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## THIRD SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, OCTOBER 2017

(Regular/Supplementary/Improvement)

(CUCSS - PG)

## CC15P ES3 C16 – ECOSYSTEMS AND GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

(Environmental Science) (2015 Admission Onwards)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 36 Weightage

- I. Answer *all* questions. Each question carries 1 weightage
- 1. GHGs
- 2. What is sub adiabatic lapse rate?
- 3. What areaerologicaldiagrams?
- 4. Define coriolis force.
- 5. Wetlands
- 6. Sea breeze and land breeze
- 7. Wind roses
- 8. What is carbon trading?
- 9. Define stratospheric ozone.
- 10. Reflection Coefficient
- 11. Walker circulation
- 12. Trade winds
- 13. Equinoxes and Solstices
- 14. Montreal Protocol

 $(14 \times 1 = 14 \text{ weightage})$ 

- II. Answer any seven questions. Each question carries 2 weightage
- 15. Write a note on Earth's geological time scale.
- 16. Explain the role of forests in carbon sequestration.
- 17. Define palaeoclimatology. What are the principle sources of proxy data on Earth's climate?
- 18. Write a note on atmospheric stability.
- 19. Explain the thermal stratification of atmosphere.
- 20. Differentiate radiative and non-radiative forcing of climate change
- 21. Explain ENSO.
- 22. What is atmospheric scattering? Mention the types of scattering.

- 23. What are ozone hole. Explain ozone depletion over Antarctica.
- 24. Give an account on Earth's systems and their interrelations.

 $(7 \times 2 = 14 \text{ weightage})$ 

- III. Write an essay on any two of the following. Each question carries 4 weightage
- 25. Discuss the effects of global warming on lithosphere, hydrosphere and biosphere systems.
- 26. Are human activities causing climate change? Illustrate with appropriate examples.
- 27. Give an account on global environmental protection movements with respect to climate change.
- 28. Define solar constant. Write an essay on energy budget of the Earth surface.

 $(2 \times 4 = 8 \text{ weightage})$ 

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