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# M. Sc DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - APRIL 2021 SEMESTER 4 : ZOOLOGY

#### COURSE: 16P4ZOOT13EL: ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE - CONCEPTS AND APPROACHES

(For Regular - 2019 Admission & Supplementary - 2018/2017/2016 Admissions)

Time: Three Hours Max. Marks: 75

## PART A Answer any 8 (2 marks each)

- 1. What is Gleization
- 2. How pH can influence aquatic life?
- 3. Mention components of climate system
- 4. Briefly describe Köppen–Geiger climate classification system
- 5. Mention the seasons experienced in India.
- 6. Suggest measures to combat desertification
- 7. Suggest measures to manage soil salinity
- 8. Comment on 'Bequest Value' of biodiversity
- 9. Comment on evenness index
- 10. What is CRZ?
- 11. List out the major terrestrial biomes
- 12. Comment on 'natural enemy release hypothesis' for invasion success

 $(2 \times 8 = 16)$ 

#### **PART B**

### Answer any 7 (5 marks each)

- 13. Write on the theories of origin of sea water salinity. Add a note on the classification of aquatic habitats based on its salt content
- 14. Discuss how light and temperature can influence aquatic ecosystems
- 15. Discuss the effects of climate change on ecosystems
- 16. Comment on ecological land classification
- 17. Discuss the third system of classification of the values of biodiversity
- 18. Comment on mobile links
- 19. Write notes on Kerala State Biodiversity Board
- 20. Write notes on Wildlife Protection Act 1972
- 21. Write notes on cave biomes
- 22. Discuss the impacts of exotics on biodiversity

 $(5 \times 7 = 35)$ 

#### PART C

#### Answer any 2 (12 marks each)

- 23. Write an essay on the idea of plate tectonics and its present state
- 24. Write an essay on the factors that change the temperature and precipitation patterns over a geographic region
- 25. Give an account of the wildlife distribution in India
- 26. Give an account of the strategies for biodiversity conservation

 $(12 \times 2 = 24)$