physical methods of microbial control: heat, low temperature, high pressure, filtration, desiccation, osmotic pressure, radiation; Chemical methods of microbial control: disinfectants, types and mode of action; different techniques of streaking; Good laboratory practices: Introduction, WHO guidelines; Biosafety cabinets – Working of biosafety cabinets, using protective clothing, Discarding biohazardous waste – Methodology of Disinfection; Autoclaving & Incineration; Good lab practices, lab safety, waste disposal and managements; Biosafety in laboratory; Laboratory associated infections and other hazards. Simple staining: Negative staining; Gram's staining; Acid fast staining.

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