

GED 1206	ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES	L	T	P	C
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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

To make the student conversant with the

COB1: various natural resources, availability, utilisation and its current scenario.

COB2: diverse ecosystems and its function, importance of biodiversity, its values, threats and conservation.

COB3: types of pollutants and its impacts on the environment and the effects of natural disasters.

COB4: impacts of human population, human health, diseases and immunisation for a sustainable lifestyle.

MODULE I NATURAL RESOURCES 8

Natural Resources: Renewable and non-renewable resources: Natural resources and associated problems - (a) Land resources: Land degradation soil erosion and desertification - (b) Forest resources: Use and over-exploitation, deforestation (c) Water resources: Use and over-utilisation of surface and ground water, conflicts over water, dams: benefits and problems, effects on forest and tribal people - (d) Mineral resources: Use and exploitation, environmental effects of extracting and using mineral resources, mining (e) Food resources: World food problems, changes caused by agriculture and overgrazing, effects of modern agriculture (f) Energy resources: Growing energy needs, renewable and nonrenewable energy sources, use of alternate energy sources.

MODULE II ECOSYSTEMS AND BIODIVERSITY 8

Concept of an ecosystem - Food chains, food webs, Energy flow in the ecosystem - ecological pyramids - Ecological succession - Characteristic features, structure and function of (a) Terrestrial Ecosystems: Forest ecosystem, Grassland ecosystem, Desert ecosystem (b) Aquatic fresh water ecosystems: Ponds and lakes, rivers and streams (c) Aquatic salt water ecosystems: oceans and estuaries

Biodiversity and its conservation - Types: genetic, species and ecosystem diversity - Values of biodiversity - India as a mega-diversity nation - Invasive, endangered, endemic and extinct species - Hot spots of biodiversity and Red Data book - Threats to biodiversity - Conservation of biodiversity: In-situ and Ex-situ conservation of biodiversity.

MODULE III ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT 8

Sources, cause, effects and control measures of: (a) Air pollution (b) Water pollution (c) Soil pollution (d) Marine pollution (e) Noise pollution (f) Thermal pollution (g) Nuclear pollution (h) ill-effects of fireworks and upkeep of clean environment, types of fire and fire extinguishers- Solid waste Management: types, collection, processing and disposal of urban waste, industrial waste, e-waste and biomedical wastes - Disaster management: flood, drought, cyclone, landslide, avalanche, volcanic eruptions, earthquake and tsunami.

MODULE IV HUMAN POPULATION, HEALTH AND SOCIAL ISSUES 6

Human Population - Population growth, Population explosion, population pyramid among nations - Family Welfare Programme - Human Rights - Value Education - Environment and human health: air-borne, water borne, infectious diseases, contagious diseases and immunisation (all types of vaccines from birth), risks due to chemicals in food and water, endocrine disrupting chemicals, cancer and environment - Sustainable development - Resettlement and rehabilitation of people - Environment Legislative laws- Women and Child Welfare, Public awareness.

Case studies related to current situation.

L – 30; Total Hours– 30

TEXT BOOKS:

1. Erach Bharucha, "Textbook for Environmental Studies for Undergraduate Courses of all Branches of Higher Education for University Grants Commission", Orient Blackswan Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad, India, 2013.
2. Benny Joseph, "Environmental Studies", Tata McGraw-Hill Education, India, 2009.
3. Ravikrishnan A, "Environmental Science and Engineering", Sri Krishna Publications, Tamil Nadu, India, 2018.
4. Raman Sivakumar, "Introduction to Environmental Science and Engineering", McGraw Hill Education, India, 2009.
5. Venugopala Rao P, "Principles of Environmental Science and Engineering", Prentice Hall India Learning Private Limited; India, 2006.
6. Anubha Kaushik and Kaushik C.P., "Environmental Science and Engineering", New Age International Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, India, 2009.

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1. Masters G.M., "Introduction to Environmental Engineering and Science", Prentice Hall, New Delhi, 1997.
2. Henry J.G. and Heike G.W., "Environmental Science and Engineering", Prentice Hall International Inc., New Jersey, 1996.
3. Miller T.G. Jr., "Environmental Science", Wadsworth Publishing Co. Boston, USA, 2016.
4. "Waste to Resources: A Waste Management Handbook", The Energy and Resources Institute, 2014.
5. <https://www.teriin.org/article/e-waste-management-india-challenges-and-opportunities>.
6. <https://green.harvard.edu/tools-resources/how/6-ways-minimize-your-e-waste>.
7. <https://www.aiims.edu/en/departments-and-centers/central-facilities/265-biomedical/7346-bio-medical-waste-management.html>.
8. <https://tspcb.cg.gov.in/Shared%20Documents/Guidelines%20for%20Management%20of%20Healthcare%20Waste%20Waste%20Management%20Rules,%202016%20by%20Health%20Care%20Facilities.pdf>.

COURSE OUTCOMES:

The student will be able to

CO1: analyse the current scenario of various natural resources and their depletion and suggest remedies to curb the exploitation.

CO2: identify food chains and web and its function in the environment, assess the impacts on the biodiversity and propose solutions to conserve it.

CO3: analyse the types and impacts of pollutants in the environment and propose suitable methods to alleviate the pollutants and the natural disasters.

CO4: assess on the impact of human population and the health related issues and immunisation practices and sustainable developments for a healthy life.

Board of Studies (BoS) :

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17.06.2021

Academic Council:

17th AC held on 15.07.2021

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