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FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2019 (CUCSS PG)

CC19P ESC1 C01 – FUNDAMENTALS OF ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT

(Environmental Science)

(2019 Admission Regular)

Time: Three Hours Maximum: 30 Weightage

- I. Answer any *four* questions. Each question carries 2 weightage.
 - 1. Describe different types of rocks.
 - 2. Write a short note on negative population interactions.
 - 3. Explain briefly abiotic components of ecosystems.
 - 4. Explain ecotone and edge effect.
 - 5. What is ecological dominance?
 - 6. Write a short note on ecological hot spots with examples.
 - 7. What is Malthusian theory of population.

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

- II. Answer any *four* questions. Each question carries 3 weightage.
 - 8. Describe the ecological pyramids with suitable examples.
 - 9. Explain energy flow in an ecosystem with suitable diagrams.
 - 10. Write a note on ecological adaptations.
 - 11. Explain the multidisciplinary nature of environmental science.
 - 12. Illustrate the different layers of atmosphere.
 - 13. Describe the hydrological cycle with diagram.
 - 14. Explain the weathering of rocks.

 $(4 \times 3 = 12 \text{ Weightage})$

- III. Write an essay on any *two* of the following. Each question carries 5 weightage.
 - 15. Write an essay on different environmental factors.
 - 16. Explain biogeochemical cycles, gaseous and sedimentary cycles.
 - 17. Give a detailed account of the characteristics of population.
 - 18. Briefly discuss ecological succession with suitable examples.

 $(2 \times 5 = 10 \text{ Weightage})$