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Ph.D Entrance Examination in Wildlife and Management, SEPTEMBER - 2024

The Ph.D entrance examination for the eligible candidates who have applied for Ph.D in Wildlife and Management of this University in response to the Notification for the academic year 2024.

DETAILS OF THE PH. D. ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

Date of Entrance Exam	:	30-09-2024
Time	:	10.30 am to 1.30 pm.
Venue	:	Class Room, Dept. of Wildlife and Management, Kuvempu University, Shankaraghatta

Instructions :

1. Duration of entrance test is 3.00 hrs.
2. The candidates should report at 10:00 AM on 30-09-2024 along with 2 stamp sized photographs. The Admission Tickets will be issued before the commencement of examination on the same day.
3. Bring any personal ID card(Aadhaar, Passport etc) and a photocopy of the same.
4. No TA/DA or accommodation will be provided to the candidates by the University for attending the entrance examination.
5. Eligibility Marks for Internal Viva-Voce – Minimum for pass in the entrance test shall be 50% of the total marks for which the test is conducted with a relaxation of 5% to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/differently abled category candidates. For those candidates who have qualified UGC-JRF/NET/SLET/Teacher Fellowship holder/Inspire Fellowships there shall be no minimum marks for pass in the entrance test.
6. The Candidates who have not enclosed the P.G Degree Marks cards/JRF/NET/SLET/Caste certificates (SC, ST, Cat-I, IIA, IIB, IIIA, IIIB,) along with their application, and whose caste or income certificate was expired should bring a copy of the same while appearing for the entrance examination.
7. If candidates failed to submit their claimed reservation certificates then such candidature will be treated as GM against their claimed reservation.
8. Mobile phone/Calculator/any other material will not be allowed in the examination hall.
9. Your candidature is subjected to the fulfillment of eligibility norms and verification of documents. If any information furnished is found incorrect, the candidature is liable for rejection.

10. Written test will consist of 20 objective type questions, 08 short notes and 06 essay type questions shall be given, out of which any 05 short notes and 04 essay type questions need to be answered respectively. Each short note and essay type questions carry 6 marks and 10 marks respectively, 50% from the Research Methodology and remaining 50% questions from the cognate subjects.
11. Before the viva voce examination, students should produce the original SSLC marks card, PG marks cards and Caste and Income certificates if applicable for verification. Those who are employed should produce No Objection Certificate from their employers.
12. The candidature of those who do not produce original marks cards will not be considered for viva-voce examination.

Sd/-
Chairman

MODEL QUESTION PAPER
Ph. D Entrance Test, September - 2024
Subject: Wildlife and Management

Time: 3 hrs

Max. Marks: 90

Instructions to candidates: *Answer all questions.*

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary

I. Answer the following

20 x 1 = 20

- 1.
- .
- .
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- 20.

II. Write short notes on any **FIVE** of the following:

6 x 5= 30

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

III. Answer any four of the following :

4 x 10 = 40

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

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P.G. Studies and Research in Wildlife and Management
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Ph.D Entrance Exam Syllabus

PART – A: COGNATE SUBJECTS

Unit -1: Plant Systematics: Introduction to angiosperm systematics and evolution: Morphology and Taxonomy of major groups, Plant identification and use of Taxonomic literature. Principles of plant nomenclature, Types and methods, Citation of authorities and name changes. Floral diversity and botanical regions of India. Classification of algae and plants (up to major families only).

Unit -2: Animal Systematics: Animal Taxonomy: Development of modern taxonomy; Pre-Darwinian approaches, The discovery of Phylogeny. New systematic and future scope. Characteristics and classification of, Mammals, Reptiles, Amphibians and Fishes up to orders with suitable examples. [Classification of Protozoans, Non-chordates (major classes with Insects up to orders) and Chordates (major orders)]

Unit-3 : Natural resource conservation: Concept of conservation with special reference to forest and wildlife management, conservation versus preservation. forest and wildlife as natural resources. Conservation movement in India, socio-economic and political realities, different phases of the conservation and how it has impacted people at large. Concept of stakeholders. International conservation bodies; IUCN UNDP, FAO, WWF.

