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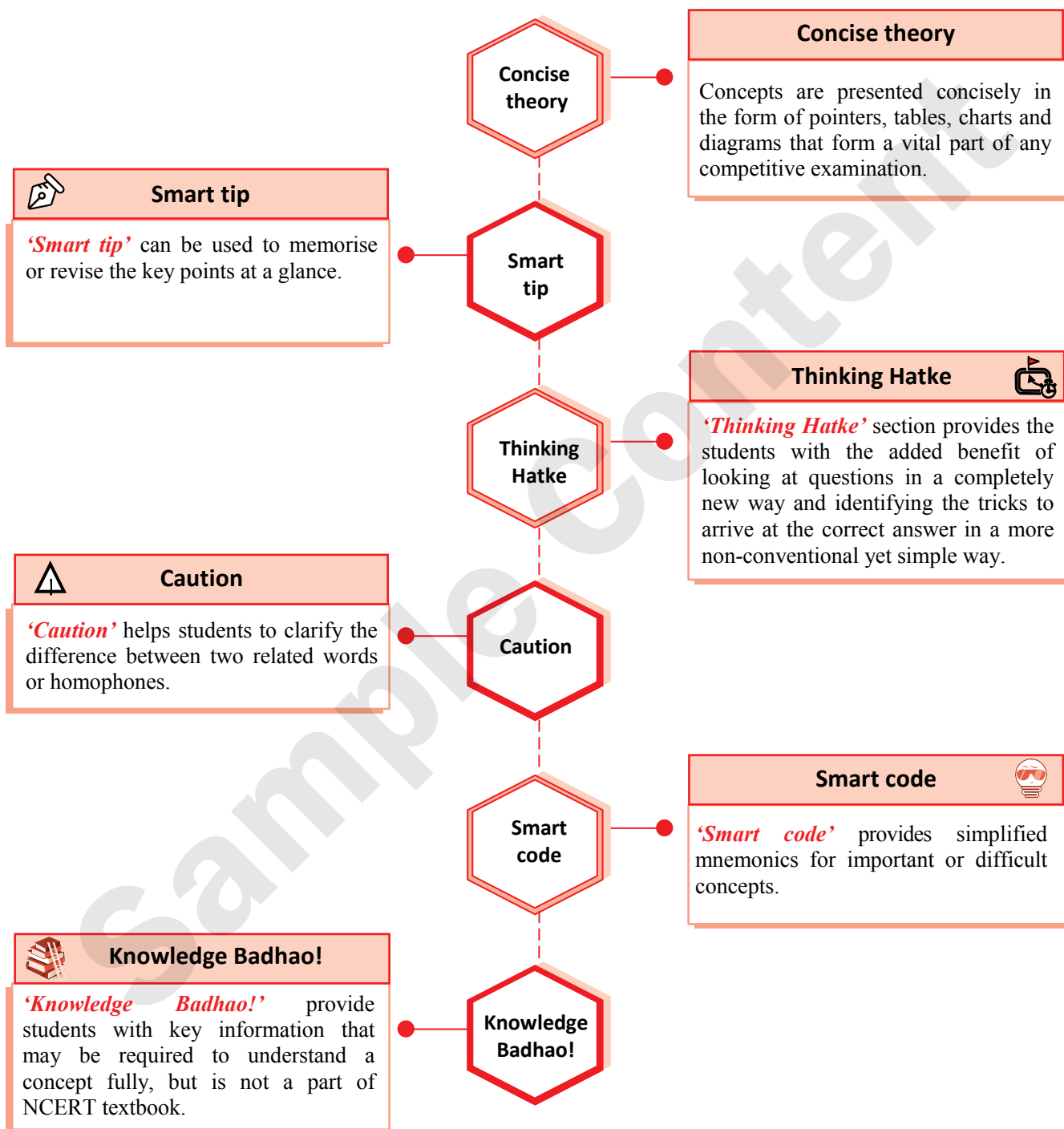
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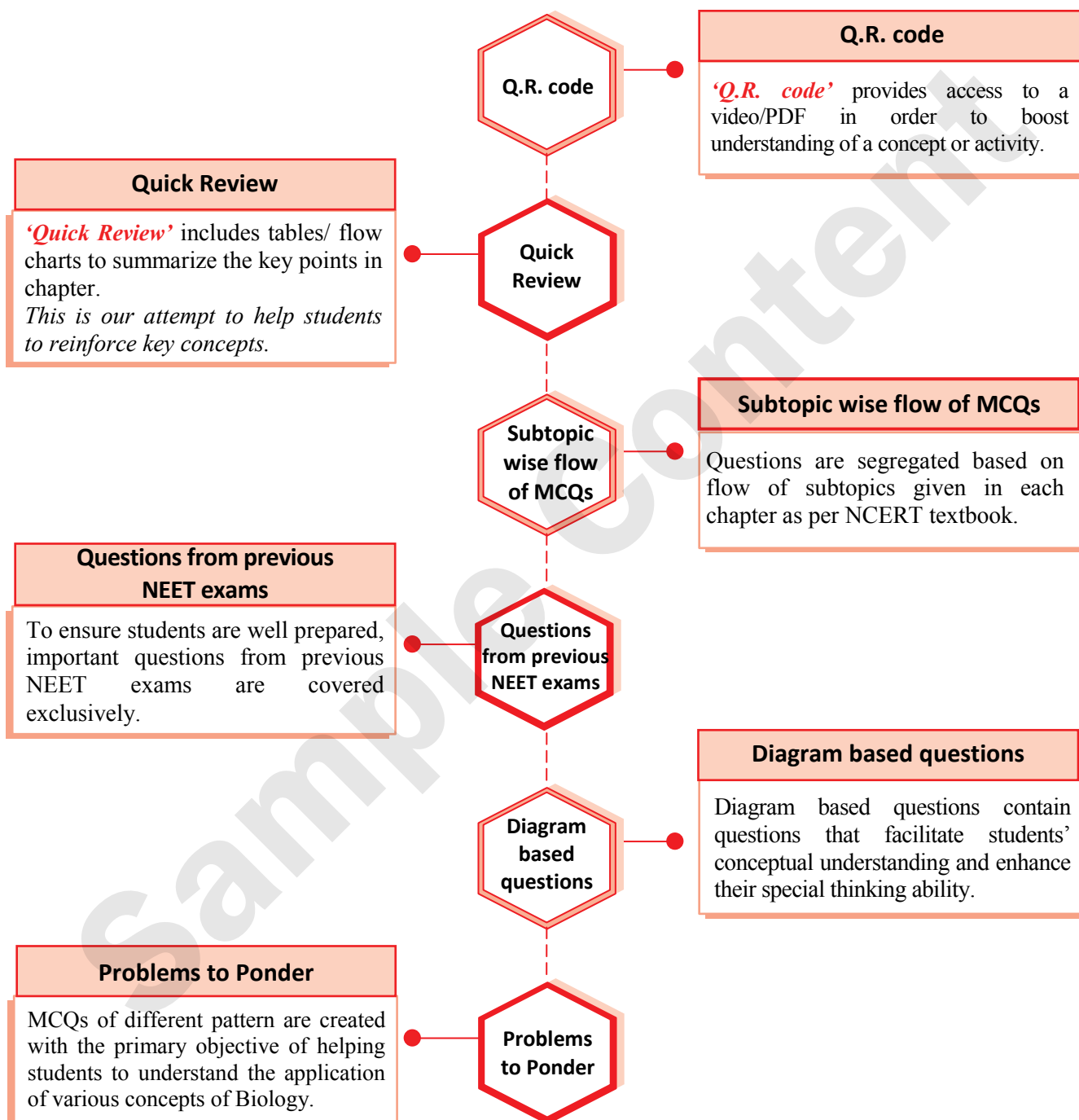
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No, the questions would not appear as it is in the NEET Examination. However, there are fair chances that these questions could be covered in parts or with a novel question construction.

*Best of luck to all the aspirants!*

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**Note:** i. The above table contains the list of chapters/subtopics/question numbers that are excluded from the latest syllabus of NEET (UG) 2024.

ii. These questions are covered to give an idea about the variety and difficulty levels of questions asked in the examination over the years.

