

Your Strategic Edge in UPSC Zoology Optional

“Zoology is not just a subject—it’s a science of mastery. And mastering it is no longer a mystery.”

Dear UPSC Aspirants,

The **Zoology Optional** in UPSC has evolved significantly in recent years becoming more **analytical, interdisciplinary, and application-oriented**. In response to these dynamic exam patterns, **ASK Depot proudly presents the Zoo-Mastery Test Series**, a meticulously crafted and strategically structured test module designed to **transform your preparation into performance**.

Why this Test Series is a Game-Changer?

1. STRUCTURED & STRATEGIC TESTING:

- **25 Mini/ Sectional Tests:** Each test targets a welldefined portion of the syllabus, breaking down the bulk into digestible, focused parts. These are aligned with the **topicwise weightage**, ensuring **coverage without** overwhelm.
- **6 FullLength Mock Tests:** Simulates the exact UPSC exam pattern and time constraints. These will **test your overall command** on both Paper I & II, preparing you mentally and academically for the real exam hall.

2. SYLLABUS-COMPLETE + PYQ-DRIVEN DESIGN:

- All tests are rooted in **UPSC Zoology syllabus**, ensuring **no topic is left behind**.
- Regular infusion of **previous year questions(PYQs)**, their reinterpretation, and probable evolutions—ensures you’re not studying in a vacuum, but with the **pulse of UPSC**.

3. QUESTION QUALITY THAT MATCHES UPSC STANDARDS:

- Questions are framed to reflect the **new pattern** of the exam, which emphasizes:
 - **Conceptual clarity**
 - **Interlinking of units**
 - **Application of zoological theories in real-life biological or environmental contexts**
 - **Diagrams, comparisons, and structured answers**
- Our test papers ensure you're not just answering questions, you're **thinking like a UPSC examiner**.

4. MODEL ANSWERS THAT EDUCATE, NOT JUST EVALUATE:

- We go beyond just giving “good answers.”
- Each model answer is:
 - **Conceptually correct and updated**
 - **Illustrated with diagrams where needed**
 - **Crisp and to-the-point**
 - **Structured as per UPSC’s answer-writing expectations (Intro-Body-Conclusion)**
 - Contains **value addition points** like examples, technical terms, and comparative insights

EVALUATION – Feedback that Transforms

- Your answers are evaluated not just for correctness but for **exam effectiveness**.
- **4-layer Evaluation Process:**
 - Content and conceptual accuracy
 - Logical organization and structure
 - Diagrammatic and comparative value
 - Relevance, innovation, and conclusion
- You receive **personalised feedback**, including:
 - Your strengths
 - Specific areas to improve
 - Time-management tips
 - Suggestions to enrich your answers
- This is not just correction—it’s **coaching through correction**.

FREE MENTORSHIP – Guidance Beyond Tests

- Each enrollee gets **FREE 1-Year Mentorship** with our expert faculty.
- Whether you're stuck in theory, diagrams, answer presentation, or time management—we handhold you at every stage.
- You'll have access to:
 - **Doubt-clearing sessions**
 - **Strategy calls**
 - **Answer-writing improvement workshops**

This is **not just a test series**. It's a **complete guidance module** curated for aspirants at all levels beginners **who need structure** and veterans **who need refinement**.

FLEXIBLE & STUDENT-CENTRIC DELIVERY

- **Submit your test anytime** after the scheduled date.
- You're not bound by rigid timelines—we respect your study rhythm.
- Test series is valid till the **last date of UPSC Mains 2026** you have ample time to revise and repeat if needed.

AFFORDABLE INVESTMENT FOR MAXIMUM RETURNS

- **Total Tests: 31 (25 Mini + 6 Full-Length)**
- **Cost: Rs. 19,999/- (All Inclusive)**
- **Early Bird Offer (First 30 Students): 17% Discount**
 - **Effective Price: Rs. 16,599/-**
 - **Less than Rs.500/- per test** with expert evaluation, mock answers, and yearlong mentorship included

In a world of expensive test modules, **Zoo-Mastery** ensures **affordability with academic integrity**.

