
SEMESTER II

4 Papers**Total 100 x 4 = 400 Marks****I. ABILITY ENHANCEMENT COMPULSORY COURSE (AECC)**

(Credits: Theory-02)

Marks : 100 (ESE: 3Hrs) =100**Pass Marks Th ESE = 40***Instruction to Question Setter for**End Semester Examination (ESE):**There will be **objective type test** consisting of hundred questions of 1 mark each. Examinees are required to mark their answer on **OMR Sheet** provided by the University.***AECC – ENVIRONMENT STUDIES****Theory: 30 Lectures****Unit 1 : Introduction to environmental studies**

Multidisciplinary nature of environmental studies;

Scope and importance; Concept of sustainability and sustainable development.

(2 lectures)**Unit 2 : Ecosystems**

What is an ecosystem? Structure and function of ecosystem; Energy flow in an ecosystem: food chains, food webs and ecological succession. Case studies of the following ecosystems :

Forest ecosystem

Grassland ecosystem

Desert ecosystem

Aquatic ecosystems (ponds, streams, lakes, rivers, oceans, estuaries)

(2 lectures)**Unit 3 : Natural Resources : Renewable and Non--renewable Resources**

Land resources and land use change; Land degradation, soil erosion and desertification.

Deforestation: Causes and impacts due to mining, dam building on environment, forests, biodiversity and tribal populations.

Water : Use and over--exploitation of surface and ground water, floods, droughts, conflicts over water (international & inter--state).

Energy resources : Renewable and non renewable energy sources, use of alternate energy sources, growing energy needs, case studies.

(5 lectures)**Unit 4 : Biodiversity and Conservation**

Levels of biological diversity : genetic, species and ecosystem diversity; Biogeographic zones of India; Biodiversity patterns and global biodiversity hot spots

India as a mega--biodiversity nation; Endangered and endemic species of India

Threats to biodiversity : Habitat loss, poaching of wildlife, man--wildlife conflicts, biological invasions; Conservation of biodiversity : In--situ and Ex--situ conservation of biodiversity. Ecosystem and biodiversity services: Ecological, economic, social, ethical, aesthetic and Informational value.

(5 lectures)

Unit 5 : Environmental Pollution

Environmental pollution : types, causes, effects and controls; Air, water, soil and noise pollution

Nuclear hazards and human health risks

Solid waste management : Control measures of urban and industrial waste.

Pollution case studies.

(5 lectures)

Unit 6 : Environmental Policies & Practices

Climate change, global warming, ozone layer depletion, acid rain and impacts on human communities and agriculture

Environment Laws: Environment Protection Act; Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act; Water (Prevention and control of Pollution) Act; Wildlife Protection Act; Forest Conservation Act. International agreements: Montreal and Kyoto protocols and Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

Nature reserves, tribal populations and rights, and human wildlife conflicts in Indian context.

(4 lectures)

Unit 7 : Human Communities and the Environment

Human population growth: Impacts on environment, human health and welfare.

Resettlement and rehabilitation of project affected persons; case studies.

Disaster management : floods, earthquake, cyclones and landslides.

Environmental movements : Chipko, Silent valley, Bishnois of Rajasthan.

Environmental ethics: Role of Indian and other religions and cultures in environmental conservation.

Environmental communication and public awareness, case studies (e.g., CNG vehicles in Delhi).

(3 lectures)

Unit 8 : Field work

Visit to an area to document environmental assets: river/ forest/ flora/fauna, etc.

Visit to a local polluted site--Urban/Rural/Industrial/Agricultural.

Study of common plants, insects, birds and basic principles of identification.

Study of simple ecosystems--pond, river, Delhi Ridge, etc.

(Equal to 4 lectures)

Suggested Readings:

- Raziuddin, M., Mishra P.K. 2014, *A Handbook of Environmental Studies*, Akanaksha Publications, Ranchi.
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- Warren, C. E. 1971. *Biology and Water Pollution Control*. WB Saunders.
- Wilson, E. O. 2006. *The Creation: An appeal to save life on earth*. New York: Norton.
- World Commission on Environment and Development. 1987. *Our Common Future*. Oxford University

II. GENERIC ELECTIVE (GE 2):

(Credits: 06)

All Four Papers (One paper to be studied in each semester) of any One Subject to be opted other than the Honours Subject. Refer Content from the Syllabus of Opted Generic Elective Subject.