2021

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE [HONOURS]

Paper: VIII

Full Marks: 80 Time: 4 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

- 1. Answer any **seven** of the following: $1 \times 7 = 7$
 - a) What is meant by environmental planning?
 - b) What is the Indian standard of BOD₅ for discharge of effluents?
 - c) What is green belt?
 - d) What is the function of electrostatic precipitator?
 - e) What is meant by food poisoning?
 - f) Why is CNG better than diesel or petrol?
 - g) What is microbial fuel cell?
 - h) Cite two examples of natural pesticides.
 - i) Why is 'superbug' so famous in environmental biotechnology?

- 2. Answer any **six** of the following:
- $2 \times 6 = 12$
- a) Explain the 'command and control' regime.
- b) Explain the term 'bioleaching' citing examples of two microorganisms involved.
- c) Define 'Deep Ecology'. Who is regarded as the father of this concept?
- d) Mention two environmental applications of GMOs.
- e) How does an input of sewage affect oxygen content of the receiving water bodies?
- f) Explain nitrogen fixation and nitrification mentioning bacteria involved in the processes.
- g) Define molecular probes and state their importance.
- h) Define green technology with an example.
- 3. Write short notes on any **three** of the following:

 $7 \times 3 = 21$

- a) Environmental refugee problem
- b) Urban eco-planning and management
- c) Ecotourism
- d) Environmental standards
- e) Ecological footprint

- 4. Answer any **four** of the following: $10 \times 4 = 40$
 - a) Discuss on the adverse effects of transportation on the urban environmental quality. Write a brief note on green transport and better transportation practices.

6+4=10

b) How do rural and urban lifestyles have dfferent environmental impacts? Write a brief note on pro-environmental lifestyle practices.

6+4=10

c) Define hazardous wastes and categorize them.Write a brief note on E-waste management.

(2+2)+6=10

- d) Define bioremediation. Distinguish between biostimulation and bioaugmentation. Give an account of different ex situ bioremediation technologies.
- e) Explain the term 'integrated waste management'. Elaborate on the 3R concept in waste management with examples. Discuss briefly different methods of municipal solid waste management. 2+3+5=10
- f) Discuss how human relationship with nature changed during different phases of human sociocultural evolution in the following societies:

- i) hunting-gathering society,
- ii) agricultural society,
- iii) industrial society. 3+3+4=10
- g) State the defining characteristics of green movement. How do they differ from other socio-cultural movements? Give a short account of an Indian case study. 3+2+5=10
