

B. A. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - OCTOBER 2024
SEMESTER 5 : MASS COMMUNICATION AND JOURNALISM MODEL - I
COURSE : 19U5CRBCJ10 : ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS
(For Regular 2022 Admission and Supplementary 2021/ 2020 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Max. Marks: 75

PART A

Answer All (1 mark each)

1. Explain Basheer's refusal to buy rat poison?
2. List some of the sounds of animals given in 'The Unfinished Continent'.
3. What do the baboon and its offspring do in the morning?
4. Why is the hawk-cuckoo named 'papiha'?
5. What are acid pollutants?
6. What Puritan attitude to swamps is revealed in The Pilgrim's Progress, according to John Douglas Porteous?

(1 x 6 = 6)

PART B

Answer any 7 (2 marks each)

7. What is the author's impression of the lizard in "Load Shedding"?
8. Describe the stall of the second-hand bookseller.
9. Why does Howarth refer to the wetlands as 'the landscape equivalent of extinct or endangered species'?
10. What is the 3Rs principle?
11. What did Basheer's wife think was the reason behind the fallen tender coconuts?
12. Why does Basheer say that a new ideology is needed?
13. Explain the ways in which wetlands maintain ecological balance.
14. Which areas serve as reservoirs of biodiversity and why?
15. What is the symbolic significance of the Plachimada protest pandal today?
16. Identify ecophilosophical moorings in the story 'An Island of Trees'.

(2 x 7 = 14)

PART C

Answer any 5 (5 marks each)

17. According to ONV Kurup, how does Mother Earth nurture her children?
18. Describe the background in which the Adivasis were reduced to the position of bonded laborers and tenants.
19. What is HIV and how does it impact the environment and society?
20. How do you categorize biomedical waste? What are the different stages involved in biological waste management?
21. How did the economic growth of India adversely affect the Adivasi community? Elaborate.
22. How is the Dark Eden of Thoreau a departure from the Old Testament definition of the swamp as wilderness?
23. Why is Basheer's wife annoyed with insects and rats?
24. What seems to be the predominant quality of the city given Whitman's demands?

(5 x 5 = 25)

PART D

Answer any 2 (15 marks each)

25. How does load-shedding affect the author and what does it show about the condition of man in the new environment?
26. What are the major ecosystems of the earth? Discuss how each is different from the other.
27. Give a detailed outline of the Plachimada struggle.
28. Bring out the significance of the wetland ecosystem in sustaining life, both culturally and materially, based on the reading of the essay 'Swampspeak'.

(15 x 2 = 30)