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1. NEET 2026 · Q104

Which one of the following statements is not true about the universal rules of binomial nomenclature?

- (1) Biological names are generally in Latin
- (2) Both the words in a biological name, when handwritten, are separately underlined or printed in italics
- (3) The specific epithet in the biological name starts with a small letter
- (4) The first word in the biological name represents the specific epithet, while the second component denotes the genus

Answer (4)

Sol. In a binomial name, the genus comes first with an initial capital, and the specific epithet comes second with an initial lowercase letter. The words are Latinised and appear in italics in print or are separately underlined by hand. A claim that the second word denotes the genus reverses their roles and is false.

2. Re-NEET 2026 · Q118

Match List-I with List-II.

List I	List II
P) Family	I) Sapindales
Q) Genus	II) Dicotyledonae
R) Class	III) Anacardiaceae
S) Division	IV) Angiospermae
T) Order	V) <i>Mangifera</i>

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

- (1) P-I, Q-V, R-II, S-IV, T-III
- (2) P-II, Q-I, R-III, S-IV, T-V
- (3) P-II, Q-III, R-V, S-I, T-IV
- (4) P-III, Q-V, R-II, S-IV, T-I

Answer (4)

Sol. NTA's paper printed Phylum in row S; it is corrected to Division, the rank NCERT uses for plants. For mango, the genus is *Mangifera* (Q-V), the family is Anacardiaceae (P-III), the order is Sapindales (T-I), the class is Dicotyledonae (R-II), and the division is Angiospermae (S-IV). Therefore option (4) is correct. NCERT Class 11, The Living World.

3. Re-NEET 2026 · Q119

Arrange the following taxonomic categories in ascending order.

Statement I: Genus

Statement II: Class

Statement III: Order

Statement IV: Phylum

Statement V: Family

Statement VI: Kingdom

Statement VII: Species

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

- (1) (VII), (I), (V), (III), (II), (IV), (VI)
- (2) (I), (III), (IV), (VII), (VI), (II), (V)
- (3) (VII), (III), (IV), (II), (V), (I), (VI)
- (4) (VI), (III), (II), (VII), (IV), (V), (I)

Answer (1)

Sol. Ascending order means starting from the smallest, most specific category and working up to the broadest. The hierarchy runs Species, Genus, Family, Order, Class, Phylum (Division in plants), Kingdom - which is exactly (VII), (I), (V), (III), (II), (IV), (VI). Moving up the ladder, the number of shared characters falls while the number of organisms included rises. NCERT Class 11, The Living World.

4. Re-NEET 2026 · Q125

Genus represents _____.

- (1) an individual plant or animal
- (2) a population of plants and animals
- (3) a group of closely related species
- (4) a group of closely related families

Answer (3)

Sol. A genus sits one rung above species and gathers together species that share a set of characters not found in other genera. *Panthera*, for instance, includes the lion, tiger and leopard. It is the first word of every binomial name, which is why it is always written with a capital letter. NCERT Class 11, The Living World.

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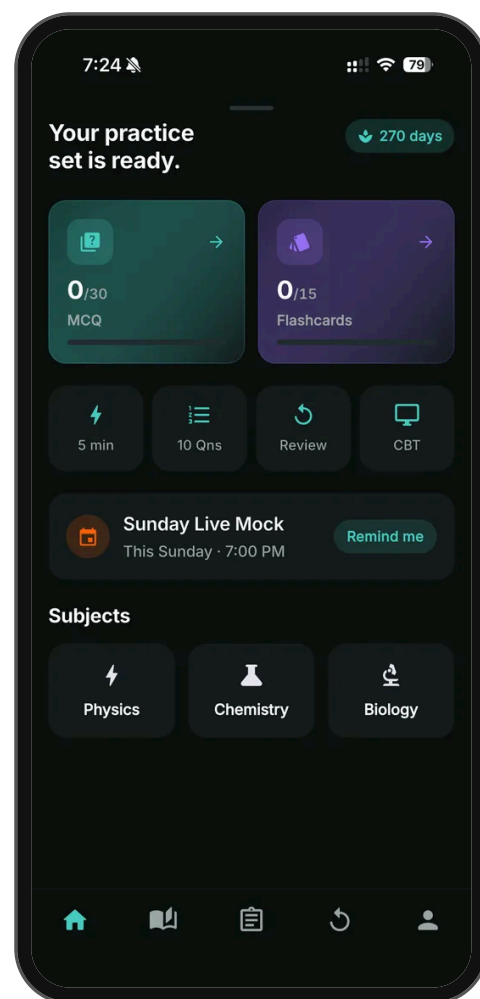
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