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NEET THE LIVING WORLD — BINOMIAL NOMENCLATURE (ICBN / ICZN RULES) — PYQS

Max. Marks: 20 **Questions:** 5

Section A (MCQ) — 5 questions

Q.1 Which one of the following statements is not true about the universal rules of binomial nomenclature? [NEET (UG) 2026]

(1) The first word in the biological name represents the specific epithet, while the second component denotes the genus

(2) The specific epithet in the biological name starts with a small letter

(3) Both the words in a biological name, when handwritten, are separately underlined or printed in italics

(4) Biological names are generally in Latin

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Q.2 Select the **correctly** written scientific name of Mango which was first described by Carolus Linnaeus: [NEET (UG) 2019]

(1) *Mangifera indica*
(2) *Mangifera Indica*
(3) *Mangifera indica* Car. Linn.
(4) *Mangifera indica* Linn.

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Q.3 Nomenclature is governed by certain universal rules. Which one of the following is contrary to the rules of nomenclature? [NEET 2016 (Phase 1)]

(1) The names are written in Latin and are italicised.

(2) When written by hand the names are to be underlined.

(3) Biological names can be written in any language.

(4) The first word in a biological name represents the genus name and the second is a specific epithet.

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Q.4 Which one of the following organisms is scientifically correctly named, correctly printed according to the international Rules of Nomenclature and correctly described? [AIPMT 2012 (Mains)]

(1) *Musca domestica*
– the common house lizard, a reptile

(2) *Plasmodium falciparum*
– a protozoan pathogen causing the most serious type of malaria.

(3) *Felis tigris*
– the Indian tiger, well protected in Gir forests.

(4) *E. coli* – full name *Entamoeba coli*, a commonly occurring bacterium in human intestine.

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Q.5 ICBN stands for [AIPMT 2007]

(1) International Code of Botanical Nomenclature

(2) International Congress of Biological Names

(3) Indian Code of Botanical Nomenclature

(4) Indian Congress of Biological Names

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ANSWER KEY

Ques.	1	2	3	4	5						
Ans.	1	4	3	2	1						