# 1

# The Living World

1.1 What is Living?

1.2 Diversity in the Living World

1.3 Taxonomic Categories

1.4 Taxonomical Aids

## 1.1 WHAT IS LIVING?

Living organisms are self-replicating, self-regulating, constantly evolving, highly interactive systems capable of responding to stimulus.

### CHARACTERISTICS OF LIVING ORGANISMS

#### Growth:

- All living organisms grow. This growth is intrinsic (from inside).
- Two characteristics of growth: Increase in mass and number of individuals.
- Growth by cell division occurs in both multicellular and unicellular organisms.
- Plants – Growth by cell division occurs continuously throughout their life span.  
Animals – Growth by cell division occurs upto a certain age.
- In non-living objects growth is exhibited by accumulation of material on the surface.
- Mountains, boulders and sand mounds also grow.

#### Reproduction:

- A process by which multicellular organisms produce a progeny that possess features similar to parents (Sexual Reproduction).
- Reproduction by spreading asexual spores - Fungi.
- Budding - Yeast and *Hydra*.
- True regeneration - *Planaria*.
- Fragmentation - Fungi, filamentous algae, the protonemata of mosses.
- Reproduction is synonymous with growth i.e. increase in number of cells in unicellular organisms like bacteria, algae, *Amoeba*.
- Cannot Reproduce - Mules, sterile worker bees, infertile human couples and non-living objects.

#### Metabolism:

- All living organisms are made up of chemicals.
- Chemicals belong to various classes and sizes etc. and are constantly being made and changed into some other biomolecule.
- These conversions are called chemical or metabolic reactions.
- All plants, animals, fungi and microbes exhibit metabolism.
- Non-living objects do not exhibit metabolism.
- Metabolic reactions carried out *in vitro* are living reactions.

#### Cellular Organization:

Metabolism occurs inside the cells. All living organisms have some or the other cell organelles like nucleus, cytoplasm, etc. that make up the cell.

#### Consciousness:

- It is the most complicated feature of all living organism.
- With the help of sense organs, humans sense the environment. Human being is the only organism who has self-consciousness.
- Plant responds to external factors like light, water, temperature, other organisms and pollutants, etc.
- From prokaryotes to eukaryotes all respond to environmental stimuli.
- Photoperiod affects reproduction in plants as well as in animals.



## CAUTION

**Consciousness** is the state of being aware and responsive to one's own surroundings. All living organisms exhibit consciousness.

**Self-consciousness** is the state of being aware of not only the surroundings, but also of themselves, their activities, their bodies and mental lives. Only human beings exhibit self-consciousness.



### Smart tip - 1

Characteristics of life can be categorized into two:

- i. **Defining properties:** Metabolism, cellular organization, consciousness.
- ii. **Non-defining properties:** Reproduction, growth.

## 1.2 DIVERSITY IN THE LIVING WORLD THEORY

- **Biodiversity:** The number and types of organisms present on Earth.
- **Identification:**  
Identification is finding the correct name and place of an organism in a system of classification with the help of identification key. It also includes comparing an organism with similarities and dissimilarities of already known organisms.
- **Nomenclature:** It provides a distinct and proper name to an organism.  
**Scientific names are based on certain principles provided by taxonomists:**
  - i. For plants, International Code for Botanical Nomenclature (ICBN).
  - ii. For animals, International Code for Zoological Nomenclature (ICZN).
- Binomial Nomenclature:** Naming system given by Carolus Linnaeus.
- Rules of Binomial Nomenclature:**
  - i. Biological names are generally in Latin and written in Italics.
  - ii. Each name has two components - Generic name and the specific epithet (species name).  
e.g. *Mangifera indica*
  - iii. Scientific names when handwritten are separately underlined or printed in italics to indicate their Latin origin.
  - iv. In scientific name, first word denotes the genus which starts with capital letter, while the second word denotes specific epithet which starts with small letter.
  - v. Author's name appears after specific epithet and is written in an abbreviated form. e.g. *Mangifera indica* Linn.
- **Classification:** It is the process by which an organism is grouped into convenient categories based on observable characters.
- **Taxonomy:**
  - i. It is the process of classification of all living organisms into different taxa based on their characteristics.
  - ii. Any organism is grouped into convenient categories based on some easily observable characteristics. The scientific term for these categories is **taxa**.
  - iii. Characterisation, identification, classification and nomenclature are the processes that are basic to taxonomy.
- **Systematics:** It is the study of evolutionary relationships among different kinds of organisms and their diversities. "Systema Naturae" was the name aptly given by Linnaeus as the title of his publication.

## 1.3 TAXONOMIC CATEGORIES

- **Taxonomic Category:** It is a rank or level in the hierarchical classification of an organism. It is a part of overall taxonomic arrangement and is hence called taxonomic category. All categories together constitute the taxonomic hierarchy.
- **Taxon:** It represents a unit of classification. Taxon represents definite position in various categories.



### Smart tip - 2

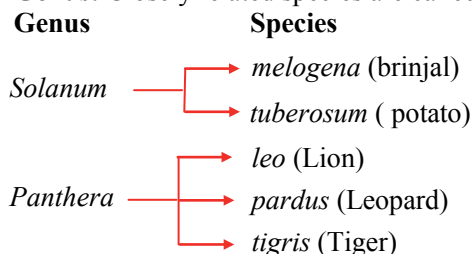
Taxonomic Categories showing hierarchical arrangement (descending order)/ Similarities between organisms increase in this order:

**KINGDOM → PHYLUM → CLASS → ORDER → FAMILY → GENUS → SPECIES**

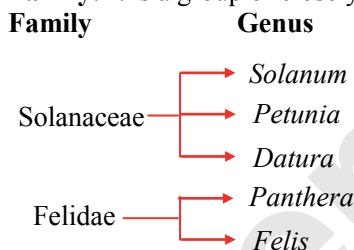


- **Species:** It is a group of individual organisms with fundamental similarities.  
*tuberosum* – Potato (*Solanum tuberosum*)  
*leo* – Lion (*Panthera leo*)  
*tigris* – tiger (*Panthera tigris*)  
 In the given examples, *Solanum* and *Panthera* are genus while *tuberosum*, *leo*, *tigris* are species.  
 Genus *Solanum* also have species like *nigrum* (*Solanum nigrum* – Black night shade) and *melongena* (*Solanum melongena* – Eggplant)  
 In *Mangifera indica* (Mango), *Mangifera* is genus, *indica* is species.

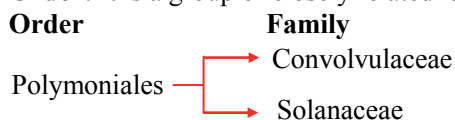
- **Genus:** Closely related species are called genus.



- **Family:** It is a group of closely related genera.



- **Order:** It is a group of closely related families.



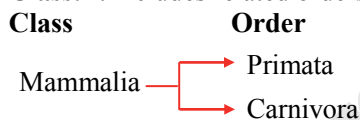
[Note: The Solanales are an order of flowering plants including plant families like Convolvulaceae and Solanaceae. Some older sources used the name Polemoniales for this order.]



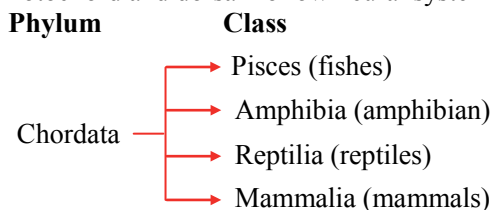
### Smart tip - 3

Name of the family usually ends with “idae” in animals and “aceae” in plants.

- **Class:** It includes related orders.



- **Phylum:** It is composed of related classes. Chordata have common features like presence of notochord and dorsal hollow neural system.



### CAUTION

In case of plants, classes with similar characters are assigned to higher category called **Division**. It is equivalent to **Phylum**.

- **Kingdom:** Highest taxonomic category.



