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**(2019 Admission Onwards)**

**Second Semester Integrated M.Sc. Degree (Reg./Supple./Imp.) Examination, April 2024**  
**(2020 Admission Onwards)**

**COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH**

**2A03 ENG : Readings on Life and Nature**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

A. Write an essay (**200-250** words) on **any one** of the following.

- 1) Comment on the structure and composition of the ecosystem.
- 2) Fish as a symbol of the triumph over adversity in the poem, "The Fish".

(1×8=8)

B. Write an essay (**200-250** words) on **any one** of the following.

- 3) What were the problems faced by the villagers due to floods as draft in the poem, *The Truth about Floods*?
- 4) What role does biodiversity play in supporting human life and well-being?

(1×8=8)

C. Answer **any four** of the following in a paragraph **each** (**80-100** words).

- 5) Describe the origin of life on earth.
- 6) What are the uses of fossil fuels?
- 7) Why is Environmental Studies the need of the hour?
- 8) Write a note on the floods in India.
- 9) "Trophic Cascade" as a poem on the reinvention of an ecosystem.
- 10) The dystopian world located in the poem, "Real Estate".
- 11) Note down the mitigation methods of earthquakes.

(4×4=16)

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D. Answer **any eight** of the following in **two** or **three** sentences.

- 12) What are the components of Environmental Studies ?
- 13) What is sustainable development ?
- 14) Define genetic diversity.
- 15) What is localisation ?
- 16) What is the difference between colonial and native approach to environment ?
- 17) What is the theme of the play, Matsyagandhi ?
- 18) What does the 'rainbow' trio mean in Elizabeth Bishop's The Fish ?
- 19) What is Chief Seattle's concept of God ?
- 20) Who are the rightful inheritors of the earth, according to the author ?
- 21) What are the biogeographical realms of the world ?
- 22) What is the idea put forward by Helena Norberg Hodge for the decentralisation of power ?

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A. Write an essay (200-250 words) on **any one** of the following :

- 1) Comment on the structure and composition of an ecosystem.
- 2) Discuss in detail the changes assured by the removal of a predator in the poem 'Trophic Cascade'. (1×8=8)

B. Write an essay (200-250 words) on **any one** of the following :

- 3) Write in detail about cyclone mitigation measures.
- 4) Critically analyse the poem 'The Truth about the Floods' as a conflict between the two groups-those in power and those without power, in the context of floods in India. (1×8=8)

C. Answer **any four** of the following in a paragraph **each** (80-100 words) :

- 5) Why is global food costly ?
- 6) Describe the origin of life on earth.
- 7) What are the advantages of solar energy ?
- 8) What are the features of disaster management ?
- 9) Write a note on the Chief of Seattle's attitude to God.
- 10) Comment on the significance of the title 'Matsyaganddhi'. (4×4=16)

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D. Answer **any eight** of the following in **two or three** sentences :

- 11) Define Genetic Diversity.
- 12) Give examples of manmade and natural ecosystems.
- 13) What is sustainable development ?
- 14) What are keystone species ?
- 15) In 'The Truth About the Floods', what did the villagers say about the floods ?
- 16) What is the central theme of the poem 'Real Estate' ?
- 17) What does Chief of Seattle want the white man to teach his children ?
- 18) Define localisation.
- 19) What are the three levels of biological diversity ?
- 20) Define environmental values.
- 21) Enumerate the advantages of cloth bags over plastic bags.
- 22) Write a note on the concept of 'Reuse'.

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2) Elaborate on the concept of Ecosystem.

4) Treat the one act play Matsyagandhi as a social criticism outlining the pathetic conditions of the fisher woman.

10) What has real estate business done to the earth ? What is poet's plea to the real estate business men and why does he give it ?

