

SEMESTER-V**Paper - II Ecology**

Internal Assessment-10

Max. Marks – 40

Time– 3 Hrs.

Note: Five questions to be attempted in all, selecting two questions from each unit. Question No. 1 will be compulsory (short answer type). Nine questions are to be set spread over the entire syllabus. All questions carry equal marks.

UNIT-I

Introduction to Ecology: Definition; scope and importance; levels of organization.

Environment: Introduction; environmental factors- climatic (water, humidity, wind, light, temperature), edaphic (soil profile, physico-chemical properties), topographic and biotic factors (species interaction).

Adaptations of plants to water stress and salinity (morphological and anatomical features of hydrophytes, xerophytes and halophytes).

Population Ecology: Basic concept; characteristics; biotic potential, growth curves; ecotypes and ecads.

UNIT-II

Community Ecology: Concepts; characteristics (qualitative and quantitative-analytical and synthetic); methods of analysis; ecological succession.

Ecosystem: Structure (components) and functions (trophic levels, food chains, food webs, ecological pyramids and energy flow)

Biogeochemical Cycles: carbon and nitrogen; hydrological (water) cycle.

Phyto-geography: Phyto-geographical regions of India; vegetation types of India (forests).

Environmental Pollution: Sources, types and control of air and water pollution.

Global Change: Greenhouse effect and greenhouse gases; impacts of global warming; carbon trading.