### SMART CODE - 1

#### Taxonomic Categories

Kids Prefer Candy Over Fried Green Spinach

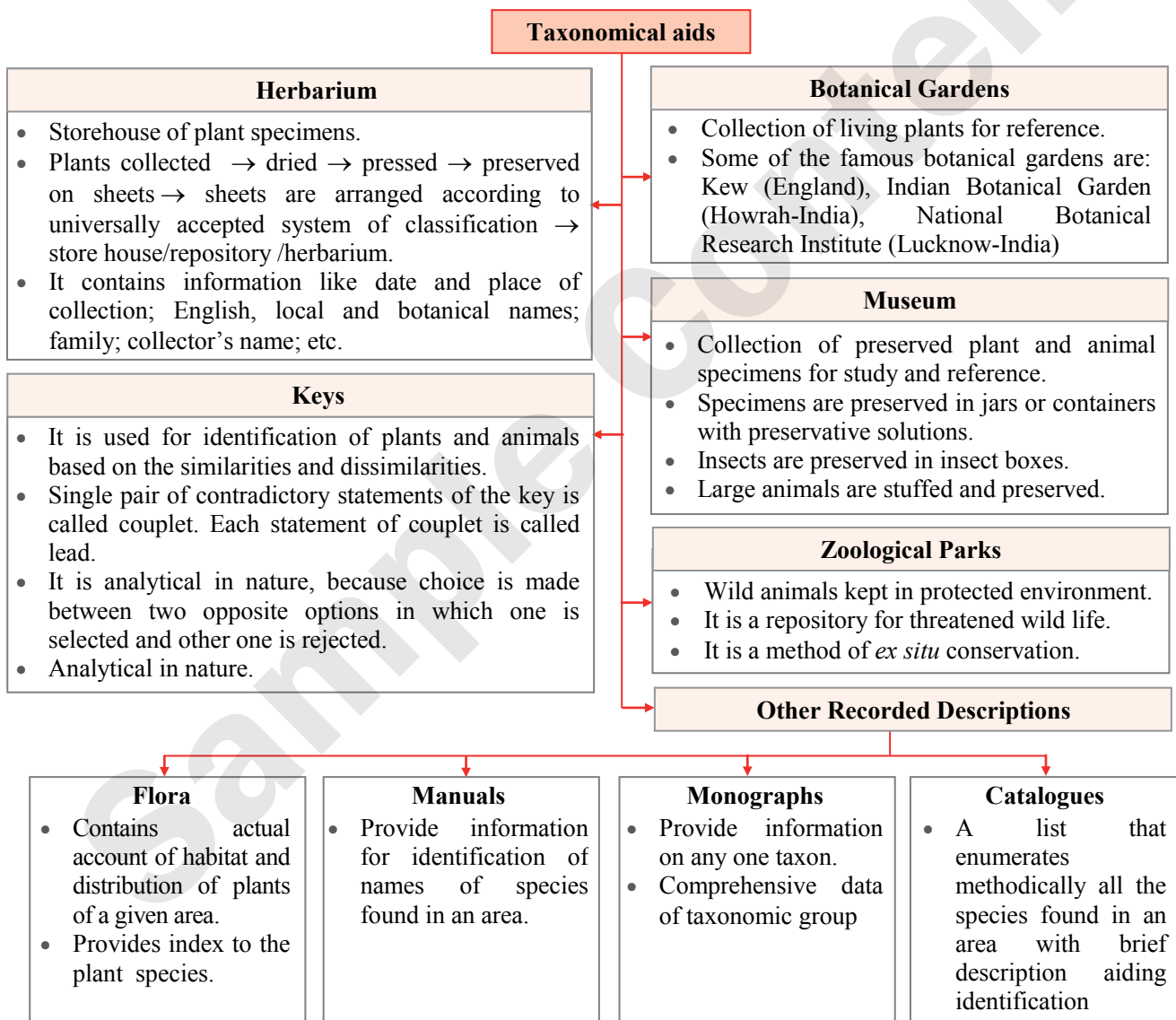
**K** – Kingdom, **P** – Phylum, **C** – Class, **O** – Order, **F** – Family, **G** – Genus, **S** – Species



### ➤ Organisms with their Taxonomic Categories

Common Name	Biological Name	Genus	Family	Order	Class	Phylum/ Division
Man	<i>Homo sapiens</i>	<i>Homo</i>	Hominidae	Primata	Mammalia	Chordata
Housefly	<i>Musca domestica</i>	<i>Musca</i>	Muscidae	Diptera	Insecta	Arthropoda
Mango	<i>Mangifera indica</i>	<i>Mangifera</i>	Anacardiaceae	Sapindales	Dicotyledonae	Angiospermae
Wheat	<i>Triticum aestivum</i>	<i>Triticum</i>	Poaceae	Poales	Monocotyledonae	Angiospermae

## 1.4 TAXONOMICAL AIDS

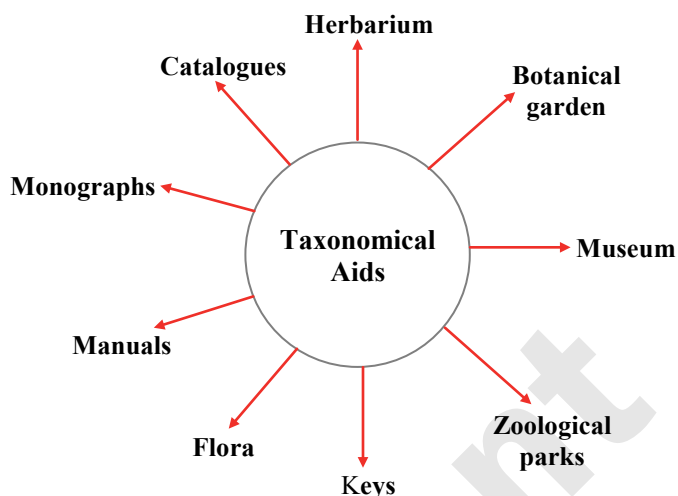
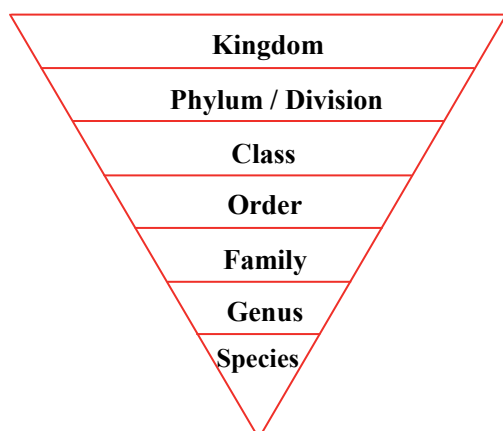


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## Quick Review



## Concept Building Problems

## 1.1 WHAT IS LIVING?

- The property shown by both living and non-living things is
  - growth
  - consciousness
  - reproduction
  - cellular organization
- Two characteristics of growth are
  - increase in length and width
  - increase in width and number
  - increase in mass and number
  - increase in size and mass
- Which of the following statement is TRUE?
  - In both mango plant and frog, growth by cell division occurs continuously.
  - In Banyan tree, cell division occurs up to a certain age whereas in dog, it occurs continuously.
  - In Tulsi plant, growth by cell division occurs continuously whereas in snakes, it occurs only up to a certain age.
  - In both potato plant and octopus, growth by cell division occurs only up to a certain age.
- Match column I and II and select the correct option.