WHO SHOULD ENROLL?

- **UPSC 2027 aspirants with Zoology optional**
- **IFoS (Indian Forest Service) candidates for 2027 and 2027 mains**
- **State PSC aspirants (MPPSC, BPSC, etc.) with Zoology optional**
- **Drop-year students needing accountability**
- **Freshers who need direction, discipline, and clarity**

OUR PROMISE:

Zoo-Mastery Test Series is not just about testing knowledge. It's about **shaping your exam temperament**, fine tuning your presentation, and guiding you till the final paper.

Join us—not just to prepare, but to excel.

AskDepot PRESENTS
Comprehensive ZOO-MASTERY TEST SERIES for UPSC 2025-26
(Zoology Optional – UPSC CSE, IFoS & State PSCs)
“Master Zoology. Conquer UPSC.”
A 31-Test Strategic Module | Designed for Precision | Backed by Mentorship



What You Get:

- 25 Sectional/Mini Tests – Complete syllabus coverage in digestible units
- 06 Full-Length Mock Tests – Simulate real exam conditions
- Model Answers – Clear, concise & exam-friendly
- Free 1-Year Mentorship – Expert guidance at every step
- Flexible Submission – Attempt anytime till UPSC Mains 2026
- Latest PYQ Trends – Framing & coverage based on UPSC patterns
- Detailed Evaluation – Feedback on content, structure & presentation



Why Choose ZOO-MASTERY Test-Series?

- Targets both freshers & experienced candidates
- Focus on applied, analytical, and illustrative answers
- Boosts your conceptual clarity and exam confidence
- Addresses key issues students face in the exam hall
- Enhances answer-writing through personalized insights



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Sl. No.	Date	Syllabus	Source in our Book
Test-1 15 March 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classification and Relationship of various phyla up to subclasses: Acoelomate & Coelomate; Protostomes & Deuterostomes; Bilateria & Radiata; Status of Protista, Parazoa, Onychophora and Hemichordata; Symmetry. Protozoa: Locomotion, Nutrition, Reproduction, Sex; General features and Life history of Paramecium, Monocystis, Plasmodium and Leishmania Mastering Zoology in 89 days: Volume 1			
Test-2 22 March, 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Porifera: Skeleton, Canal System and Reproduction Cnidaria: Polymorphism, Defensive structures and their mechanism, Coral Reefs, Metagenesis, General features and Life history of Obelia and Aurelia Mastering Zoology in 89 days: Volume 1			
Test-3	2 April October 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Platyhelminthes: Parasitic adaptation, General features and life history of Fasciola and Taenia Nemathelminthes: General features. Life history, parasitic adaptation of Ascaris and Wuchereria 	Mastering Zoology in 89 days: Volume 1
Test-4	09 April 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annelida: Coelom and Metamerism, Modes of life in polychaetes, General features, Life history of Nereis, Earthworm and Leech Arthropoda: Larval forms and parasitism in Crustacea; Vision and Respiration in Arthropods (prawn, cockroach and scorpion); Modification of Mouth parts in Insects (cockroach, mosquito, housefly, honey bee and butterfly); Metamorphosis in Insects and its hormonal regulation; Social behaviour in Apis and Termites 	Mastering Zoology in 89 days: Volume 1
Test-5	16 April 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mollusca: Feeding, Respiration, Locomotion, General features and Life history of Lamellidens, Pila and Sepia, Torsion and Detorsion in Gastropods Echinodermata: Feeding, Respiration, Locomotion, Larval forms, General features and Life history of Asterias 	Mastering Zoology in 89 days: Volume 1
Test-6	22 April 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protochordata: Origin of Chordates, General features and Life history of Branchiostoma and Herdmania Pisces: Respiration, Locomotion and Migration 	Mastering Zoology in 89 days: Volume 1
Test-7	28 April 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amphibia: Origin of Tetrapods, Parental care, Paedomorphosis Reptilia: Origin of Reptiles, Skull types, Status of Sphenodon and Crocodiles 	Mastering Zoology in 89 days: Volume 1
Test-8	4 May 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aves: Origin of Birds, Flight adaptation, Migration Mammalia: Origin of Mammals, Dentition, General features of egg laying mammals, pouched mammals, aquatic mammals and Primates 	Mastering Zoology in 89 days: Volume 1
Test-9	10 May 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cell Biology: Structure and function of Cell and its Organelles (nucleus, Plasma membrane, Mitochondria, Golgi Bodies, ER, Ribosomes and Lysosomes), Cell division (mitosis and Meiosis), Mitotic spindle and Mitotic apparatus, Chromosome movements, Polytene and Lampbrush chromosomes, Organisation of Chromatin, Heterochromatin, Cell cycle regulation 	Mastering Zoology in 89 days: Volume 3
Test-10	17 May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cell Biology: Nucleic Acid Topology, DNA motif, DNA replication, Transcription, RNA processing, Translation, Protein folding and transport 	Mastering Zoology in 89 days: Volume 3
Test-11	25 May 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genetics: Modern concept of Gene, Split Gene, Genetic regulation, Genetic Code Sex chromosomes and their evolution, Sex determination in Drosophila and Man Mendel's laws of inheritance, recombination, linkage, Multiple Alleles, Genetics of Blood, Pedigree Analysis, Hereditary Diseases of Man Mutations and Mutagenesis 	Mastering Zoology in 89 days: Volume 3

