

CORE COURSE XI – ANIMAL PHYSIOLOGY

Unit I

Homeostatic mechanisms : ionic and osmoregulation in crustaceans and fishes – temperature and pH regulations in animals. Light – photobiological processes – pressure – acclimatization to high altitudes – Hydrostatic pressure – Buoyancy.

Unit II

Carbohydrate metabolism – Glycogenesis, Glycogenolysis, Glycolysis, Krebs's cycle, HMP pathway, Gluconeogenesis.

Protein metabolism – Deamination, transamination and transmethylation of aminoacids. Lipid metabolism-Oxidation and biosynthesis of fatty acids.

Integrated metabolism – Mineral metabolism (with spl ref to Na⁺, K⁺ and Ca²⁺).

Unit III

Respiration : Respiratory pigments and their functions – Exchange of gases – Transport of oxygen and carbon-di-oxide – Regulatory mechanisms.

Circulation: Chemistry of blood – inorganic and organic components their regulations and functions -blood pigments and functions – Types of transport mechanisms – Cardiac cycle – Blood Pressure –ECG.

Excretion : Excretion in relation to different habitats – Detoxication pathways of ammonia – Regulation of nitrogen excretion.

Unit IV

Muscles : Mechanism of muscle contraction- Regulation and energetics of contraction – Electric organs.

Nervous co-ordination : Propagation and transmission of nerve impulse – Synaptic transmission. Bioluminescence – Biological clocks.

Unit V

Endocrine glands in mammals – hypothalamus, Hypophysis, Pineal, Thyroid, Parathyroid, Pancreas, Adrenal, Testis and Ovary-Location and structure – Hormones and functions.

Physiology of reproduction : Mammalian reproductive physiology – Reproductive cycles – Hormonal control. Molecular mechanism of hormone action.

Recommended Text Books :

HOAR W.S. (1987) General and Comparative Physiology, Prentice Hall.

TURNER, C.D. and BAGNARA, J.T. (1976) General Endocrinology, 6th Edn., WB Saunders Co., Philadelphia.

Reference Books :

- BALDWIN, E. (1964) An Introduction to Comparative Biochemistry, CUP, London.
- BECK, W.S. (1971). Human Design, Harcourt Brace Joranson Inc.,
- DAWSON, H. (1964) General Physiology, Little Brown Co., Boston.
- ECHERT, R. and RANDALL, D. (1987) Animal Physiology, CBS Publishers and Distributors
- GIESE, A.C. (1979) Cell physiology and Biochemistry, Prentice Hall
- GORDON, M.S., BARTHOLOMEW, G.A., GRILNELL, A.D., JORGENSEN, C.B., and WHITE.
- F.N. (1971) Animal Function, Principles and Adaptation, Macmillan Co., London.
- McFARLAND, D. (1986) Animal Behaviour – Psychobiology, Ethology and Evolution, English Language Book Society, Longman.
- ROBERT M. BERNE and M.N. LEVY (1988) Physiology, - III Edn., St. Louis, Baltimore, Boston, London.
- SCHMIDT NEILSEN, K. (1985) Animal Physiology – Adaptation and Environment, CUP, London.
- TEDESCHI, H. (1993) Cell Physiology, Molecular Dynamics, II Edn., W. H. Freeman and Co. publishers, Oxford, England.
- WILSON, J.A. (1979) Principles of Animal Physiology
- WOOD, W.S. (1968) Principles of Animal Physiology, Edward Arnold, London.