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**FACULTY OF FISHERIES AND MARINE SCIENCES & TECHNOLOGY**  
**Academic Year 2023/2024**

**Bachelor of Science Honours in Fisheries and Marine Sciences Degree**  
**Level I Semester II Examinations –April/May 2025**

**FAQ 1213: Cytology, Histology and Embryology of Fish**

**Time: 2 hours**

**Answer all questions in Part A and any two questions from Part B**

**PART A (Answer all questions)**

01. Differentiate the composition of the cell wall of bacteria, archaea, fungi, and plant cells.

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02. Write five differences between prokaryotes and eukaryotes.

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03. Name two membranous and two non-membranous organelles found in eukaryotic cells.

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04. Mention the functions of mitochondria and lysosomes of a cell.

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05. What are the roles of cytoplasm in eukaryotic cells?

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06. Classify the epithelial cells based on the shape and arrangement.

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07. Briefly describe the structure of a chromosome. Use diagrams if necessary.

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08. Define mitosis.

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09. Briefly explain the involvement of prophase I in meiosis for leading new combinations of daughter chromatids in meiosis division. Use diagrams wherever necessary.

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10. "Aneuploidy is involved in causing genetic abnormalities." Justify the given statement.

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11. Describe the processes of apoptosis and necrosis.

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12. What are the advantages of considering Zebrafish (*Danio rerio*) as one of the latest models in fish embryological studies?

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13. Describe the histological arrangement of the smooth muscles of fish.

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14. Classify the fish cartilages depending on the type and the quantity of fibers.

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15. What is the main histological difference between cartilaginous bones and fibrous bones?

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20. Write a short description on the histology of fish thyroid tissue.

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21. Describe the histological arrangement of the liver of fish.

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**FAQ 1**

**Answer all questions in Part A and any two questions from Part B**

**PART B (Answer any two questions)**

01. “Fish skin is a dynamic and multifunctional layer composed of diverse specialized cell types, each contributing to the organism's physiological integrity in aquatic environment.” Justify this statement.

(100 marks)

02. Describe the general histological structure of the fish alimentary canal, highlighting the morphological variations observed in its different regions.

(100 marks)

03. Write short notes on **any 04** of the following.

- I. Importance of histological structure of forebrain of fish
- II. Comparison between two types of fish testes
- III. Histological arrangement of fish skeletal muscles and cardiac muscles
- IV. Histological structure of spinal cord of fish
- V. Phases of embryonic development of fish

(100 marks)

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