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D. Answer **any eight** of the following in **two** or **three** sentences :

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- 11) Define environmental values.
  - 12) How did the five students conduct "relief work" among the villagers hit by flood ?
  - 13) How does the author describe cobra in 'The Rightful Inheritors of the Earth' ?
  - 14) What does the Chief Seattle want the Whiteman to teach his Children ?
  - 15) What is 'strange idea' for Chief Seattle ? Why is it strange ?
  - 16) What is localization ?
  - 17) What is the advantage of local food over global food ?
  - 18) What is organic farming ?
  - 19) What are the reasons for the extinction several species ?
  - 20) What is the truth about the floods ?
  - 21) What is the legendry faith among fisher folk presented in the movie Chemmeen ?
  - 22) What was the complaint of the wife about squirrels, crows and bats ?
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COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH  
2A03 ENG : Readings on Life and Nature**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

A. Write an essay (200-250 words) on **any one** of the following :

- 1) What is structure and composition of an ecosystem ? Comment on the degradation of ecosystems.
- 2) What attitude towards the biosphere is reflected by Vaikom Muhammed Basheer in his story "The Rightful Inheritors of the Earth" ? **(1×8=8)**

B. Write an essay (200-250 words) on **any one** of the following :

- 3) Differentiate between disaster management and disaster mitigation with suitable examples.
- 4) How does the monologue *Matsyagandhi* represent the impact of modernisation on the ecosystem of the sea and the fisher folk whose life depends on it ? **(1×8=8)**

C. Answer **any four** of the following in a paragraph each (80-100 words) :

- 5) What are renewable and non-renewable resources ? Why should we be careful in their use ?
- 6) Explain the cascading effect depicted in the poem "Trophic Cascade."
- 7) Enumerate the values of biodiversity.
- 8) Explain the irony in the repetition of the line "until I told them I wasn't a government official" in the poem "The Truth about the Floods."
- 9) Write a note on the need for architectural heritage.
- 10) What are the benefits of diversified farming ? **(4×4=16)**

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D. Answer **any eight** of the following in **two** or **three** sentences :

- 11) What are environmental studies ?
- 12) What does the poet see in the eyes of the fish ?
- 13) What is the event in the poet's life that brought the cascading effect ?
- 14) What is Basheer's attitude towards guns ?
- 15) Define 'greenhouse effect'.
- 16) Why should the river and the sky be glued hard together ?
- 17) Why did the students actually visit the village after the floods ?
- 18) What happened to the fisherwoman's husband in *Matsyagandhi* ?
- 19) What is the advantage of cloth bag over plastic bags ?
- 20) What is the most fundamental environmental sentiment ?
- 21) Explain the irony in the words of Chief Seattle "I am a savage and do not understand."
- 22) What is called the "Breakaway strategy" ? (8×1=8)





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A. Write an essay (200-250 words) on **any one** of the following :

- 1) Examine how modern concepts of development have led to the degeneration of the environment, leading to a need for protecting nature to ensure human survival.
- 2) How does the poem "Trophic Cascade" suggest the organic unity and wholeness of nature and connect it with identity of the human being ? (1×8=8)

B. Write an essay (200-250 words) on **any one** of the following :

- 3) What is biodiversity ? How is its preservation important to the survival of mankind ?
- 4) Critically examine the way Nissim Ezekiel's poem "The Truth about the Floods" is an objective account of the villagers' struggle against a natural disaster on the one hand and the social and bureaucratic apathy in dealing with it. (1×8=8)

C. Answer **any four** of the following in a paragraph each (80-100 words) :

- 5) What are the biotic and abiotic components of an ecosystem ?
- 6) In the poem "The Fish", why did the poet let the fish go in the end ?
- 7) Comment on the reason the villagers in the story "The Rightful Inheritors of the Earth" do not allow the bats to be harmed.
- 8) Comment on the title "Real Estate".
- 9) Comment on the smell/stench of fish in *Matsyagandhi*.
- 10) Why is global food costly and how do we pay it ? (4×4=16)

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D. Answer **any eight** of the following in **two** or **three** sentences :

- 11) What are keystone species ?
- 12) What does the poet mean by "terrible oxygen" in the poem "The Fish" ?
- 13) What was the complaint of the wife in the story "The Rightful Inheritors of the Earth" about squirrels and crows ?
- 14) Which part of India is most prone to cyclones ?
- 15) Who are addressed at the end of the poem "Real Estate" ?
- 16) Why does the speaker in *Matsyagandhi* seek the rage of the sea ?
- 17) What are the advantages of composting ?
- 18) Mention two examples of how environmental values change overtime.
- 19) What is the Eastern approach to environmental values ?
- 20) Why does Chief Seattle say that buying their land will not be easy for the Great Chief in Washington ?
- 21) What are the conditions laid down by Chief Seattle to the Chief of the White Man ?
- 22) Define localisation.

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