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recombinant DNA technology, Plasmid, Cosmid, Artificial Chromosomes as Vectors, Transgenics, DNA cloning and whole animal cloning 	
Test-12	3 June 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genetics: Gene regulation and Expression in Prokaryotes and Eukaryotes Signal molecules, Cell Death, Defects in Signalling pathway and consequences RFLP, RAPD and AFLP, and application of RFLP in DNA fingerprinting, Ribozyme technologies, Human Genome project, Genomics and Proteomics 	Mastering Zoology in 89 days: Volume 3
Test-13	10 June 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biochemistry: Structure and Role of Carbohydrates, Fats, FAs and Cholesterol, Proteins and Amino acids, Nucleic acids, Bioenergetics Glycolysis, Kreb's cycle, Oxidation and Reduction, Oxidative phosphorylation, energy conservation and release, ATP cycle, cAMP- its structure and role 	Mastering Zoology in 89 days: Volume 3
Test-14	16 June 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biochemistry: Hormone : Classification, Biosynthesis and functions Enzymes: Types and Mechanisms of Action Vitamins and coenzymes Immunoglobulins and Immunity 	Mastering Zoology in 89 days: Volume 3
Test-15	25 June 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physiology: Composition and Constituents of Blood, Blood groups and Rh factor in man, Clotting factors and Mechanism of Coagulation, Iron metabolism, Acid-base balance, Thermoregulation, Anticoagulants Haemoglobin: Composition, Types and Role in transport of oxygen and carbon dioxide Digestion & Absorption: Role of Salivary glands, Liver, Pancreas and Intestinal glands Excretion: Nephron and Regulation of Urine formation, Osmoregulation and excretory product 	Mastering Zoology in 89 days: Volume 3
Test-16	4 July 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physiology: Muscles: Types, Mechanism of Contraction of Skeletal muscles, effects of exercise on muscles Neuron: Nerve impulse and its conduction, Synaptic transmission, Neurotransmitters Vision, Hearing and Olfaction in Man Physiology of Reproduction, Puberty and Menopause in Human 	Mastering Zoology in 89 days: Volume 3
Test-17	11 July 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developmental Biology: Gametogenesis, Spermatogenesis, Composition of Semen, In vitro and in vivo capacitation of mammalian sperm, Oogenesis, Totipotency, Fertilisation, Morphogenesis and morphogens, Blastogenesis, Establishment of Body Axes formation, Fate map, Gastrulation in Frog and chick, Genes in development in chick, Homeotic genes, Development of Eye and Heart, Placenta in Mammals 	Mastering Zoology in 89 days: Volume 3
Test-18	18 July , 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developmental Biology: Cell Lineage, Cell-to-cell interaction, Genetic and induced teratogenesis, role of thyroxine in control of metamorphosis in amphibia, paedogenesis and neoteny, cell death, aging Developmental genes in man, IVF and embryo transfer, Cloning Stem cells: Sources, types and their use in human welfare Biogenetic law 	Mastering Zoology in 89 days: Volume 3
Test-19	24 July 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evolution: Theories of Origin of life, Theories of Evolution, Natural Selection, Role of Mutations in Evolution, Evolutionary patterns, Molecular drive, mimicry, Variation, Isolation and Speciation Evolution of horse, Elephant and man using fossil data Hardy-Weinberg Law Continental drift and distribution of animals Systematics: Zoological nomenclature, International code, Cladistics, Molecular taxonomy and Biodiversity 	Mastering Zoology in 89 days: Volume 3

