

Semester	<b>3</b>
Course	<b>Major</b>
Paper Code	C2MB230322T
Paper Title	<b>Cell Biology</b>
No. of Credits	<b>4</b>
Theory / Practical / Composite	<b>Composite</b>
Minimum No. of preparatory hours per week a student has to devote	4 hours/week
Number of Modules	No modules
Syllabus	<p><b>Unit 1: Structure and organization of Cell:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plasma membrane: Structure and function of Eukaryotic (Plant and animal cells) and prokaryotic cells</li> <li>• Cell Wall: Prokaryotic cell wall, Eukaryotic cell wall (Plant and Fungi), Extra cellular matrix and cell matrix interactions, Cell-Cell Interactions - adhesion junctions, tight junctions, gap junctions, and plasmodesmata (only structural aspects),</li> <li>• Mitochondria, chloroplasts and peroxisomes;</li> <li>• Cytoskeleton: Structure and organization of actin filaments, association of actin filaments with plasma membrane, cell surface protrusions, intermediate filaments, microtubules</li> <li>• Nucleus: Nuclear envelope, nuclear pore complex and nuclear lamina, Chromatin – Molecular organization, Nucleolus, Changes in Chromatin Structure - DNA methylation and Histone Acetylation mechanisms.</li> </ul> <p><b>Unit 2: Cell Cycle, Cell Death and Cell Renewal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eukaryotic cell cycle and its regulation, Mitosis and Meiosis, Development of cancer, causes and types. Programmed cell death, Stem cells, Embryonic stem cell, induced pluripotent stem cells</li> </ul> <p><b>Unit 3: Protein Sorting/targeting and Transport:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport across membrane: Different types of membrane proteins, Transporter protein.</li> <li>• Hydropathy plot and index, Active and Passive transport (facilitated diffusion-gated ion channels), different types and examples, Group translocation.</li> <li>• Protein targeting to different organelle and protein secretion: Different types of intracellular protein sorting.</li> <li>• Protein secretory pathway-GERL system-Golgi apparatus, Ribosomes, Endoplasmic Reticulum, lysosome – Structure, organization, function and different types, targeting and insertion of proteins in the ER, protein folding, processing and quality control in ER, protein</li> </ul>

	<p>glycosylation in Golgi, protein sorting and export from Golgi Apparatus, early and late endosome. Exocytosis and Endocytosis-different types. Protein targeting to Mitochondria, Nucleus, Peroxisome.</p> <p><b>Unit 4: Cell Signalling</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significance and different components of signal transduction. Different types of extracellular receptors and intracellular receptor, first and second messengers like cAMP, DAG; G-protein coupled receptor signalling- Adenylate cyclase and Phospholipase C pathway, Receptor tyrosine kinase (MAP kinase pathway), ion channels</li> </ul> <p><b>PRACTICAL</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Study a representative plant and animal cell by microscopy.</li> <li>2. Study of the structure of cell organelles through electron micrographs</li> <li>3. Cytochemical staining of DNA – Feulgen</li> <li>4. Demonstration of the presence of mitochondria in striated muscle cells/ cheek epithelial cell using vital stain Janus Green B</li> <li>5. Study of polyploidy in Onion root tip by colchicine treatment.</li> <li>6. Identification and study of cancer cells by photomicrographs.</li> <li>7. Study of different stages of Mitosis.</li> <li>8. Study of different stages of Meiosis.</li> </ol>	
Learning Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To learn about the cellular organization of eukaryotic and prokaryotic cells</li> <li>• To know about the eukaryotic cell cycle, its regulation and cancer.</li> <li>• To learn about protein sorting and transport of proteins</li> <li>• To study about cell signalling</li> </ul>	
Reading/Reference Lists	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Hardin J, Bertoni G and Kleinsmith LJ. (2010). Becker’s World of the Cell. 8th edition. Pearson.</li> <li>2. Karp G. (2010) Cell and Molecular Biology: Concepts and Experiments. 6th edition. John Wiley &amp; Sons. Inc.</li> <li>3. De Robertis, EDP and De Robertis EMF. (2006). Cell and Molecular Biology. 8th edition. Lipincott Williams and Wilkins, Philadelphia</li> <li>4. Cooper, G.M. and Hausman, R.E. (2009) The Cell: A Molecular Approach. 5th Edition. ASM Press &amp; Sunderland, Washington, D.C.; Sinauer Associates, MA.</li> <li>5. Lodish. Molecular Biology</li> <li>6. Bruce Alberts :The Cell</li> </ol>	
Evaluation	<p>Theory 60 (45+15) CIA-10+3+2</p>	<p>Practical 40 CA (38+2)</p>

Paper Structure for  
Theory Semester Exam

Full Marks: 45

Short questions: 5 (each 1 mark) from 7 ( $5 \times 1 = 5$ )

Long questions: 4 (each 10 marks) from 6 ( $4 \times 10 = 40$ )