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FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2017

(Regular/Supplementary/Improvement)

(CUCSS-PG)

CC17P ZO1 C03 – ECOLOGY AND ETHOLOGY

(Zoology)

(2017 Admission regular)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 36 Weightage

I. Answer **all** questions. Each question carries 1 weightage.

1. Explain the concept of niche
2. Explain life tables
3. What is Carbon credit
4. Discuss the negative aspects of Sethusamudram project
5. Discuss character displacement with a suitable example
6. Mention the advantages of remote sensing methods in ecological studies
7. Explain latitudinal gradients in diversity
8. Explain the characteristics of tundra
9. What are social releasers
10. Explain selfish gene theory
11. Briefly explain FAP
12. Discuss parental investment
13. Explain orientation
14. Write short notes on conflict behavior

(14 x 1 = 14 Weightage)

II. Answer any **seven** questions. Each question carries 2 weightage.

15. Write a detailed account on the mechanism of ecological succession.
16. Describe Nitrogen cycle. Explain how anthropogenic interventions affect Nitrogen cycle.
17. Explain the different biogeographical zones of India
18. Explain the different methods of estimating population density of animals
19. Describe the advantages and disadvantages of interlinking of rivers
20. Give an account of r & k strategists
21. Discuss the neural basis of learning and memory

22. Explain the different proximate and ultimate factors in behaviour
23. Give an account of different types of mating systems
24. Discuss J P Scott's categories of behaviour

(7 x 2 = 14 Weightage)

III. Answer any *two* questions. Each question carries 4 weightage

25. Explain the principles of conservation. Give an account of major approaches to management
26. Discuss ecosystem energetics and explain the different energy flow models.
27. Explain the major types of species interactions with suitable examples.
28. Write an essay on the role of hormones in regulating behaviour.

(2 x 4 = 8 Weightage)

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(1 x 1 = 1 Weightage)

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