Test-20	1 August 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comparative functional anatomy of various systems of vertebrates (integument and its derivatives, endoskeleton, locomotory organs, digestive system, respiratory system) 	Mastering Zoology in 89 days: Volume 2
Test-21	08 August 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Circulatory system including heart and aortic arches, urino-genital system, brain and sense organs (eye and ear) 	Mastering Zoology in 89 days: Volume 2
Test-22	16 August 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ethology: Behaviour: Sensory filtering, responsiveness, sign stimuli, learning and memory, instinct, habituation, conditioning, imprinting Role of hormones in drive: Role of pheromones in alarm spreading, crypsis, predator detection, predator tactics, social hierarchies in primates, social organisation in insects Orientation, Navigation, Homing, Biological clock, Tidal, Seasonal and Circadian rhythms Methods of studying animal behaviour including sexual conflict, selfishness, kinship and altruism 	Mastering Zoology in 89 days: Volume 2
Test-23	24 August 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic Zoology: Apiculture, Sericulture, lac culture, Carp culture, Pearl culture, Prawn culture, Vermiculture Major infectious and communicable diseases (Malaria, Cholera and AIDS), their vectors, pathogens and prevention Cattle and Livestock diseases, their pathogens (helminthes) and Vectors (ticks, mites, Tabanus, Stomoxys) Pests of Sugarcane (<i>Pyrilla perpusilla</i>), Oil seed (<i>Achaea Janata</i>) and Rice (<i>Sitophilus oryzae</i>) Transgenic animals Medical biotechnology, Human genetic disease and Genetic counselling, Gene therapy Forensic biotechnology 	Mastering Zoology in 89 days: Volume 2
Test- 24	1 September 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biostatistics: Designing of experiments, Null hypothesis, Correlation, Regression, Distribution and Measure of Central tendency, chi-square, student test, F-test (one-way & two-way F-test) Instrumentation Methods: Spectrophotometer, Phase contrast and Fluorescence microscopy, Radioactive tracer, Ultracentrifugation, Gel electrophoresis, PCR, ELISA, FISH and Chromosome painting Electron microscopy (TEM, SEM) 	Mastering Zoology in 89 days: Volume 2
Test-25	7 September 026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecology: Biosphere: Concept of Biosphere, Biomes, Biogeochemical cycles, human induced changes in atmosphere including greenhouse effect, Ecological succession, Biomes and Ecotones, Community Ecology Concept of Ecosystem, Structure and Function of ecosystem, Types of ecosystem, Ecological succession, ecological adaptation Population, Characteristics, Population dynamics, Population Stabilisation Biodiversity and diversity conservation of natural resources Wildlife of India Remote sensing for Sustainable development Environmental biodegradation, pollution and its impact on biosphere and its prevention 	Mastering Zoology in 89 days: Volume 2
Test-26 & 27		Full length Paper -1 & Paper -2	
Test-28 & 29		Full length Paper -1 & Paper -2	
Test-30 & 31		Full length Paper -1 & Paper -2	

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