

MZOE-004

ASSIGNMENT BOOKLET

M.Sc. (Zoology) Programme

(MSCZOO)

INSECT TAXONOMY AND MORPHOLOGY

Valid from 1st January, 2025 to 31st December, 2025



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(2025)

Dear Student,

Please read the Section on assignments in the Programme Guide for M.Sc. (Zoology). A weightage of 30 per cent, as you are aware, has been earmarked for continuous evaluation, which would consist of one tutor-marked assignment for this course. The assignment is in this booklet. The total marks for this assignment is 100, of which 40 marks are needed to pass it.

Instructions for formatting your Assignments

Before attempting the assignment please read the following instructions carefully:

- 1) On top of the first page of your answer sheet, please write the details exactly in the following format:

ROLL NO.:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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COURSE CODE:

COURSE TITLE:

ASSIGNMENT NO.:

STUDY CENTRE: **DATE:**

PLEASE FOLLOW THE ABOVE FORMAT STRICTLY TO FACILITATE EVALUATION AND TO AVOID DELAY.

- 2) Use only foolscap size writing paper (but not of very thin variety) for writing your answers.
- 3) Leave 4 cm margin on the left, top and bottom of your answer sheet.
- 4) Your answers should be precise.
- 5) Solve this assignment, and **submit the complete assignment answer sheets within the due date.**
- 6) The assignment answer sheets are to be submitted to your Study Centre within the due date. **Answer sheets received after the due date shall not be accepted. We strongly suggest that you retain a copy of your answer sheets.**
- 7) This assignment is valid from 1st January, 2025 to 31st December, 2025. If you have failed in this assignment or fail to submit it till its validity, then you need to get the assignment for the next year and submit it as per the instructions given in the Programme Guide.
- 8) **You cannot fill the examination form for this course** until you have submitted this assignment.

We wish you good luck.

ASSIGNMENT

(Tutor Marked Assignment)

Course Code: MZOE-004
Assignment Code: MZOE-004/TMA/2025
Maximum Marks: 100

Note: Attempt all questions. The marks for each question are indicated against it.

1. Explain the role of hormones involved in moulting and metamorphosis. (10)
2. Differentiate between the following pairs of words. (10)
 - a). Exopterygota and Endopterygota
 - b). Hypognathous and Opisthognathous head
 - c). Piercing-sucking and Sponging type of mouth parts
 - d). Simple and Compound eye.
3. a). Describe briefly about abdominal appendages. (5)
b). Discuss the main function of mechanoreceptors. (5)
4. Write short notes on the any *two* of the following: (2×5=10)
 - a). Heteromorphosis
 - b). Polyphenism in aphids
 - c). Diapause
5. a). Diagrammatically explain the general structure of insect integument. (5)
b). Explain the role of accessory glands in sperm transfer and reproductive success in male insects. (5)
6. a). Explain the mechanism and structural adaptations in aquatic insects for locomotion. (5)
b). Describe the role of accessory glands in female reproductive system of insects. (5)
7. a). Give *one* example of each of the following insect orders. (5)
 - i) Phasmida
 - ii) Orthoptera
 - iii) Lepidoptera
 - iv) Hemiptera
 - v) Odonata
b). Write important characteristics of order Diptera *or* order Thysanoptera. (5)
8. a). Write important characteristics of Apterygota? (5)
b). Briefly explain about Ross theory of insect evolution. (5)
9. a). Write the general morphology of an insect head. (5)
b). Discuss the role of juvenile hormone (JH) and ecdysteroids in female reproduction in insects. (5)
10. a). Diagrammatically discuss the skeleto muscular organization of the abdominal segments. (5)
b). Discuss the eclosion in dectious and adecticous pupae. (5)