Points to Remember	
Indian cattle Leech (Invertebrate)	Common Rabbit (Vertebrate)
Scientific name : Hirudinaria granulosa	Scientific name: Oryctolagus cuniculus
Taxonomic position :	Taxonomic position:
Phylum → Annelida	Phylum → Chordata
Class → Hirudinea	Sub phylum → Vertebrata
Order → Gnathobdellida	Class → Mammalia
Genus → Hirudinaria	Order → Lagomorpha
Species → granulosa	Genus → Oryctolagus Species → Cuniculus
External morphology:	External morphology:
Shape & size: soft, vermiform, elongated & segmented.	• -
Colour: Dorsal surface - olive green	<b>Colour:</b> It varies from white to black and white.
ventral surface - orange yellow or orange red.	Body is covered with fur to keep it warm.
<b>Body segmentation :</b> Metamerism - 33 segments.	Body-division: head, neck, trunk and tail.
Receptors: 1) Annular 2) segmental	External apertures
Suckers: Helps in attachment and locomotion.	<b>Head:</b> It is ovoid, flattened and bears a truncate snout.
1) anterior or oral sucker(helps feeding) 2) posterior sucker	<i>Mouth</i> : It is a transverse slit-like bounded by
External apertures	upper and lower lip.
<b>Mouth:</b> It lies in the middle of anterior sucker.	External ear/pinnae: It is situated at the top of the head
Anus: It opens on the mid-dorsal side of 26 <sup>th</sup> segment.	<b>Neck:</b> It connects the head with the trunk.
<i>Nephridiopores:</i> 17 pair in each segment from 6 to 22.	<b>Neck.</b> It connects the head with the trunk.
Male genital pore: Mid ventral opening between	<i>Trunk:</i> An anterior thorax and a posterior abdomen.
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> annuli of 10 <sup>th</sup> segment.	Female have 4 or 5 teats or nipples.
<i>Female genital pore:</i> Mid ventrally between 2 <sup>nd</sup> &	Anus: It is in posterior end of abdomen at the base of tail
3 <sup>rd</sup> annuli of 11 <sup>th</sup> segment.	*In females, on the ventral side <b>vulva</b> is present.
Divisions of the body	<b>*</b> In males, <b>penis</b> is present in the ventral side of anus.
Cephalic region 1st - 5th	<b>Tail:</b> Short - used to give signals in danger.
Pre-clitellar region 6th, 7th and 8th	
Clitellar region 9th, 10th and 11th	<i>Integument (Skin):</i> It forms outer cover to the body.
Middle region 12th - 22nd	Derived structures: Hairs, claws, Nails, Glands -
Caudal region 23rd - 26th	Sweat glands, sebaceous glands(regulate body
Posterior sucker 27th - 33rd	temperature) and mammary glands(secretes milk)
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<b>Body wall:</b> It includes five layers.	Coelom (Body cavity) :
1. Cuticle – outermost layer.	It is a coelomate animal. Its body has thoracic cavity
<b>2. Epidermis</b> - It lies below the cuticle.	and abdominal cavity separated by diaphragm.
<b>3.Dermis</b> - Lies below the epidermis, formed of	<b>Diaphragm</b> : Breathing movements are brought
connective tissue.	by the movement of the diaphragm.
4.Muscular layer –Formed of circular and	Thoracic cavity: Lungs and heart are present in it.
longitudinal muscles.	Abdominal cavity: It encloses digestive and
<b>5. Botryoidal tissue</b> –Lies beneath longitudinal. muscles and fills the entire coelom around the gut.	urinogenital system.
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**Locomotion**: (i) looping or crawling movement (ii) Swimming movement.

# Digestive System:

It includes long alimentary canal and digestive glands.

Food Flow: Mouth→Buccal cavity→Pharynx→
Crop→Stomach→Intestine →rectum →Anus

**Feeding:** It feeds by sucking the blood of cattle and other domestic animals.

*Hirudin*: It prevents coagulation of blood by secreting a protein.

**Respiratory System:** It takes place through the skin.

Circulatory system: It has haemocoelic system.

*Four channels:* one above, one below and two on either side of the alimentary canal acts as heart

# Nervous system:

It is of a nerve ring and a paired ventral nerve cord. Nerve ring is formed of suprapharyngeal ganglion, circumpharyngeal connective and subpharyngeal ganglion.

## Excretory system:

It takes place by 17 pairs of **nephridia** from  $6^{th}$  to  $22^{nd}$  segment.

**Reproductive system**: It is hermaphrodite because both the male and female reproductive organs are present in the same animal.

*Male*: It have 11 pairs of testes, 1 pair in each segment from 12 to 22 segments in testes sac.

**Female:** It consists of ovaries, oviducts and vagina. **Development:** Internal fertilization – cocoon or egg case formation – young leech.

#### Medicinal uses of Leech:

- \* Used to treat cardiovascular diseases.
- \* Saliva from leech are used for preparation of pharmaceutical drugs that can treat hypertension.

Locomotion: It takes place by leaping movement.

**Digestive System:** It includes the alimentary canal and the associated digestive glands.

Food Flow: Mouth→Buccal cavity→ Pharynx→
oesophagus →Stomach→ small Intestine
→caecum →large intestine →Anus

**Diphyodont dentition** / **Heterodont** : Incisors(I), canines(C), premolars(PM) & molars(M)

Dental formula of rabbit  $\left(I\frac{2}{1}, C\frac{0}{0}, PM\frac{3}{2}, M\frac{3}{3}\right)\frac{2033}{1023}$  Canines are absent.

*Diastema* – gap between incisors and premolars.

**Respiratory System:** It takes place by a pair of lungs.

## Circulatory system:

It is of blood, blood vessels and heart.

#### Four chambered heart

Nervous system: It includes central nervous system(CNS-brain & spinal cord), peripheral nervous system(PNS — cranial nerves(12 pairs) and spinal nerves(37 pairs) and autonomic nervous system(ANS-sympathetic & para sympathetic nerves).

**Excretory system:** kidney made of several nephrons It separates the nitrogenous wastes from blood and excretes it in the form of urea.

**Reproductive system:** Sexual dimorphism

#### **\*** *Male* :

It have a pair of testes, seminiferous tubules, epididymis, **vas deferens**. (sperm duct). **Accessory glands:** prostate gland, cowper's gland and perineal gland.

#### **\*** Female:

Ovary→Oviducts→fallopian tube → uterus→ vagina→ vestibules (or) urinogenital canal→ vulva

#### Accessory glands:

Cowper's gland and perineal gland.