

NEUROPHYSIOLOGY

Programme	B.Sc. Zoology				
Type of Course	Minor				
Semester	II				
Academic Level	200-299				
Course Details	Credit	Lecture per week	Tutorial per week	Practical per week	Total hours
	4	3		2	5
Pre-requisites	+2 /VHSC or equivalent online courses				
Course objectives					

Course outcome	CO statement	Cognitive Level*	Knowledge Category#	Evaluation Tools used
CO1	Identify the different types of nerve cells, glial cells and nerve fibres.	R	F	
CO2	Describe the structure and functions of CNS and reflex actions, types of reflex actions	U	F&C	
CO3	Describe the structure and functions of the Cerebellum and Basal Ganglia	U	F&C	
CO4	Describe the structure and functions of the Cerebral Cortex, the functions of Brain in communication, and various theories of sleep and imaging techniques	U	F&C	
CO5	Attain skill in doing experiments related to neurophysiology	Ap	P	
CO6	Identify various functional deformities of brain from the symptoms shown by individuals in real life or imaginary situations	Ap	M	

* - Remember (R), Understand (U), Apply (Ap), Analyse (An), Evaluate (E), Create (C)
- Factual Knowledge(F) Conceptual Knowledge (C) Procedural Knowledge (P) Metacognitive Knowledge (M)

Question paper pattern for external examination: Module 1 : short answer 3 x 3 =9 marks, paragraph 1 x 6 = 6 marks; Module 2 : short answer 3x 3= 9marks, paragraph 2x 6 = 12 marks, Essay1 x10 =10 marks,; Module 3 : short answer2 x 3=6 marks, paragraph 1 x 6 =6 marks Essay 1x10 = 10 marks; Module 4 : short answer 2 x 3= 3marks, paragraph 4 x 6 = 24 marks,

Module 1: The Nervous System (11Hrs)

Unit 1 Divisions of Nervous system and tissue (6hrs) - (CNS, PNS – somatic and autonomic); Nervous tissue (neurons, nerve fibres, nerves, synapse); Non nervous tissue and other materials (neuroglia, meninges, Cerebro-spinal fluid, Blood- CSF and blood-brain barriers).

Unit 2: Nerve impulse(5hrs) - generation, conduction, synaptic transmission, the role of calcium ions, action of transmitter substances on the postsynaptic neuron, types of transmitter substances.

Module 2: The Central Nervous System (11Hrs)

Unit 1: Brain (3hrs) – an overview (Forebrain, midbrain, hindbrain).

Unit 2: Spinal cord (2hrs)– an overview of its structure and organization.

Unit 3: Reflex Action (4hrs)– reflex arc, muscle spindle, Golgi tendon organ, Types of reflexes-monosynaptic reflex, multi-synaptic reflex, crossed extension reflex, mass reflex.

Unit 4: Neural control of muscle tone and posture (2hrs).

Module 3: The Cerebellum and the Basal Ganglia (11Hrs)

Unit1: The Cerebellum and its motor functions.(2hrs)

Unit 2: Anatomical functions, areas of the cerebellum.(3hrs)

Unit 3: Function of the cerebellum in overall motor control(2hrs)

Unit 4: The basal ganglia-their motor functions(4hrs), role of the basal ganglia for cognitive control, functions of neurotransmitters with basal ganglia.

Module 4: The Cerebral Cortex, sleep and Techniques in Neurophysiology(12hrs)

Unit 1: Functions of the specific cortical areas(4hrs) –association areas (parietooccipital, temporal, prefrontal and limbic association areas with special emphasis on Wernicke's area and Broca's area), area for recognition of faces, the concept of the dominant hemisphere.

Unit 2: Function of the brain in communication (2hrs)- Sensory and Motor aspects of communication

Unit 3: - Sleep (2hrs) –Basic theories of sleep, Brain waves, Slow-wave sleep and REM sleep

Unit 4: Techniques in neurophysiology(4hrs). Brain imaging – CT, MRI, PET, CBF, EEG, Lesioning, and Electrical Stimulation of Brain (ESB).

Module 5: PRACTICALS (1 CREDIT, 30 Hrs)

MANDATORY EXPERIMENTS

1. Identification of parts of Brain using charts, models etc.
2. Identification of Brain waves – Slow wave sleep, REM sleep etc.
3. Demonstration of reflexes- Superficial reflexes , Deep tendon reflexes , Primitive or spinal reflexes , Tonic or brainstem reflexes
4. Demonstration of cranial nerve integrity
5. Demonstration of motor function.
6. Demonstration of assessment of cognitive function - Memory
7. Demonstration of assessment of speech and communication

For conducting the experiments from No. 3 to 7, the students can visit any Physiotherapy clinic or institute, or the teacher can find the help of any professionals from Medical field. The total duration of the institutional visit or the consultation with the professional must not exceed 10hrs. Two experiments other than the listed should be selected by the Supervising teacher and introduced to the students.

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1. Schneider A.M & Tarshis B., An introduction to Physiological Psychology, Random House, New York.
2. Guyton & Hall – Textbook of Medical Physiology, 12 th Edn., Saunders.
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