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ZOOLOGY

Paper: ZLG0400504

(Comparative Anatomy of Vertebrates)

Full Marks: 45

Time: 2 hours

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

- 1. Choose the correct answer: 1×5=5
 - (a) What is the primary function of stratum corneum in the epidermis?
 - (i) Sensation
 - (ii) Melanin production
 - (iii) Thermoregulation
 - (iv) Protection against pathogens and dehydration

- (b) Jaw suspension in frog is
 - (i) Autostylic
 - (ii) Craniostylic
 - (iii) Hyostylic
 - (iv) Streptostylic
- (c) Which of the following structures is directly connected to the aortic arch in humans?
 - (i) Pulmonary artery
 - (ii) Subclavian artery
 - (iii) Brachiocephalic trunk
 - (iv) Hepatic portal vein
- (d) Which type of kidney is found in adult birds and mammals?
 - (i) Pronephros
 - (ii) Mesonephros
 - (iii) Metanephros
 - (iv) Opisthonephros
- (e) Teeth of humans are:
 - (i) Diphyodont
 - (ii) Heterodont
 - (iii) Homodont
 - (iv) Both (i) and (ii)

- 2. Write short notes on the following:

 (any five) 2×5=10
 - (a) Pelvic girdle and its bones
 - (b) Functions of integument
 - (c) Mesonephric kidney
 - (d) Aortic arch of amphibians
 - (e) Jaw suspensorium of fishes
 - (f) Auditory receptors
 - (g) Air sacs
 - (h) Vagus nerve
 - (i) Heart of reptiles
 - (j) Diphyodont teeth
- 3. Answer briefly: (any four)

5×4=20

- (a) Briefly highlight the structure and function of the types of dentition in vertebrates.
- (b) Explain the different components of the appendicular skeleton of vertebrates.
- (c) What do you understand by accessory respiratory organs? Briefly discuss on any two types of accessory respiratory organs with examples of your choice.

- (d) Explain the viewpoints on the evolution of the urinogenital duct in vertebrates.
- (e) Briefly explain the structure and function of visual receptors in man.
- (f) Citing examples, describe the different types of vertebrae that are known in vertebrates.
- (g) Write briefly on the accessory organs of digestion in vertebrates.
- (h) Compare and contrast the brain of fish and birds.
- 4. Answer elaborately: (any one) 10×1=10
 - (a) Give a comparative account on the visceral arches of vertebrates.
 - (b) Explain the structure and function of derivatives of integuments in vertebrates.
 - (c) Give an account on the cranial nerves in mammals.
 - (d) Explain the components of the axial skeleton highlighting the structural and functional differences in different groups of vertebrates.