What is entomology

Entomology is the study of insects and their relationship to humans, the environment, and other organisms.

Entomology has an importance in:

- -The study of insects serves as the basis for developments in biological and chemical pest control
- -human/animal health (medical entomology)
- -criminology,(criminal insects) and forensics
- -some are plant pests such as (grasshopper) and some of which are of economic importance such as (honey bee)

Frist of all we need to take a step backward to understand Entomology, we need to realize and know the meaning of arthropod. An Arthropoda is an invertebrate animal having an exoskeleton (external skeleton), a segmented body, and paired jointed appendages.

Phylum Arthropods includes:

class insects الحشرات, class arachnids العناكب والعقارب, class myriapoda راحشرات, class myriapoda عديده الارجل class and crustacea القشريات class onychophora مخلبيات tribolita ثلاثيه الفصوص

Characters of Arthropoda

- 1. Largest phylum in the animal kingdom
- 2. Body has legs there may be 3 pairs, 4 pairs, 5 pairs, many pairs.
- 3. Body is triploblastic. (endoderm, mesoderm and ectoderm)
- 4. Bilaterally symmetrical.
- 5. Body is covered with chitinous exoskeleton.
- 6. Digestive system is complete
- 7. Respiration takes place by general body surface or gills (in Crustaceans) or trachea (in insects) or book lungs (Arachnida).
- 8. Circulatory system is of open type

Characteristics of Insect Class Insecta

- 1. These are tracheated arthropods.
- 2. It possesses 3 pairs of jointed legs.
- 3. Body is segmented.
- 4. Insect body is divided into 3 regions viz., head, thorax and abdomen
- 5. It possesses a pair of compound eyes & antennae.
- 6. Two pairs of wings are present in adult stage.