December 2023 B.Com (Honours) (I Semester) Environment and Ecology (MCEVS-01)

Time: 1.5 hours Max. Marks: 35

PART A (1 mark each)

- **Q1** (a) Why is public awareness crucial in the context of environmental issues?
 - (b) Name one major cause of population explosion.
 - (c) Explain the concept of ecological succession.
 - (d) How does value education contribute to the personal development of students?
 - (e) Provide an example of a terrestrial food chain.
 - (f) What is an ecological pyramid, and why is it used in ecology?
 - (g) How do biomes differ from ecosystems?

PART B

- Q2 Explain the four fundamental components of the Earth's physical environment: the biosphere, atmosphere, lithosphere, and hydrosphere. Describe the unique characteristics and functions of each component. (7)
- Q3 Discuss the significance of incorporating human rights education into value-based education systems. How can value education programs contribute to promoting human rights awareness? (7)
- **Q4** Discuss in detail the energy flow models and their types in the ecosystem. (7)
- **Q5** Explain the multidisciplinary nature of environmental studies and its significance. Define environmental studies and outline its scope, emphasizing its relevance in addressing contemporary environmental issues. (7)
- **Q6** Write a short note on the following

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- (i) Food chain and food web
- (ii) Man and Environment Relationship

Q7 What is the ecological succession? Describe the types and complete mechanism of succession.



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