Unit 4: Ecology: definition, branches of ecology. Ecosystem; Basic concepts and structure of ecosystem, Functioning of ecosystem, energy flow and nutrient cycles, food chains, food webs, trophic levels, autotrophs, heterotrophs, saprotrophs, biological cycles, structure and function of some Indian ecosystems. **Community ecology:** Nature of communities; community structure and attributes; edges and ecotones. Species interactions, **Habitat and niche:** Concept of habitat and niche; Types of Niche, Ecological succession: Types; mechanisms; changes involved in succession; concept of climax. **Population ecology ;** Characteristics of population ecology, k & r selected species,

Unit 5: Ethology; Definition & Types of Behaviors (including Innate & Learned), Cues / triggers to behavior , Genetic basis of behavior, Behavior & Ecological success (adaptation, Niche realization) Sociobiology, Animal Societies, Establishment of Hierarchies, Animal Communications , Social behaviors and Parental care. Methods of observing and recording animal behaviors; Sampling Behaviours, Methods of observing Behaviour , Time-activity budgets, Ethograms, Social interaction, matrices and their analysis

Unit 6: Wildlife diseases: Infectious diseases; Rabies, Rinderpest, Foot and Mouth, viral encephalitides, yellow fever, new castle, Psittacosis/Ornithosis, African swine flue, Kyasanur diseases. Bacterial diseases: Anthra, Brucellosis, Clostridiosis, Listeriosis. Non-infectious diseases wildlife diseases: Diseases of the digestive, respiratory, excretory and nervous system. Factors of disease dissemination in wildlife and animal health monitoring.

Unit 7: Wildlife conservation: Economic, ecological, aesthetic, Scientific, Recreational, Medicinal. Wild life categories: Endangered, Threatened, Vulnerable, rare; data deficient categories, Red data book. Causes of wildlife depletion: Degradation and destruction of natural habitats, Exploitation for commercial purposes, Deforestation, Agricultural expansion and grazing, Urbanization and industrialization, Forest fires. National parks, Wildlife sanctuaries, wildlife reserves, privately owned wildlife reserves & Biosphere reserves, Single species / single habitat based conservation programmes (e.g. Project tiger, Project Elephant, Valley of flowers, etc.,). Role of NGOs in conservation; International NGOs; UNEP, GEF,

WCS, Bird Life International Important NGOs in India & their contributions , WWF, ATREE, BNHS, WTI, Kalpavriksha etc. Important NGO movements ,Chipko movement, Narmada BachavoAandholan, PaniPanchayats, Seed Movement etc. Wildlife Trade and Laws ; Wildlife protection Act of India, CITES, TRAFFIC, RED Data Book, Measures to control poaching & wildlife trade. Regulations & Acts related to protected areas; General concepts of Private forests, Reserve forests, Sanctuaries, National Parks, Wildlife reserves, Coastal Regulation Zone, Protected Areas Network.

Part – B: Research Methodology

Unit 8: Research Methodology: Definition, Importance and meaning of research, Types of research, Characteristics of research, Steps in research, Identification, Selection and formulation of research problem, Research questions, research designs, formulation of hypothesis. Sampling – Sampling theory, Techniques, types of sampling, sampling size, sampling steps, errors- sampling and non –sampling, merits and limitations of sampling. Processing and storage of samples, handling of chemicals, specimens etc.,

Unit- 9 : Biostatistics: Introduction: statistical terms, Sampling methods, classification of data, presentation of data, Frequency distribution: Class interval, relative frequency, percentage frequency, cumulative frequency, types of frequency distribution-normal, skewed, binomial and poisson distribution. Central tendency: Arithmetic mean, geometric mean, median, mode, Measures of Dispersion: Definition, range, mean deviation, standard deviation, coefficient of variability, standard error, degrees of freedom, confidence limit. Graphic representation of biometric data: histogram, frequency polygon, frequency curve, Ogive scatter or dot diagram, bardigram, pie chart. or sector diagram. Tests of Significance: t- test, z-test, chi square test. Correlation: types of correlation, Correlation and reserves, methods of studying correlation, coefficient of determination, significance test for 'r', coefficient of non-determination, coefficient of alienation, partial correlation, multiple correlation. Analysis of Variance. Regression analysis: regression line, regression equation, procedure of regression test, partial, curvi linear and multiple regression.