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M Sc DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - APRIL 2018 SEMESTER 2 : ZOOLOGY

COURSE: 16P2ZOOT07; DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY

(Common for Regular - 2017 Admission & Supplementary - 2016 Admission)

Time: Three Hours Max. Marks: 75

Section A Answer any 8 (2 marks each)

- 1. Explain the term capacitation.
- 2. What is mid blastula transition?
- 3. Brief the significance of zona pellucida
- 4. Elaborate the importance of implanataion.
- 5. What is embryonic induction?
- 6. Define paracrine factors
- 7. How Nieuwkoop center important in embryonic development?
- 8. What is meant by Bicoid gradient?
- 9. Define Metamorphosis.
- 10. Blastemma in regeneration
- 11. Comment on alcohol use during pregnancy and malformations.
- 12. Differentiate embryonic stem cells and adult stem cells

 $(2 \times 8 = 16)$

Section B Answer any 7 (5 marks each)

- 13. Comment on the significance of blastula stage.
- 14. Discuss the significance of capacitation in fertilization.
- 15. Briefly explain the germ cell determination in insects.
- 16. Comment on the mechanism to prevent polyspermy in fertilization.
- 17. Provide experimental evidence for the existence of Spemann's organizer in an early vertebrate embryo.
- 18. Elaborate the role of dorsal lip of blastopore in vertebrate development.
- 19. Explain the working of morphagen gradients in the development of a fly.
- 20. Comment on the advantages of *C. elegance* as a model organism.
- 21. Explain different types of insect metamorphosis with examples.
- 22. Explain lens regeneration in Amphibia.

 $(5 \times 7 = 35)$

Section C Answer any 2 (12 marks each)

- 23. How Spemann reached in the conclusion that an organizer is working in the early development of a vertebrate?
- 24. Hormonal control of metamorphosis in Amphibia

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26. What are stem cells? Explain applications of stem cell research. Comment on the ethical issues related to stem cell research.

 $(12 \times 2 = 24)$