

Th5. ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (Common to All Branches)

Name of the Course: Diploma in Civil Engineering			
Course code:		Semester	3 rd
Total Period:	60	Examination :	3 hrs
Theory periods:	4P / week	Internal Assessment:	20
Maximum marks:	100	End Semester Examination	80

A. Rationale:

Due to various aspects of human developments including the demand of different kinds of technological innovations, most people have been forgetting that, the Environment in which they are living is to be maintained under various living standards for the preservation of better health. The degradation of environment due to industrial growth is very much alarming due to environmental pollution beyond permissible limits in respect of air, water industrial waste, noise etc. Therefore, the subject of Environmental Studies to be learnt by every student in order to take care of the environmental aspect in each and every activity in the best possible manner.

B. OBJECTIVES:

After completion of study of environmental studies, the student will be able to:

1. Gather adequate knowledge of different pollutants, their sources and shall be aware of solid waste management systems and hazardous waste and their effects.
2. Develop awareness towards preservation of environment.

C. TOPIC WISE DISTRIBUTION OF PERIODS

SL.NO.	TOPIC	PERIODS
1	The Multidisciplinary nature of environmental studies	04
2	Natural Resources	10
3	Systems	08
4	Biodiversity and it's Conservation	08
5	Environmental Pollution.	12
6	Social issues and the Environment	10
7	Human population and the environment	08
	TOTAL	60

Unit 1: The Multidisciplinary nature of environmental studies

Definition, scope and importance, Need for public awareness.

Unit 2: Natural Resources

Renewable and non renewable resources:

- a) Natural resources and associated problems.

- Forest resources: Use and over-exploitation, deforestation, case studies, Timber extraction mining, dams and their effects on forests and tribal people.
- Water resources: Use and over-utilization of surface and ground water, floods, drought, conflicts over water, dam's benefits and problems.
- Mineral Resources: Use and exploitation, environmental effects of extracting and using mineral resources.
- Food Resources: World food problems, changes caused by agriculture and over grazing, effects of modern agriculture, fertilizers- pesticides problems, water logging, salinity, .
- Energy Resources: Growing energy need, renewable and non-renewable energy sources, use of alternate energy sources, case studies.
- Land Resources: Land as a resource, land degradation, man induces landslides, soil erosion, and desertification.

b) Role of individual in conservation of natural resources.

c) Equitable use of resources for sustainable life styles.

Unit 3: Systems

- Concept of an eco system.
- Structure and function of an eco system.
- Producers, consumers, decomposers.
- Energy flow in the eco systems.
- Ecological succession.
- Food chains, food webs and ecological pyramids.
- Introduction, types, characteristic features, structure and function of the following eco system:
- Forest ecosystem:
- Aquatic eco systems (ponds, streams, lakes, rivers, oceans, estuaries).

Unit 4: Biodiversity and it's Conservation

- Introduction-Definition: genetics, species and ecosystem diversity.
- Biogeographically classification of India.
- Value of biodiversity: consumptive use, productive use, social ethical, aesthetic and optin values.
- Biodiversity at global, national and local level.
- Threats to biodiversity: Habitats loss, poaching of wild life, man wildlife conflicts.

Unit 5: Environmental Pollution.

Definition Causes, effects and control measures of:

- a) Air pollution.
- b) Water pollution.
- c) Soil pollution
- d) Marine pollution
- e) Noise pollution.
- f) Thermal pollution
- g) Nuclear hazards.

Solid waste Management: Causes, effects and control measures of urban and industrial wastes.

Role of an individual in prevention of pollution.

Disaster management: Floods, earth quake, cyclone and landslides.

Unit 6: Social issues and the Environment

- Form unsustainable to sustainable development.
- Urban problems related to energy.
- Water conservation, rain water harvesting, water shed management.
- Resettlement and rehabilitation of people; its problems and concern.
- Environmental ethics: issue and possible solutions.
- Climate change, global warming, acid rain, ozone layer depletion, nuclear accidents and holocaust, case studies.
- Air (prevention and control of pollution) Act.
- Water (prevention and control of pollution) Act.
- Public awareness.

Unit 7: Human population and the environment

- Population growth and variation among nations.
- Population explosion- family welfare program.
- Environment and human health.
- Human rights.
- Value education
- Role of information technology in environment and human health.

Syllabus coverage upto I.A

Units 1, 2, 3

Learning Resources:			
SI.No	Title of the Book	Name of Authors	Name of Publisher
1.	Textbook of Environmental studies	Erach Bharucha	#UGC
2.	Fundamental concepts in Environmental Studies	D.D. Mishra	S.Chand&Co-Ltd
3.	Text book of Environmental Studies	K.Raghavan Nambiar	SCITECH Publication Pvt. Ltd
4.	Environmental Engineering	V.M.Domkundwar	Dhanpat Rai & Co