	Column I		Column II
i.	Fungi	a.	Budding
ii.	<i>Amoeba</i>	b.	True regeneration
iii.	<i>Hydra</i> and Yeast	c.	Asexual Spores
iv.	<i>Planaria</i>	d.	Binary fission

- i – a, ii – b, iii – c, iv – d
- i – c, ii – d, iii – a, iv – b
- i – b, ii – a, iii – d, iv – c
- i – d, ii – b, iii – a, iv – c

- Reproduction is synonymous with growth in
  - Bacteria
  - Amoeba*
  - Unicellular algae
  - All of the above
- Find the ODD one out based on the characteristics of living organisms.
  - Mules
  - Hibiscus*
  - Sterile worker bees
  - Infertile human couples
- Which of the following statements represents the defining property of living organisms?
  - Worker bees are sterile.
  - Plants respond to external factors such as light, temperature, water etc.
  - Sand mounds grow due to accumulation of matter from outside.
  - All the above
- Which of the following is INCORRECT regarding asexual reproduction?
  - Spirogyra* reproduces asexually by fragmentation.
  - In *Amoeba*, reproduction is synonymous to growth.
  - Planaria* regenerates the lost part of the body and becomes a new organism.
  - Mules can reproduce up to a certain age and then become sterile.
- Which of the following statements is INCORRECT?
  - Mountains, boulders and sand mounds do grow if we take increase in body mass as criterion for growth.
  - Many organisms like mules, sterile worker bees and infertile human couples do not reproduce at all.
  - Living organisms are self-replicating, evolving and self-regulating interactive systems capable of responding to external stimuli.
  - Isolated metabolic reactions *in vitro* are living things.



10. Study the four statements (i - iv) given below and select the two correct ones out of them.
- Definition of biological species was given by Ernst Mayr.
  - Photoperiod does not affect reproduction in plants.
  - Binomial nomenclature system was given by R. H. Whittaker.
  - In unicellular organisms, reproduction is synonymous with growth.

[Phase II 2016]

The two correct statements are

- (A) i and ii                      (B) ii and iii  
(C) iii and iv                  (D) i and iv

## 1.2 DIVERSITY IN THE LIVING WORLD

- Read the following statements and opt for the appropriate conclusion.  
**Statement I:** Nomenclature is a process wherein standardization of the names of living organisms is done.  
**Statement II:** Nomenclature helps in identification of organisms, thus after naming, organisms can be described correctly.  
(A) Statement I is correct  
(B) Statement II is correct.  
(C) Both the statements are correct.  
(D) Both the statements are incorrect.
- Need for a proper system of classification arises because  
(A) the organisms of the past cannot be studied without it.  
(B) classification helps in knowing the relationships among the different groups of organisms.  
(C) it is not possible to study all the living organisms.  
(D) all of these.
- Nomenclature is governed by certain universal rules. Which one of the following is contrary to the rules of nomenclature? [Phase I 2016]  
(A) The names are written in Latin and are italicised.  
(B) When written by hand, the names are to be underlined.  
(C) Biological names can be written in any language.  
(D) The first word in a biological name represents the genus name, and the second is a specific epithet.
- Which of the following is against the rules of ICBN? [Odisha 2019]  
(A) Generic and specific names should be written starting with small letters.  
(B) Hand written scientific names should be underlined.

- Every species should have a generic name and a specific epithet.
  - Scientific names are in Latin and should be italicized.
- According to the binomial nomenclature system, name of the author appears \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) before the specific epithet  
(B) after the specific epithet  
(C) before the generic name  
(D) after the generic name
  - Opt for the appropriate way of writing biological name from below.  
(A) *Solanum tuberosum*  
(B) *Panthera leo*  
(C) *Mangifera Indica*  
(D) *solanum nigrum*
  - Which one is the mismatched pair?  
(A) Wheat – *Triticum aestivum*  
(B) Housefly – *Musca domestica*  
(C) Mango – *Homo sapiens*  
(D) Lion – *Panthera leo*
  - A taxon can be defined as  
(A) a group of related species  
(B) a group of related genera  
(C) a group of any one rank or organisms  
(D) a group of organisms having similar number of chromosomes
  - Branch of study of different kinds of organisms, their diversities and also their interactions is referred as \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) classification              (B) nomenclature  
(C) hierarchy                  (D) systematics
  - Systematics includes  
(A) only nomenclature  
(B) identification, nomenclature and classification  
(C) anatomical characters and classification  
(D) identification and nomenclature only

## 1.3 TAXONOMIC CATEGORIES

- The serial arrangement of taxon is known as  
(A) Category                  (B) Classification  
(C) Hierarchy                (D) Taxonomy
- Taxonomic hierarchy is  
(A) a list of botanists or zoologist who have worked on taxonomy in ICBN and ICZN respectively.  
(B) a group of senior taxonomists who decide the nomenclature of plants and animals.  
(C) stepwise arrangement of all categories for classification of plants and animals.  
(D) classification of a species based on fossil record.



3. The correct sequence of taxonomic hierarchy is  
 (A) Genus → Family → Class → Order → Phylum → Kingdom → Species  
 (B) Species → Genus → Family → Order → Class → Phylum → Kingdom  
 (C) Species → Family → Genus → Kingdom → Order → Class → Phylum  
 (D) Species → Genus → Family → Class → Order → Phylum → Kingdom
4. *Musca* and *pardus* are \_\_\_\_\_ respectively.  
 (A) genus and species  
 (B) genus and genus  
 (C) species and genus  
 (D) species and species
5. Genus *Solanum* includes  
 i. Potato ii. Brinjal  
 iii. Datura iv. *Petunia*  
 (A) i, iii (B) i, ii  
 (C) i, iv (D) i, ii, iii
6. Read the following statements and choose the correct option.  
**Statement I:** Genus includes more than one specific epithets that represent different organisms with least morphological differences.  
**Statement II:** Genus *Solanum* includes species like *melongena* and *nigrum*.  
 (A) Statement I is correct.  
 (B) Statement II is correct.  
 (C) Both Statements I and II are correct.  
 (D) Both Statements I and II are incorrect.
7. The name of a plant family ends with  
 (A) -ales (B) -oideae  
 (C) -aceae (D) None of these
8. Match the column I and II select the correct option.
- |      | Column I      |    | Column II     |
|------|---------------|----|---------------|
| i.   | Man           | a. | Poaceae       |
| ii.  | <i>Datura</i> | b. | Anacardiaceae |
| iii. | Mango         | c. | Solanaceae    |
| iv.  | Wheat         | d. | Hominidae     |
- (A) i – d, ii – c, iii – b, iv – a  
 (B) i – c, ii – d, iii – a, iv – b  
 (C) i – a, ii – c, iii – b, iv – d  
 (D) i – a, ii – c, iii – d, iv – b
9. Match the column I and II select the correct option.
- |      | Column I |    | Column II  |
|------|----------|----|------------|
| i.   | Wheat    | a. | Primata    |
| ii.  | Mango    | b. | Diptera    |
| iii. | Housefly | c. | Sapindales |
| iv.  | Man      | d. | Poales     |
- (A) i – a, ii – b, iii – d, iv – c  
 (B) i – d, ii – c, iii – b, iv – a  
 (C) i – b, ii – d, iii – a, iv – c  
 (D) i – d, ii – b, iii – c, iv – a
10. Families like Solanaceae and Convolvulaceae are included in the same order mainly based on  
 (A) Vegetative characters  
 (B) Morphological characters  
 (C) Floral characters  
 (D) Both (A) and (B)
11. Identify the 'Order' from the following.  
 (A) Primata (B) Muscidae  
 (C) Insecta (D) *Panthera*
12. Which taxonomic category of wheat is WRONGLY matched?  
 (A) Genus - *Triticum*  
 (B) Family- Poaceae  
 (C) Order- Sapindales  
 (D) Class- Monocotyledonae
13. Which of the following taxonomic categories do Diptera and Carnivora belong to?  
 (A) Order (B) Divisions  
 (C) Family (D) Class
14. Find the ODD one out.  
 (A) Primata (B) Diptera  
 (C) Sapindales (D) Poaceae
15. Which of the following statement/s is / are TRUE?  
 i. Growth cannot be taken as a defining property of living organisms.  
 ii. *Panthera Pardus* is a scientific name of Leopard in which *Panthera* is printed incorrectly.  
 iii. In binomial nomenclature, biological names are derived from Latin irrespective of their origin.  
 iv. In plants, orders with few similar characters are assigned to Division.  
 (A) All are true  
 (B) Only (i) and (iii) are true  
 (C) Only (i) and (iv) are true  
 (D) Only (ii) and (iii) are true
16. Two organisms are from the same phylum, but different Order. They may belong to the same  
 (A) Species (B) Class  
 (C) Genus (D) Family
17. Match the following.
- |      | List - I |    | List - II      |
|------|----------|----|----------------|
| i.   | Order    | a. | <i>nigrum</i>  |
| ii.  | Species  | b. | Polymoniales   |
| iii. | Family   | c. | <i>Solanum</i> |
| iv.  | Class    | d. | Solanaceae     |
|      |          | e. | Dicotyledonae  |
- The correct answer is  
 (A) i – b, ii – a, iii – c, iv – e  
 (B) i – c, ii – e, iii – d, iv – b  
 (C) i – b, ii – a, iii – d, iv – e  
 (D) i – a, ii – c, iii – e, iv – b



