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Fourth Semester B.Sc. Degree Examination, July 2023 First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Zoology

Core Course IV

ZO 1441 : ECOLOGY, HABITAT DESTRUCTION AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

(2019 Admission Onwards)

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

- I. Answer the following questions. (In one or two sentences. Each carries 1 mark).
- 1. What is ecotone?
- 2. Comment on WWF
- 3. What is denitrification?
- Define biotic potential.
- 5. Name the first Wildlife Sanctuary in Kerala.
- Comment on pelagic animals.
- 7. Define vulnerability.
- 8. Expand IPCC.
- 9. Comment on Ashtamudi lake.
- 10. What is crunch diagram?

 $(10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ Marks})$

- II. Answer any eight of the following (Not to exceed one paragraph. Each carries 2 marks)
- 11. What is recycle index?
- 12. Comment on stratosphere
- 13. What is Shelfrds law of tolerance?
- 14. Comment on e waste
- 15. What is biopiracy?
- 16. What is carbon trading?
- 17. What are biopesticides?
- 18. Explain ecological indicators
- 19. Comment on Chipko Movement
- 20. What is PBR?
- 21. What is the impact of genetically modified plants?
- 22. Comment on green house gases and their impact

 $(8 \times 2 = 16 \text{ Marks})$

- III. Answer any six of the following (Not to exceed 120 words. Each carries 4 marks).
- 23. Explain the biotic factors of an ecosystem and comment on their interrelationships.
- 24. What are the major terrestrial adaptations of organisms?
- 25. Give an account on ecological succession.
- 26. Explain the adverse impacts of various pesticides.

- 27. What are threatened species?
- 28. Explain the impact of deforestation.
- 29. Differentiate between lotic and lentic habitats.
- 30. Briefly explain the hazards and impacts associated with earthquake.
- 31. Differentiate between meteorological and hydrological drought.

 $(6 \times 4 = 24 \text{ Marks})$

- IV. Answer any two of the following each carries 15 marks.
- 32. What are limiting factors? Describe the basic concepts.
- 33. Give an account on the characteristic features of a typical community.
- 34. Write an essay on green house effect, global warming and its consequences.
- 35. Give an account on the floods in India and their mitigation measures.

 $(2 \times 15 = 30 \text{ Mark})$

