Ph.D. ENTRANCE EXAM IN AUDIOLOGY

UNIT 1

AUDITORY PHYSIOLOGY

- External ear: Anatomy & Physiology, age related changes and its application
- Middle ear: Anatomy & Physiology, impedance concept and its application
- Cochlea: Anatomy and Physiology, theories of hearing
- Auditory nerve and Vestibular system: anatomy and physiology, Anatomy of other cranial nerve
- Central auditory pathway: anatomy and physiology of brainstem, subcortical and cortical auditory areas.

UNIT 2

BASICS IN AUDITORY PERCEPTION

- ➤ Loudness: MAP and MAF, measurement and factors affecting
- > Pitch: theories, measurement and factors affecting
- > Temporal processing: measurement and factors affecting
- Object perception: auditory pattern perception
- Masking: Types, physiology and application

UNIT 3

PSYCHOPHYSICS OF AUDITION

- Loudness perception in auditory disorders: adaptation, fatigue and recruitment
- Pitch perception in auditory disorders:
- > Temporal perception auditory disorders
- ➤ Binaural Hearing: Localization and lateralization, physiology and factors affecting binaural hearing
- Perception of music: scales, notes and factors affecting music perception

UNIT 4

IMPLANTABLE DEVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENT

- ➤ Bone anchored hearing aids (BAHA) and middle ear implants: instrumentation, candidacy and benefit
- > Cochlear implants: design and features, candidacy, factors affecting benefit
- Psychophysics of cochlear implants
- ➤ Habilitation of individuals with cochlear implants: adults and children
- Brainstem implant and mid brain implants: design and features, candidacy, factors affecting benefit

UNIT 5

PHYSIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT OF THE AUDITORY SYSTEM

- > Tympanometry and reflexometry: Principle, instrumentation, procedure
- Application of Immitance: tympanometry and reflexometry
- Non Audiological tests: MRI, fMRI, MEG, X-Ray, CT, PET, SPECT, lab tests,.
- ➤ Oto acoustic emissions classification, generation and instrumentation
- Oto acoustic emissions Clinical application

UNIT 6

SPEECH PERCEPTION

- ➤ Theories of speech perception:
- ➤ Perception of vowels and consonants: cues for perception, relation between production and perception cues, role of co articulation
- ➤ Dichotic listening: Factors affecting and application
- Memory and speech perception
- ➤ Infant speech perception

UNIT 7

ELECTROPHYSIOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT OF THE AUDITORY SYSTEM

- Classification, instrumentation, methods of analysis & generators of auditory evoked potentials:
- Early and middle latency potentials: factors affecting recording and interpretation; application
- Late latency potentials: factors affecting recording and interpretation; application
- Steady state evoked potentials: factors affecting recording and interpretation; application
- Vestibular assessment: factors affecting recording and interpretation; application

UNIT 8

REHABILITATIVE AUDIOLOGY

- Digital technology in hearing instruments: design and features, electro acoustic performance
- ➤ Hearing device selection procedures: subjective and objective techniques
- Assessment and Management of individuals with special listening needs: Individuals with deaf blindness, MR, autism, cerebral palsy, LD, multiple disability
- > Tinnitus and Hyperacusis: Theories, assessment and management
- Audiology in practice: National and international standards, acts and legislations, medico legal aspects

UNIT 9

CENTRAL AUDITORY PROCESSING DISORDERS

- ➤ Theoretical basis and classification of (C)APD
- Behavioral tests in the assessment of (C)APD: Screening and diagnostic tests for children and adults
- ➤ Objective test in the assessment of (C)APD: Screening and diagnostic tests for children and adults
- Management of (C)APD: Deficit based strategies and management
- ➤ Factors affecting assessment and management of (C)APD

UNIT 10

SPEECH PERCEPTION IN CLINICAL POPULATION

- ➤ Perception of vowels, consonants, coarticulation and suprasegmentals in individuals with different degrees, types and audiogram configuration
- Perception of speech through other modalities: segmental and supra segmental perception through visual and tactile modalities
- ➤ Speech perception in cochlear implantees: Factors affecting perception
- > Speech intelligibility: subjective and objective methods and factors influencing
- > Speech perception in adverse listening condition: affect of noise reverberation