<Program Code: CE>: <Course Code:22447>: <Course Name: Environmental Studies>: <Unit-1: Environment>: <UO: 1a and UO</p> 1c>: <Study Material> <Dr. B. R. <03 July 2020> <Dr. D. K. Parbat> Ambade> Key words **Learning Objective:** Diagram/ Picture Environment, **Biotic and** To understand and describe environment, its **Abiotic** scope, need and issues in environment. Also to Environment develop public awareness about environment. Components, Scope, **Concept Map:** Key Questions: **Biotic Components** A biotic Components Define environment? Living Non-Living What are the **Organisms** components **Organisms** of e.g. People, Children, environment? e.g. Play ground, Describe the Trees, Grass, Plants, Benches, Swings, Slide, scope of insects, Birds etc. Air, Water, Mountain etc. environment? Describe the need of environment? **Explanation of Concept: Key Definitions/ Formulas: ENVIRONMENT IN SIMPLE WAY:** A place around us includes people, children, **Environment:** Environment means the surrounding benches, ground, grass, trees, insects, birds, external conditions influencing development or growth sunlight, air, land, water, mountain etc. of people, animal or plants; living or working conditions Biotic components constantly interact and **Biotic Components** means living organism surrounding exchange things with each other as well as with the A-biotic components for their survival and us like trees, birds, insects, animals, humans, grass etc. existence. A-Biotic Components means non living things around us **SCOPE OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES** like air, water, land, sunlight, mountain, river, ocean. By studying environmental science, students may develop a breadth of the interdisciplinary and methodological knowledge in the environmental fields that enables them to facilitate the definition and solution of environmental problems. scope of environmental studies is that, the current trend of environmental degradation can be reversed if people of educated communities are organized and empowered; experts are involved in sustainable development. The major areas in which the role of environmental scientists are of vital importance are natural resources, ecosystems, biodiversity and its conservation, environmental pollution, social issues Interactions of various components of environment and environment human population environment. **NEED OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES: Environment Issues Being of International** Importance. Problems Cropped in The Wake of Development.

> Explosively Increase in Pollution. Need for An Alternative Solution.

Solved word Problem:  Answers of above questions are covered in study material.	Need To Save Humanity From Extinction.     Need For Wise Planning of Development.     Sustainable Development.	
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Key Take away Understanding	from this UO: the environment and the scope of environment.	

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Key words:	Learning Objective:	Diagram/ Picture
Environment, Atmosphere, Biosphere, Lithosphere,	To understand and describe various types of environment.	The <u>atmosphere</u> is composed of nitrogen and oxygen. Besides, argon, carbon dioxide, and
Hydrosphere		trace gases.
Key	Concept Map:	Hydrosphere: Th Hydrosphere comprise
Questions:	Environment	Biosphere: Biosphere all types of water indicates the realm of resources oceans, sea living organisms and lakes, rivers, stream
Describe various types of		interactions with environment, wiz Biosphere iccaps, glaciers, an ground water.
environment	Atmosphere Biosphere	hydrosphere lithosphere: Lithosphere is the outer mantle of the solid earth. It lithosphere consists of minerals occurring in the earth's crusts and the soil e.g. Hydrosphere
Describe segments of environment	Lithosphere Hydrosphere	minerals, organic matter, air and water.
Solved word	Explanation of Concept:	Key Definitions/ Formulas:
Problem:	SEGMENTS OF ENVIRONMENT:	
Answers of above	Atmosphere: The atmosphere implies the protective blanket of gases, surrounding the earth.	VARIOUS TYPES OF ENVIRONMENT:  1. Natural (Physical Environment):  The environment in its original form without the
questions are	(a) It sustains life on the earth.	interference of human beings is known as natur
covered in	(b) It saves it from the hostile environment of	environment. Natural environment includes all livir
study	outer space.	and nonliving things occurring naturally on earth.
material.	(c) It absorbs most of the cosmic rays from	operates through self regulating mechanism calle
	outer space and a major portion of the	homeostasis i.e, any change in the natural ecosystem
	electromagnetic radiation from the sun.	brought about by natural processes is counte
	(d) It transmits only here ultraviolet, visible,	balanced by changes in other components of
	near infrared radiation (300 to 2500 nm) and	environment. Natural environment often used as
	radio waves. (0.14 to 40 m) while filtering	synonym of habitat. Examples- Ecosystem an
	out tissue-damaging ultra violate waves below	Biodiversity. [2]
	about 300 nm.  Hydrosphere: The Hydrosphere comprises all	2. Man made or Anthropogenic Environment (Bui Environment):
	types of water resources oceans, seas, lakes,	The environment changed or modified by the
	rivers, streams, reservoir, polar icecaps, glaciers, and ground water.	interference of human beings is called man mad environment. Man is the most evolved creature of
	(i) Nature 97% of the earth's water supply is in	this earth. He is modifying the environmen
	the oceans,	according to his requirements without bothering for
	(ii) About 2% of the water resources is locked	its consequences. Industrialization, urbanization an
	in the polar icecaps and glaciers.	population explosion are deteriorating th
	(iii)Only about 1% is available as fresh surface	environment more and more [1] Example Infrastructure, Utilities, Institutions, housin
	water-rivers, lakes streams, and ground water fit to be used for human consumption and	Infrastructure, Utilities, Institutions, housin industries , parks, buildings, energy network
	other uses.	transportations, etc [2].
	Lithosphere: Lithosphere is the outer mantle	3. Social Environment :
	of the solid earth. It consists of minerals	Social Environment includes an individual's social
	occurring in the earth's crusts and the soil e.g.	economic and political condition wherein he live
	minerals, organic matter, air and water.	The moral, cultural and emotional forces influence
	Biosphere: Biosphere indicates the realm of	the life and nature of individual behaviour. (Custom
	living organisms and their interactions with	Traditions, ethics, Language, Culture, Profession
	environment, viz atmosphere, hydrosphere	Living conditions etc). The social environment refer
	and lithosphere.	to the immediate physical and social settings
		which people live and or in which something happer

