

SEMESTER- VI

Discipline Specific Elective Zoology -DSE-02

BZO-E 601: REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY

(Credits: Theory-4, Practicals-4)

THEORY

Lectures: 60

M.M.: 70

UNIT-I

Reproductive Endocrinology: Gonadal hormones and mechanism of hormone action, steroids, glycoprotein hormones, and prostaglandins, hypothalamo – hypophyseal – gonadal axis, regulation of gonadotrophin secretion in male and female; Reproductive System: Development and differentiation of gonads, genital ducts, external genitalia, mechanism of sex differentiation. (12 Lectures)

UNIT-II

Functional anatomy of male reproduction: Outline and histological of male reproductive system in rat and human; Testis: Cellular functions, germ cell, stem cell renewal; Spermatogenesis: kinetics and hormonal regulation; Androgen synthesis and metabolism; Epididymal function and sperm maturation; Accessory glands functions; Sperm transportation in male tract. (12 Lectures)

UNIT-III

Functional anatomy of female reproduction: Outline and histological of female reproductive system in rat and human; Ovary: folliculogenesis, ovulation, corpus luteum formation and regression; Steroidogenesis and secretion of ovarian hormones; Reproductive cycles (rat and human) and their regulation, changes in the female tract; Ovum transport in the fallopian tubes; Sperm transport in the female tract, fertilization; (12 Lectures)

UNIT-IV

Hormonal control of implantation; Hormonal regulation of gestation, pregnancy diagnosis, foeto – maternal relationship; Mechanism of parturition and its hormonal regulation; Lactation and its regulation. (12 Lectures)

UNIT-V

Reproductive Health: Infertility in male and female: causes, diagnosis and management; Assisted Reproductive Technology: sex selection, sperm banks, frozen embryos, in vitro fertilization, ET, EFT, IUT, ZIFT, GIFT, ICSI, PROST; Modern contraceptive technologies; Demographic terminology used in family planning. (12 Lectures)

Note: The question paper shall consist of two sections (A & B). Section A shall contain ten short answer type questions of six marks each and student has to attempt any five questions in about 150 words each. Section B shall consist eight long answer type questions of ten marks each and student shall be required to attempt any four questions in detail. Questions shall be uniformly distributed from the entire syllabus. The previous year paper can be used as a guideline and the following syllabus should be strictly followed while setting the question paper.

SUGGESTED READINGS

1. Austin, C.R. and Short, R.V. reproduction in Mammals. Cambridge University Press.
2. Degroot, L.J. and Jameson, J.L. (eds). Endocrinology. W.B. Saunders and Company.
3. Knobil, E. et al. (eds). The Physiology of Reproduction. Raven Press Ltd.
4. Hatcher, R.A. et al. The Essentials of Contraceptive Technology. Population Information Programme.