### MA/M. Sc. GEOGRAPHY FIRST SEMESTER ENVIRONMENT AND ECOLOGY MGE - 103

Duration: 3 Hrs.

Marks: 70

Part : A (Objective) = 20 Part : B (Descriptive) = 50

#### [ PART-B: Descriptive ]

Duration: 2 Hrs. 40 Mins.

Marks: 50

[ Answer question no. One (1) & any four (4) from the rest ] 1. "Humanization of nature and naturalization of human" - elaborate the 4+4+2 statement in terms of Possibilism and Determinism. Describe the =10importance of Neo-determinism in relation to environmental issues in 21st century. 2. "Soil is an important component of environment"-why? Describe the 10 factors which are responsible for soil formation. 3. How can ecological knowledge be incorporated more intimately into 10 industrial lifecycle analysis, recycling and water re-use? 4. In which part of the world we find three sections of the vegetation and 4+6=10 why? Discuss ecology of such vegetation zones. 5. What are the major global environmental issues of the 21st century? 5+5=10 Discuss one issue in detail with suitable example. 6. What do you understand by environmental management? Describe the 4+6=10 different ways of management. 7. What is Biodiversity? Why biodiversity regions are under threat? 2+3+5 Discuss briefly about the conservational strategies of Biodiversity? =108. From where does water that is on the earth come? Describe the 2+8=10hydrological cycle in response to global climate change.

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#### [ PART-A: Objective ]

### Choose the correct answer from the following:

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- 1. The science of study of soils is called
  - a. Pedagogy
  - b. Pedology
  - c. Geology
  - d. Morphology
- 2. The term soil conservation implies
  - a. Using soil only for farming
  - b. Using soil only for grazing
  - c. Using soil only for horticulture and forestry
  - d. None of these
- 3. Which one among the following covers the highest percentage of forest area in the world?
  - a. Temperate Coniferous forests
  - b. Temperate Deciduous forest
  - c. Tropical Monsoon forests
  - d. Tropical Rain forests
- 4. The most important reason for decrease in biodiversity is
  - a. Habitat pollution
  - b. Introduction of exotic species
  - c. Over exploitation
  - d. Habitat destruction
- 5. The functioning of an ecosystem involves
  - a. Flow of energy and circulation of nutrients
  - b. An increasing simplicity of relations
  - c. Increasing animal populations
  - d. Increasing number of trees and bushes etc.
- **6.** Who form the first trophic level in any ecosystem?
  - a. Herbivores
  - b. Plants
  - c. Carnivores
  - d. Omnivores

- 7. A balanced ecosystem is one in which the
  - a. Number of organizations at all levels is equal
  - b. Amount of energy synthesized and utilized is equal
  - c. Amount of biomass at all trophic level is equal
  - d. Organisms are interdependent on each other
- 8. Which one is supposed to be the most stable environment?
  - a. Tropical rainforest
  - b. Temperate grasslands
  - c. Hilly regions
  - d. Deep sea regions
- 9. Which of the following is NOT a possible protection against deforestation?
  - a. Reduce the consumption of forest and related resources
  - b. Avoid products of companies involve in deforestation
  - c. Privatization of forest land
  - d. Environmental education
- 10. Montreal Protocol was concerned with
  - a. Control of ozone depletion
  - b. Control of global warming
  - c. Control of global warning and ozone
  - d. Control of biodiversity and global depletion warming
- 11. The most harmful environmental pollution from nuclear reactor is
  - a. radioactivity
  - b. particulate formation
  - c. thermal pollution
  - d. noise pollution
- 12. Which of the following is a major cause for land degradation in our country?
  - a. Soil erosion
  - b. Pollution of soil
  - c. Water logging
  - d. None of the above
- 13. Which one of the following is a site for *in situ* method of biodiversity conservation?
  - a. Biosphere reserve
  - b. National park
  - c. Wildlife sanctuary
  - d. All of these
- 14. Preservative approach of environmental management means-
  - $\boldsymbol{a.}\,$  Man should not disturb natural resources and should adjust according to it
  - b. Man should not overexploit the natural resources
  - c. Man should conserve the natural resources
  - d. Proper utilization and conservation of resources

- 15. Xerophytes are
  - a. Plants that grow in areas of high rainfall
  - b. Plants which can withstand high degree of salinity
  - c. Plants which grow in areas of moderate moisture supply
  - d. Plants which can withstand extreme aridity.
- 16. Which of the following is associated with Transpiration?
  - a. Evaporation from the leaves of trees
  - b. Evaporation from the water bodies
  - c. Soil infiltration
  - d. Runoff from the water bodies
- 17. IUCN (The International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources) headquarters is at
  - a. Morges-Switzerland
  - b. Paris-France
  - c. Vienna-Austria
  - d. New York-USA
- 18. Wildlife Week is celebrated on
  - a. 1st October to 7th October
  - b. 15th October to 21st October
  - c. 1st June to 7th June
  - d. 15th June to 21st June
- 19. IPCC stands for:
  - a. International governmental Panel for Climate Change
  - b. Inter-governmental Panel for Climate Change
  - c. Indian governmental Panel for Climate Change
  - d. None of these
- 20. UNFCCC stands for:
  - a. United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
  - b. United Nations Framework Convention on Climatic Condition
  - c. United Nations Foundation Conservation on Change Climate
  - d. United Nations Framework Conservation on Climate Change

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## [PART (A) : OBJECTIVE]

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