18. Which one of the following group consists of organisms with least similar characters?  
 (A) Species (B) Genus  
 (C) Family (D) Class

19. Match Column-I with Column-II for housefly classification and select the correct option using the codes given below:

	Column I		Column II
i.	Family	a.	Diptera
ii.	Order	b.	Arthropoda
iii.	Class	c.	Muscidae
iv.	Phylum	d.	Insecta

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- (A) i – d, ii – b, iii – a, iv – c  
 (B) i – c, ii – a, iii – d, iv – b  
 (C) i – c, ii – b, iii – d, iv – c  
 (D) i – d, ii – c, iii – b, iv – a
20. In the process of classification of animals, the taxonomic unit 'Phylum' is equivalent to which hierarchical level in classification of plants?  
 (A) Class (B) Order  
 (C) Division (D) Family
21. Which of the following is NOT a taxon but category?  
 (A) Division  
 (B) Dicotyledons  
 (C) Angiosperms  
 (D) Monocotyledonae
22. In the system of classification, which one of the following is NOT a category?  
 (A) Kingdom (B) Series  
 (C) Angiospermae (D) Genus
23. A connecting link between kingdom and class in plant hierarchy is  
 (A) family (B) division  
 (C) phylum (D) order
24. Which of the following taxon has least number of similar characters?  
 (A) Order (B) Family  
 (C) Division (D) Class
25. \_\_\_\_\_ covers the largest number of organisms.  
 (A) Genus (B) Kingdom  
 (C) Phylum (D) Family
26. Fishes, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals are included in the same category, called  
 (A) Division (B) Phylum  
 (C) Order (D) Class
27. Complete the analogy.  
 Man : *Homo sapiens* :: \_\_\_\_\_ : *Triticum aestivum*.  
 (A) Housefly (B) Mango  
 (C) Wheat (D) Potato

28. Identify the correct sequence of taxonomic hierarchical arrangement in ascending order of the following.

- (A) Monocotyledonae, Poaceae, Angiospermae, *Triticum*, Poales.  
 (B) *Triticum*, Poaceae, Poales, Monocotyledonae, Angiospermae.  
 (C) *Triticum*, Monocotyledonae, Poaceae, Poales, Angiospermae.  
 (D) Poales, Poaceae, Monocotyledonae, Angiospermae.

29. Which of the following is correctly matched without exception in regard to plant classification?

(A)	Family	Poaceae
(B)	Division	Monocotyledonae
(C)	Class	Angiospermae
(D)	Genus	<i>indica</i>

30. Which one of the following belongs to the family Muscidae? [2021]

- (A) House fly (B) Fire fly  
 (C) Grasshopper (D) Cockroach

#### 1.4 TAXONOMICAL AIDS

1. Which one of the following is NOT a correct statement?  
 (A) Key is a taxonomic aid for identification of specimens.  
 (B) A museum has collection of photographs of plants and animals.  
 (C) Botanical gardens have collection of living plants for reference.  
 (D) Herbarium houses dried, pressed and preserved plant specimens.
2. If a student wants information on any one taxon, he should refer  
 (A) herbarium (B) manuals  
 (C) flora (D) monographs
3. The label of a herbarium sheet does not carry information on [Phase II 2016]  
 (A) height of the plant  
 (B) date of collection  
 (C) name of collector  
 (D) local names
4. Kew, London is famous for  
 (A) being the largest biological reserve  
 (B) the zoological park  
 (C) being the largest botanical garden  
 (D) diverse flora and fauna
5. A zoological garden has all of the following characteristics, except  
 (A) wild animals are under human care.  
 (B) wild animals are provided conditions similar to their natural habitat.  
 (C) it enables us to understand the skeletons and integumentary systems of wild animals.  
 (D) it enables us to know about the food habits and behaviour of wild animals.



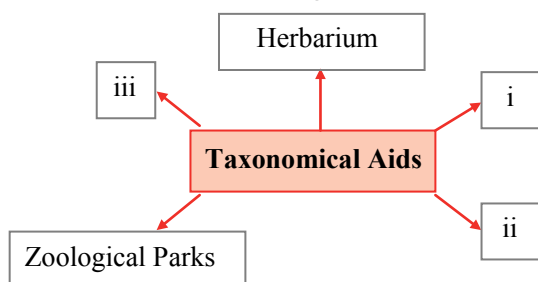
6. Read the following statements and select the correct option.

**Statement I:** Key is analytical in nature.

**Statement II:** Each statement in the key is called as couplet.

- (A) Statement I is correct.  
(B) Statement II is correct.  
(C) Both Statements I and II are correct.  
(D) Both Statements I and II are incorrect.

7. Fill in the blanks according to taxonomical aids.



- (A) i – Flora, ii – Kingdom, iii – Botanical gardens  
(B) i – Catalogues, ii – Keys, iii – Species  
(C) i – Botanical garden, ii – Museum, iii – Keys  
(D) i – Monographs, ii – Order, iii – Manuals
8. Which of the following is useful in providing information for identification of names of species found in an area?  
(A) Catalogues (B) Manuals  
(C) Monographs (D) Flora
9. A taxonomical aid which is based on contrasting character and used for identification of both plants and animals is  
(A) Keys (B) Manuals  
(C) Monographs (D) Flora
10. Which of the following statements about taxonomical aids is/are TRUE?  
i. Keys are used to identify plants and animals based on similarities and dissimilarities.  
ii. Flora contains the account of habitat and distribution of plants in a given area.  
iii. Flora provides an index to the plant species found in a particular area.  
iv. Monographs provide information for identification of species found in an area.  
(A) i and ii (B) i, ii and iii  
(C) i and iv (D) i only
11. Which of the following taxonomical aid serves as a quick referral system in taxonomical studies?  
(A) Key  
(B) Botanical gardens  
(C) Herbaria  
(D) Museum

12. Match the columns and select the correct option.

	Column I		Column II
i.	Carolus Linnaeus	a.	Chordata
ii.	<i>Homo sapiens</i>	b.	Index
iii.	Flora	c.	<i>Planaria</i>
iv.	Regeneration	d.	<i>Amoeba</i>
		e.	Systema Naturae

- (A) i – b, ii – e, iii – a, iv – d  
(B) i – e, ii – d, iii – b, iv – c  
(C) i – b, ii – c, iii – a, iv – d  
(D) i – e, ii – a, iii – b, iv – c

13. Match the items given in Column I with those in Column II and select the correct option given below:

	Column I		Column II
i.	Herbarium	a.	It is a place having a collection of preserved plants and animals
ii.	Key	b.	A list that enumerates methodically all the species found in an area with brief description aiding identification
iii.	Museum	c.	It is a place where dried and pressed plant specimens mounted on sheets are kept
iv.	Catalogue	d.	A booklet containing a list of characters and their alternates which are helpful in identification of various taxa.

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- (A) i – b, ii – d, iii – c, iv – a  
(B) i – c, ii – b, iii – a, iv – d  
(C) i – a, ii – d, iii – c, iv – b  
(D) i – c, ii – d, iii – a, iv – b



## Practice Problems

### 1.1 WHAT IS LIVING?

1. **Statement I:** Growth in unicellular organisms can be observed easily in *in vitro* cultures by simply counting the number of cells under microscope.  
**Statement II:** Isolated metabolic reactions *in vitro* cannot be considered as living reactions because no living things are involved.  
(A) Statement I is correct.  
(B) Statement II is correct.  
(C) Both Statements I and II are correct.  
(D) Both Statements I and II are incorrect.



