

**M.Sc. ZOOLOGY**  
**SECOND SEMESTER**  
**ECOLOGY & ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR**  
**MSZ-201**  
[USE OMR SHEET FOR OBJECTIVE PART]

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Duration: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 70

Time: 30 mins.

**(Objective)**

Marks: 20

*Choose the correct answer from the following:*

*1 × 20 = 20*

- World's total land area is:
  - 113,076 million hectares
  - 33,076 million hectares
  - 13,076 million hectares
  - None of these
- Which of the following factors influence the primary productivity?
  - Nutrients
  - Climate
  - Both a & b
  - None of these
- The flow of energy in an ecosystem is:
  - One way
  - Reverse way
  - Both a & b
  - None of these
- The Grazing food chain starts with:
  - Omnivores
  - Herbivores
  - Carnivores
  - None of these
- Gross primary productivity and Net primary productivity can be related as:
  - $GPP = NPP + R$
  - $GPP = NPP - R$
  - $NPP = GPP + R$
  - None of these
- Which of the animal undergoes the longest migrations?
  - Arctic tern
  - Sardine shoals
  - Zebra
  - None of these
- The honey bees and social insects are clearest examples of:
  - Altruism
  - Kin selection
  - Courtship
  - None of these
- Territorial behaviour is costly in:
  - Energy
  - Predation
  - Competition
  - All of these
- An aggregation of males that are each seeking to attract a mate are called:
  - Harems
  - Leks
  - Dens
  - None of these
- Polygyny is a strategy used by males to increase their:
  - Physical fitness
  - For reproductive success
  - For healthy offspring
  - All of the above

11. Which of the following age pyramid can be used to describe an exponentially growing population?
  - a. Broad based
  - b. Bell shaped
  - c. Inverted
  - d. Urn shaped
12. An S-shaped population growth pattern can be represented by which of the following pyramids?
  - a. Broad based
  - b. Bell shaped
  - c. Inverted
  - d. Urn shaped
13. A highly convex curve in survivorship can be represented by which animal?
  - a. Elephant
  - b. Fish
  - c. Oyster
  - d. Butterfly
14. A tectonic lake is an example of which of the following types of succession?
  - a. Allogenic
  - b. Secondary
  - c. Climatic
  - d. Retrogressive
15. The terminal final community in the process of ecological succession is known as:
  - a. Environmental complex
  - b. Serel community
  - c. Climax community
  - d. Developmental community
16. Which among these is not a criterion for instincts in animal behaviour?
  - a. Unlearned
  - b. Adaptive
  - c. Characteristic of species
  - d. None of these
17. Learning behaviour should not result from:
  - a. Fatigue
  - b. Behaviour change
  - c. Parents
  - d. All of these
18. Which among these is not a characteristic of the community?
  - a. Species association
  - b. Recessive behaviour
  - c. Biotic stability
  - d. Abundance of any species
19. Which among these is a false statement for character displacement?
  - a. Structures communities
  - b. Brings down population for competition
  - c. Generates phenotypic diversity
  - d. None of these
20. Who among these people was not involved in Optimal Foraging Theory?
  - a. Robert MacArthur
  - b. Eric Pianka
  - c. Niko Tinbergen
  - d. JME Nilen

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**( Descriptive )**

Time : 2 hr. 30 mins.

Marks : 50

[ Answer question no.1 & any four (4) from the rest ]

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| 1. Define population. Write the different types of age distribution in a population with the examples of pyramids.   | 3+7=10   |
| 2. What is ecological succession? Why did Odum preferred to call this process as Ecosystem development?  | 2+8=10   |
| 3. Write a descriptive note on the various prospects and details of competition theory.  | 10       |
| 4. What is Optimal Foraging Theory? Mention in detail about the theory with few examples and quantitative predictions.   | 3+7=10   |
| 5. What is energy flow? Enumerate the different principles of energy flow in an ecosystem. Brief details about the different models of energy flow in the ecosystem. | 2+8=10   |
| 6. Write short notes:<br>a) Food chain<br>b) Food web<br>c) Desert ecosystem<br>d) Forest ecosystem  | 2.5×4=10 |
| 7. What is courtship? How do animals demonstrate courtship behavior? Give examples.  | 10       |
| 8. Write an account of kin selection, altruism, migration and territoriality behavior in animals.  | 10       |

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