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ZOOLOGY

(Core)

Paper : C-14

(Evolutionary Biology)

Full Marks : 53

Pass Marks : 21

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Fill in the blanks : 1×5=5

- (a) According to chemical evolution, _____ are the first pre-cells that gradually transformed into living cells.
- (b) The use and disuse theory of evolution was proposed by _____.
- (c) _____ fossil is formed when minerals fill the cavity left behind by a decayed organism.

- (d) The gradual change in the characters of a species across a geographical area forms a ____.
- (e) ____ is the movement of alleles from one population to another due to interbreeding between members of two population.

2. Differentiate between the following (any *two*) :
 $3 \times 2 = 6$

- (a) Darwinism and Neo-Darwinism
- (b) Hominid characteristics and Primate characteristics
- (c) Allopatric and Sympatric speciation
- (d) Microevolution and Macroevolution

3. Write short notes on the following (any *three*) :
 $4 \times 3 = 12$

- (a) Causes of mass extinction
- (b) Neutral theory of molecular evolution
- (c) Multiple sequence alignment (MSA)
- (d) Background extinction
- (e) Sexual selection

4. Describe briefly about the evolution of primates to humans.

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Or

Discuss about the molecular analysis of human origin.

5. Describe the process of chemical origin of life.
What is biogeny? 5+3=8

Or

Differentiate between chemogeny and biogeny. Write a note on the evolution of eukaryotes. 2+6=8

6. Describe different types of heritable variations and explain their roles in evolution. 8

Or

Define palaeontology. Explain the evidences from fossil records in favour of organic evolution citing suitable examples. 1+7=8

7. What are the factors that disrupt the Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium? Write a note on Kin selection. 5+3=8

Or

Define genetic drift. Explain the role of migration and mutation in changing allele frequencies. 1+7=8

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