2. Which of the following statement is CORRECT?
- (A) In Prokaryotes, consciousness cannot be the defining property of living organisms.
- (B) In seasonal breeders, photoperiod affect reproduction. Thus, they show property of consciousness.
- (C) Human beings and some other mammals have self-consciousness.
- (D) All organisms can handle chemicals entering their bodies except plants.
3. Which amongst the following statements is INCORRECT?
- (A) Taxonomic keys are based on contrasting characters generally in pair called couplet.
- (B) Unicellular organisms grow by cell division.
- (C) *Systema Naturae* is the system which provides scientific name to organisms.
- (D) Sterile organisms cannot reproduce

### 1.2 DIVERSITY IN THE LIVING WORLD

1. Following are the steps for the processes that are basic to taxonomy. Arrange the steps and opt for appropriate answer.
- i. Classification                      ii. Identification  
iii. Characterisation                  iv. Nomenclature
- (A) iii → i → iv → ii  
(B) ii → i → iii → iv  
(C) iii → ii → i → iv  
(D) ii → iii → iv → i
2. Select the INCORRECT set from the following:
- (A) Anacardiaceae – *Solanum*, *Petunia*  
(B) Primata – Gorilla, Gibbon

- (C) Carnivora – Felidae, Canidae  
(D) *Panthera* – Leopard, Tiger

3. Organisms with least similar characters, segregate under which of the following taxonomical rank?
- (A) Class                                  (B) Genus  
(C) Family                                (D) Species

### 1.3 TAXONOMIC CATEGORIES

1. Match the Column I with Column II and select the correct option.

	Column I		Column II
i.	Family	a.	Includes related orders
ii.	Genus	b.	Group with fundamental similarities
iii.	Species	c.	Characterized on the basis of both vegetative and reproductive features of plant species.
iv.	Class	d.	Aggregates of closely related species

- (A) i – d, ii – b, iii – a, iv – c  
(B) i – b, ii – c, iii – d, iv – a  
(C) i – c, ii – d, iii – b, iv – a  
(D) i – d, ii – a, iii – c, iv – b
2. Which of the following statements is TRUE?
- (A) 'Order' is the aggregate of various Phyla.  
(B) Genera are the assemblage of related families.  
(C) Based on characteristics, organisms are classified into various taxa.  
(D) *leo*, *pardus*, *tigris* are the species of genus *Felidae*.

3. Which of the following numbers represents INCORRECT classification of organism?

No.	Common name	Phylum / Division	Class	Genus	Species
i.	Mango	Angiospermae	Dicotyledonae	<i>Solanum</i>	<i>indica</i>
ii.	Man	Chordata	Mammalia	<i>Homo</i>	<i>sapiens</i>
iii.	Wheat	Angiospermae	Poales	<i>Triticum</i>	<i>aestivum</i>
iv.	Housefly	Arthropoda	Insecta	<i>Musca</i>	<i>pardus</i>

- (A) i, ii and iii                      (B) i and iv                      (C) i, iii and iv                      (D) only ii

4. **Assertion:** Leopards and cats belong to different genus yet have some characters in common.  
**Reason:** Family has a group of related genera hence leopards and cats are put along in the family 'Felidae'.
- (A) Both assertion and reason are true and reason is the correct explanation of assertion.  
(B) Both assertion and reason are true but reason is not the correct explanation of assertion.  
(C) Assertion is true but reason is false.  
(D) Both assertion and reason are false.
5. Identify the INCORRECT statement.
- (A) *Panthera tigris* belongs to order Carnivora.  
(B) Different families in an order have less similar characters than two different genera in the same family.  
(C) Lower the category, greater is the difficulty of determining the relationship to other taxa at the same level, which makes classification more complex.  
(D) There are many ranks that are generally referred to as taxa.
6. In which of the following the common characteristics go on decreasing?
- (A) Species → Genus → Family                      (B) Division → Class → Order  
(C) Class → Order → Phylum                      (D) Order → Family → Genus



7. Identify the ODD one out in each of the following sets and select the correct option.
- i. Hominidae, Muscidae, Monocotyledonae      ii. Primata, Insecta, Diptera
- iii. Poales, Carnivora, Chordata      iv. Angiospermae, Arthropoda, Dicotyledonae.
- (A) i – Monocotyledonae, ii – Diptera, iii – Poales, iv – Angiospermae  
 (B) i – Hominidae, ii – Diptera, iii – Chordata, iv – Arthropoda  
 (C) i – Monocotyledonae, ii – Insecta, iii – Chordata, iv – Dicotyledonae  
 (D) i – Muscidae, ii – Primata, iii – Carnivora, iv – Angiospermae
8. Select TRUE statements from the following and choose the right answer from the options given below.
- i. The scientific name of humans is *Homo sapiens*.      ii. *Systema Naturae* is written by R.H. Whittaker.
- iii. Highest taxonomic category is division.      iv. Taxonomic group of any rank is taxon.
- v. A group of closely related species of organisms represents genus.
- vi. The term 'systematics' was coined by Ernst Mayr.
- (A) ii, iii, iv and vi      (B) i, iii, v and vi      (C) i, iv and v      (D) ii, iii and vi
9. Select the correct option to complete the given table:

Common name	Phylum/Division	Class	Order	Family
Man	Chordata	Mammalia	Primata	(i)
Housefly	Arthropoda	(ii)	Diptera	Muscidae
Mango	Angiospermae	Dicotyledonae	(iii)	Anacardiaceae
Wheat	Angiospermae	Monocotyledonae	Poales	(iv)

- (A) i - Hominidae, ii - Insecta, iii - Sapindales, iv - Poaceae  
 (B) i - Hominidae, ii - Sapindales, iii - Insecta, iv - Poaceae  
 (C) i - Hominidae, ii - Insecta, iii - Poaceae, iv - Sapindales  
 (D) i - Hominidae, ii - Sapindales, iii - Poaceae, iv - Insecta

10. The species given below belong to how many different families?  
 Man, housefly, mango, wheat, dog, cat, lion, tiger, potato, brinjal and leopard  
 (A) 4      (B) 7      (C) 5      (D) 6
11. Which of the following combinations is correct for wheat?  
 (A) Genus : *Triticum*, Family : Poaceae, Order : Poales, Class : Dicotyledonae  
 (B) Genus : *Triticum*, Family : Poaceae, Order : Sapindales, Class : Monocotyledonae  
 (C) Genus : *Triticum*, Family : Poaceae, Order : Poales, Class : Monocotyledonae  
 (D) Genus : *Triticum*, Family : Anacardiaceae, Order : Poales, Class : Monocotyledonae
12. Select the CORRECT statement from the following.  
 (A) Biological names are generally in Greek and written in italics.  
 (B) Family comprises a group of related species which has more characters in common.  
 (C) *Triticum aestivum* comes under the Order Sapindales.  
 (D) Families like Convolvulaceae and Solanaceae are included in the same order mainly based on the floral characters.

## 1.4 TAXONOMICAL AIDS

1. Herbarium sheets have information about  
 (A) Date and place of collection, English, local and botanical names, family, collector's name.  
 (B) Time and place of collection, English local and botanical names, phylum, collector's name.  
 (C) Date and time of collection, English, local and botanical names, class, collector's name.  
 (D) Date and place of collection, English, local and botanical names, height of plant, collector's name.
2. Read the following statements and select the correct option.
- i. As we move from higher to lower category, the number of common characteristics decreases.
- ii. Indian Botanical Garden, Howrah is famous for collection of herbarium of wild species of plants.
- iii. External and internal structure, cell structure, development process and ecological information of organisms form the basis of modern taxonomic studies.
- iv. A genus is always polytypic, i.e. it contains many species.  
 (A) Statement i, ii and iv are correct.  
 (B) Statement i, ii and iii are incorrect.  
 (C) Statement i, ii and iv are incorrect.  
 (D) Statement iii and iv are correct.

