

**Bachelor's Degree Programme in Science**

**Elective Course  
in  
TAXONOMY AND EVOLUTION**

**(Valid from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022)**

**It is compulsory to submit the Assignment before filling  
the Term-End examination Form**

**Please Note**

- **You can take electives (56 to 64 credits) from a minimum of TWO and a maximum of FOUR science disciplines, viz. Physics, Chemistry, Life Sciences and Mathematics.**
- **You can opt for elective courses worth a MINIMUM OF 8 CREDITS and a MAXIMUM OF 48 CREDITS from any of these four disciplines.**
- **At least 25% of the total credits that you register for in the elective courses from Life Sciences, Chemistry and Physics disciplines must be from the laboratory courses. For example, if you opt for a total of 64 credits of electives in these 3 disciplines, at least 16 credits should be from lab courses.**
- **You cannot appear in the Term-End Examination of any course without registering for the course. Otherwise, your result will not be declared and the onus will be on you.**



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Dear Student,

We hope you are familiar with the system of evaluation to be followed for the Bachelor's Degree Programme. At this stage you may probably like to re-read the section on assignments for Elective Courses in the Programme Guide that we have sent you after your enrolment. A weightage of 30 per cent, as you are aware, has been earmarked for continuous evaluation which would consist of **one tutor-marked assignment (TMA)** for this course.

### Instructions for Formatting Your Assignments

Before attempting the assignment, please read the following instructions carefully.

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

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ENROLMENT NO.: .....

NAME : .....

ADDRESS .....

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COURSE CODE: .....

COURSE TITLE: .....

ASSIGNMENT NO.: .....

STUDY CENTRE: ..... DATE: .....

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### 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) While solving problems, clearly indicate the question number along with the part being solved. Be precise.
- 6) **This assignment will remain valid for one year from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.** However, you are advised to submit it within **12 weeks** of receiving this booklet to accomplish its purpose as a teaching-tool. Answer sheets received after the due date shall not be accepted.
- 7) **You cannot fill the exam form for this course until you have submitted this assignment.**

**We strongly feel that you should retain a copy of your assignment response to avoid any unforeseen situation and append, if possible, a photocopy of this booklet with your response.**

We wish you good luck!

**ASSIGNMENT**  
**(Tutor Marked Assignment)**  
**Taxonomy and Evolution**

Course Code: LSE- 07  
Assignment Code: LSE-07/TMA/2022

Maximum Marks: 100

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1. Differentiate between the following: (2½ x 4)
  - (a) Binary-coding and multi-state-coding
  - (b) Sexual selection and Group selection
  - (c) Co-adaptation and Co-evolution
  - (d) Phototropism and Geotropism
2. Write-notes on the following: (2½ x 4)
  - (a) Genetic drift
  - (b) Haeckel's law
  - (c) Karyotype
  - (d) National Parks
3. Enumerate the seven principles of numerical taxonomy and briefly outline the procedures adopted in numerical taxonomy. (10)
4. "Mutations and genetic recombination are major sources of variations in a natural population". Discuss the above statement. (10)
5. (a) What are wildlife sanctuaries? Write notes on any two wildlife sanctuaries of India. (5)  
(b) How will you justify that Australopithecines were ancestors of humans? (5)
6. (a) What methods do geologists use to determine the age of rocks? Describe them briefly. (5)  
(b) Discuss the role of Cytochrome C in establishing the evolutionary relationship among various species. (5)
7. (a) Discuss the main problems of two-kingdom classification system. (5)  
(b) Describe the role of the Botanical Garden. (5)
8. What is Speciation? How do the different types of isolating mechanisms facilitate speciation? (10)
9. Discuss the evidence furnished by comparative embryology in support of evolution. (10)
10. Give an account of the pre-Darwinian evolutionary hypothesis. (10)

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