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Second Semester B.A./B.Sc. Degree Examination, August 2022 First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Language Course - III - English

EN 1211.1: ABILITY ENHANCEMENT COMPULSORY COURSE: ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT

(2020 Admission)

Special Examination

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

- I. Answer all questions, each in a sentence or two.
- 1. Who is referred to as the 'Great Chief in Washington'?
- 2. Define Ecocriticism.
- 3. Expand PET.
- 4. Who is the author of Silent spring?
- 5. Which are the flood-affected areas mentioned in Ezekiel's poem?
- 6. Which are the three elements in a biodiversity?
- 7. Define ecosystem.
- 8. What are carcinogens?

- 9. What is EMRD?
- 10. Who is the author of 'Patna Blues'?

(10 x 1 = 10 Marks)

- II. Answer any eight, each in a paragraph not exceeding 50 words.
- 11. What is the main sentiment expressed in Chief Seattle's speech?
- Explain the two different types of wisdom represented by Vasishtha and Vishwamitra.
- 13. What is the context of Camille T Dungy's poem?
- Name any four major threats faced by natural resources.
- "Everywhere was a shadow of death". Comment.
- Explain greenhouse effect.
- 17. What was the condition of the town before the blight?
- 18. Explain the term 'Evil Quartet'.
- 19. Who are the inheritors of the narrator's plot of land?
- Comment on the argument between the narrator and his wife on the cobra episode.
- 21. Explain the concept of biodiversity hotspots.
- 22. What is the context of the poem "The Memory of Hiroshima".
- 23. What are man-made disasters? Mention a few.
- 24. Who is the speaker of Nissim Ezekiel's poem?
- 25. Why doesn't Saku's father throw away the electronic items in the garbage?
- 26. What is a food-web?

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

- III. Answer any six in a paragraph not exceeding 100 words.
- 27. What according to Chief Seattle is the white man's attitude towards the earth?
- 28. The treatment of Nature in the Ramayana.
- Discuss the changes brought in the ecosystem due to the occurrence of Trophic Cascade.
- Forgive me, bats, forgive me! I have no share in the spilling of your blood, I am innocent". Comment.
- 31. The character of the narrator's wife in "The Inheritors of the Earth".
- 32. Give Patel's poem voices the poet's anxiety over deforestation. Analyse.
- 33. What are the harmful effects of plastic on life and natural resources?
- 34. What are floods? Explain the different types of floods.
- Examine the plight of the villagers ravaged by the floods in Nissim Ezekiel's poem.
- 36. The relief party in Ezekiel's poem is a travesty. Comment.
- 37. "Then death came hurtling out of the sky". Explain.
- 38. What is the laboratory safety manual to be followed in college laboratories?

(6 x 4 = 24 Marks)

- IV. Answer any two of the following in not less than 300 words.
- Chief Seattle's speech is a warning for us to take up ecological responsibility. Analyse.
- Rachel Carson's "A Fable for Tomorrow" presents a dystopic vision of a world devastated by the use of chemical pesticides. Elucidate.
- 41. Attempt a critical appreciation of Satchidanandan's poem.

- 42. How does the disaster management system function effectively in our country?
- 43. How does Arif cope with the emergency situations in the story?
- 44. Comment on the contemporary relevance of the story "E is for E-waste".

 (2 x 15 = 30 Marks)