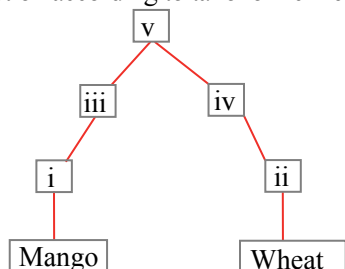


3. Which of the following is/are TRUE with reference to taxonomical aids?
- Separate taxonomic keys are required for each taxonomic category.
  - Herbarium is a store house of collected plants and animals.
  - A famous botanical garden Kew (Kolkata) has collection of living plants grown for identification purposes.
  - Keys are used for identification purpose.
- (A) i and ii (B) i and iv  
(C) i and iii (D) iii and iv



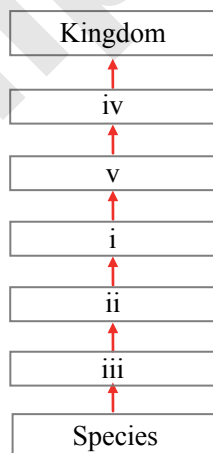
### Problems To Ponder

1. Recognise the following flow diagram and the find correct option according to taxonomic hierarchy.



- (A) i – Sapindales, ii – Poales, iii – Dicotyledonae, iv – Monocotyledonae, v – Angiospermae  
(B) i – Anacardiaceae, ii – Poaceae, iii – Solanaceae, iv – Poales, v – Angiospermae  
(C) i – *Mangifera*, ii – *Triticum*, iii – Dicotyledonae, iv – Monocotyledonae, v – Plantae  
(D) i – Sapindales, ii – Poales, iii – Angiospermae, iv – Monocotyledonae, v – Plantae

2. In the following flow diagram, identify the correct categories according to the taxonomic hierarchy.

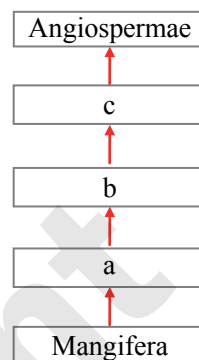


- a. Primata, Diptera and Carnivora belong to category i.  
b. *Petunia*, *Datura* and *Solanum* belongs to same category iii.  
c. Angiospermae belongs to category v.  
d. Man and dog shows maximum similarity at category ii.

- e. Category iii is same for lion, tiger and leopard. Select the correct statement.

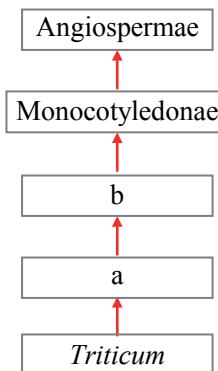
- (A) a, b, d, e (B) b, c, d, e  
(C) a, b, c (D) a, b, e

3. Recognise the following flow diagram and find correct option according to taxonomic hierarchy.



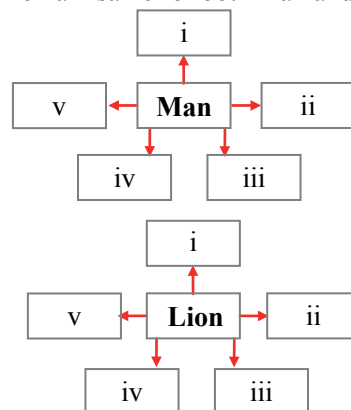
- (A) 'a' is comparable to Muscidae, while 'b' is at the same level as that of Primata.  
(B) 'c' includes all the angiosperms having two cotyledons in their seeds.  
(C) For wheat, 'a' is Poaceae, 'b' is Poales and 'c' is Monocotyledonae.  
(D) All of the above are correct statements.

4. Recognise the following flow diagram and select the correct option according to taxonomic hierarchy.



- (A) a – Sapindales, b – Anacardiaceae  
(B) a – Sapindales, b – Convolvulaceae  
(C) a – Poales, b – Solanaceae  
(D) a – Poaceae, b – Poales

5. In the given charts, if (i) represents scientific name, (ii) represents family, (iii) represents order, (iv) represents class and (v) represents phylum then, how many taxonomic categories will remain same for both man and lion?



- (A) 2 (B) 3 (C) 0 (D) 1



6. Choose the CORRECT set of taxonomic words belonging to the given statements.
- Taxonomic category showing individual organisms with fundamental similarities.
  - Taxonomic category with some hierarchical status.
- |                     |                     |                    |            |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|
| a. Dicotyledonae    | b. <i>domestica</i> | c. <i>indica</i>   | d. Insecta |
| e. <i>Mangifera</i> | f. <i>sapiens</i>   | g. Mammalia        |            |
| h. Monocotyledonae  |                     | i. <i>aestivum</i> |            |
- (A) bcfi; adgh      (B) abch; bcei      (C) cdef; ghia      (D) abcd; efgh

**Answers to MCQs****Concept Building Problems**

- 1.1 :** 1. (A) 2. (C) 3. (C) 4. (B) 5. (D) 6. (B) 7. (B) 8. (D) 9. (D) 10. (D)
- 1.2 :** 1. (A) 2. (D) 3. (C) 4. (A) 5. (B) 6. (A) 7. (C) 8. (C) 9. (D) 10. (B)
- 1.3 :** 1. (C) 2. (C) 3. (B) 4. (A) 5. (B) 6. (C) 7. (C) 8. (A) 9. (B) 10. (C)  
11. (A) 12. (C) 13. (A) 14. (D) 15. (B) 16. (B) 17. (C) 18. (D) 19. (B) 20. (C)  
21. (A) 22. (C) 23. (B) 24. (C) 25. (B) 26. (B) 27. (C) 28. (B) 29. (A) 30. (A)
- 1.4 :** 1. (B) 2. (D) 3. (A) 4. (C) 5. (C) 6. (A) 7. (C) 8. (B) 9. (A) 10. (B)  
11. (C) 12. (D) 13. (D)

**Practice Problems**

- 1.1 :** 1. (A) 2. (B) 3. (C)
- 1.2 :** 1. (C) 2. (A) 3. (A)
- 1.3 :** 1. (C) 2. (C) 3. (C) 4. (A) 5. (C) 6. (A) 7. (C) 8. (C) 9. (A) 10. (B)  
11. (C) 12. (D)
- 1.4 :** 1. (A) 2. (C) 3. (B)

**Problems To Ponder**

1. (A) 2. (D) 3. (D) 4. (D) 5. (A) 6. (A)

**Hints to MCQs****Concept Building Problems****1.1 WHAT IS LIVING?**

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| <p>3. In plants, growth by cell division occurs continuously throughout their life span, while in animals, this growth is seen only upto a certain age.</p> <p>6. Mules, sterile worker bees, infertile human couples do not reproduce.</p> | <p>7. Refer <b>Smart tip - 1</b><br/>Consciousness is a defining property of living organisms.</p> <p>8. Cross between horses and donkeys results in a hybrid called as mule, which is sterile.</p> <p>9. Isolated metabolic reactions <i>in vitro</i> are not living things but surely a living reaction.</p> |
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10. Photoperiod affects seasonal breeders, both plants and animals. Binomial nomenclature system was given by Carlous Linnaeus.

## 1.2 DIVERSITY IN THE LIVING WORLD

1. Nomenclature or naming is only possible when the organisms are described correctly.
2. Classification helps in understanding diverse varieties of organisms and also gives an idea about the origin and evolution of organisms which are morphologically similar.
3. Biological names are generally in Latin.
7. Mango – *Mangifera indica*  
Human – *Homo sapiens*

## 1.3 TAXONOMIC CATEGORIES

3. Refer **Smart tip – 2** and **Smart code – 1**
5. Potato : *Solanum tuberosum*  
Brinjal : *Solanum melongena*
7. Refer **Smart tip – 3**

8.



### Thinking Hatke - Q. 8

As we know, in animals name of the family ends with “idae” so ‘i’ of column I matches with ‘d’ of column II. Thus, this eliminates options B, C and D. The correct answer is A.

11. Insecta – Class  
Muscidae – Family  
*Panthera* – Genera
12. Wheat belongs to Order Poales.
14. Poaceae is a category of family; rest all are orders.
15. In scientific name of leopard, *Pardus* is a specific epithet which is printed incorrectly. The specific epithet starts with a small letter, thus correct name is *Panthera pardus*.  
The taxonomic category Class includes related orders.
16. For e.g. Primata and Carnivora are two different Orders that belong to Class Mammalia and Phylum Chordata.

17.



### Thinking Hatke - Q. 17

Species is always written in small letters and in italics, so ‘ii’ of column I matches with ‘a’ of column II. This eliminates option B and D. In plants, name of the family ends with “aceae” so ‘iii’ of column I matches with ‘d’ of column II. Thus, the correct option is C.

18. Refer **Smart tip – 2**
22. Category is a rank or level in the hierarchical classification of organisms. Angiospermae is a taxon.
24. Refer **Smart tip – 2**
26. Based on common features like presence of notochord and dorsal hollow neural system, fishes, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals are included in Phylum Chordata.

28.



### Thinking Hatke - Q. 28

Genus is always written in italics with first letter being capital. Therefore, options A and D are eliminated. In the ascending order genus is followed by family. As we know, name of the family ends with “aceae” in plants and “idae” in animals. This eliminates option C. Hence, the correct option is B.

29. Class – Monocotyledonae  
Division – Angiospermae  
Species – *indica*

## 1.4 TAXONOMICAL AIDS

1. A museum has collection of dead remains of plants and animals in preserved form for study and reference.
6. Each statement in the key is called as lead.
7. Kingdom, Species and Order are taxonomic categories.
10. Manuals provide information for identification of species found in an area.



### Practice Problems

#### 1.1 WHAT IS LIVING?

1. Isolated metabolic reactions *in vitro* are not living things but surely living reactions.



3. Binomial nomenclature is the system which provides scientific name to organisms.

## 1.2 DIVERSITY IN THE LIVING WORLD

2. *Solanum* and *Petunia* belong to family Solanaceae.

3. Refer **Smart tip - 2**

## 1.3 TAXONOMIC CATEGORIES

2. Order is the aggregate of various families. Genera is the assemblage of closely related species.  
*leo*, *pardus*, *tigris* are the species of genus *Panthera*.

3. Mango : Genus : *Mangifera*  
Wheat : Class : Monocotyledonae  
Housefly : Species : *domestica*

5. Higher the category, greater is the difficulty of determining the relationship to other taxa at the same level, which makes classification more complex.

6. Refer **Smart tip - 2** and **Smart code - 1**

7. i. Monocotyledonae is Class, rest are Families.  
ii. Insecta is Class, rest are Orders.  
iii. Chordata is Phylum, rest are Orders.  
iv. Dicotyledonae is Class and Angiospermae is Division and Arthropoda is Phylum.
8. ii. *Systema Naturae* is written by C. Linnaeus.  
iii. Highest taxonomic category is Kingdom.  
vi. The term 'Systematics' was coined by C. Linnaeus.

10.

No.	Family	Examples
i.	Hominidae	Man
ii.	Muscidae	Housefly
iii.	Anacardiaceae	Mango
iv.	Poaceae	Wheat
v.	Felidae	Cats, lion, tiger, leopard
vi.	Canidae	Dog
vii.	Solanaceae	Potato, brinjal

12. Biological names are generally in latin and printed in italics.  
Genus comprises a group of related species which has more characters in common.  
*Triticum aestivum* comes under the Order Poales.

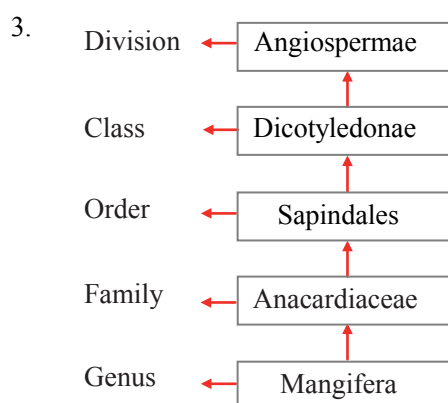
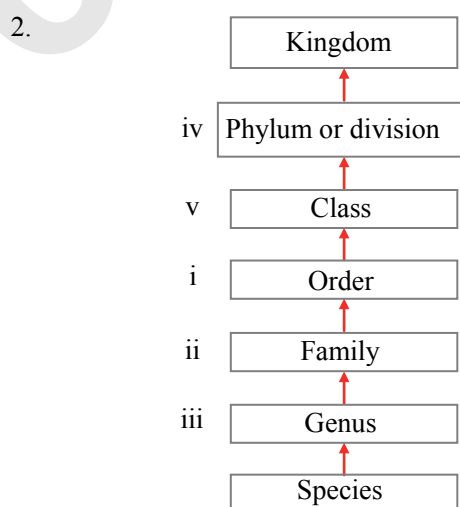
## 1.4 TAXONOMICAL AIDS

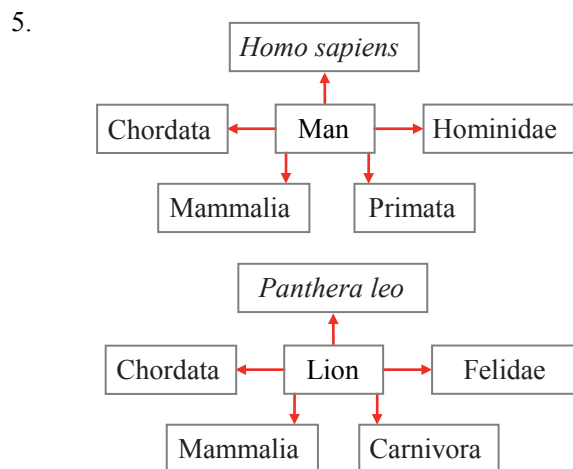
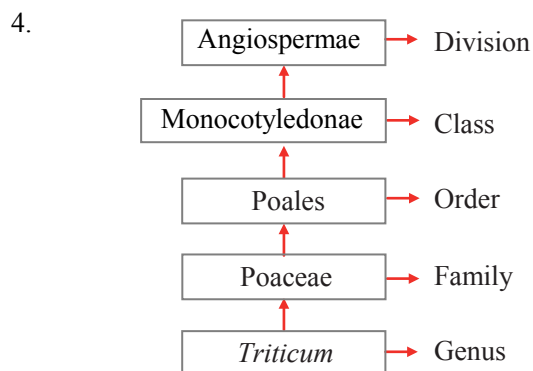
2. i. As we move from lower to higher category, the number of common characteristics decreases.  
ii. Botanical gardens have collections of living plants for reference.  
iv. A genus may be either monotypic, i.e. having single species or polytypic, i.e. having many species.
3. ii. Herbarium is a store house of collected plant specimens.  
iii. Botanical garden at Kew is in England.



## Problems To Ponder

1. In option (A), Sapindales and Poales : Orders  
Dicotyledonae, Monocotyledonae : Class  
Angiospermae : Division  
Thus, the correct taxonomic hierarchy i.e. Order → Class → Division is followed in option (A).



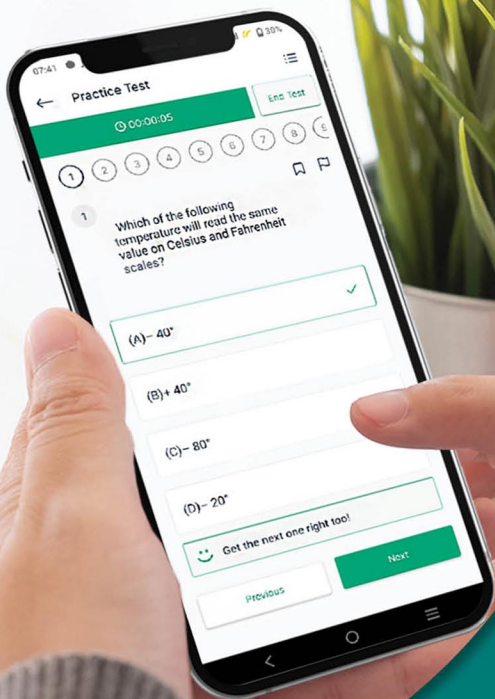


Taxonomic categories Mammalia and Chordata are same for both man and lion.

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