The atmosphere forms a protective shell over the earth. The lowest layer, the troposphere, the only part warm enough for us to survive in, is only 12 kilometres thick. The stratosphere is 50 kilometres thick and contains a layer of sulphates which is important for the formation of rain. It also contains a layer of ozone, which absorbs ultra-violet light known to cause cancer and without which, no life could exist on earth. The atmosphere is not uniformly warmed by the sun. This leads to air flows and variations in climate, temperature and rainfall in different parts of the earth.

The lithosphere began as a hot ball of matter which formed the earth about 4.6 billion years ago. About 3.2 billion years ago, the earth cooled down considerably and a very special event took place - life began on our planet. The crust of the earth is 6 or 7 kilometres thick and lies under the continents.

The Biosphere is the relatively thin layer on the earth in which life can exist. Within it the air, water, rocks and soil and the living creatures, form structural and functional ecological units, which together can be considered as one giant global living system, that of our Earth itself.

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was educated or lives in, and the people and institutions with whom they interact [3].

#### 4. Psychological Environment:

Although physical and social environment are common to the individual in a specific situation. Yet every individual has his own psychological environment, in which he lives. Kurt Lewin has used the term 'life space' for explaining psychological environment. The Psychological environment enables us to understand the personality of an individual. Both the person and his goal form psychological environment [2; 4].

**STRUCTURE OF ENVIRONMENT:** Environment consists both physical and biological. It includes both living and non-living components.

- Physical Environment
  - (i) Solid The lithosphere (solid earth)
    - Mountain Environment
  - (ii) <u>Liquid</u> The hydrosphere (water component) Glacier Environment
  - (iii) <u>Gas</u> The atmosphere Plateau Environnent & Costal Environnent.
- Biological Environment
  - (i) Plants (flora)
  - (ii) Animals (fauna)

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### Key Take away from this UO:

Understanding the environment its types and elements.

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<b>Key words:</b> Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Recover	Learning Objective:  To describe the need of public awareness	Diagram/ Picture
Key Questions:  Describe 4Rs.	Recover Reduce Recycle Reuse	REUSE RECYCLE RECOVER
Solved word Problem:	Explanation of Concept: Public awareness about environment	Key Definitions/ Formulas:
Answers of above questions are covered in study material.	<ul> <li>Educate the people about environmental studies.</li> <li>Participation of people in environmental issues.</li> <li>Implementation of principle of 4Rs.</li> <li>Adoption of eco-friendly technology.</li> <li>Conserve the resources.</li> <li>Follow various acts on environment.</li> <li>Practice and promote good civic sense and hygiene.</li> <li>Practice and promote to Reduce pollution.</li> <li>Join local movements that support activities like saving trees in your area, go on nature treks, recycle waste, buy environmentally friendly products.</li> <li>Join a group to study nature, such as WWF-1 or another environmental group</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CONCEPT Of 4Rs</li> <li>▶ Reduce: Prevent generation of waste in the first place; by eliminating waste at source through better planning and design. Don't use a resource if there is an alternative (Donate old things; Take good care of your things; choose walking / cycling than driving Use glassware than paper wares).</li> <li>▶ Reuse: Use a resource again and again without changing it or reprocessing it for different functions than what they are intended. (Old news papers used for packing Plastic and steel containers used for plantation etc).</li> <li>▶ Recycle: Reproduce / remanufacture thenew material by using recyclable waste a raw material in its parent industry. (Paper Glass, Plastic, Metal, Rubber etc).</li> <li>▶ Recover: Producing usable products of energy by processing / treating the waste (biogas, fertilizer, Waste to energy etc).</li> <li>▶ Benefits of 4R's - Reduce waste, Reduction, Save energy, Save resources, Improve economy, Create employment.</li> </ul>
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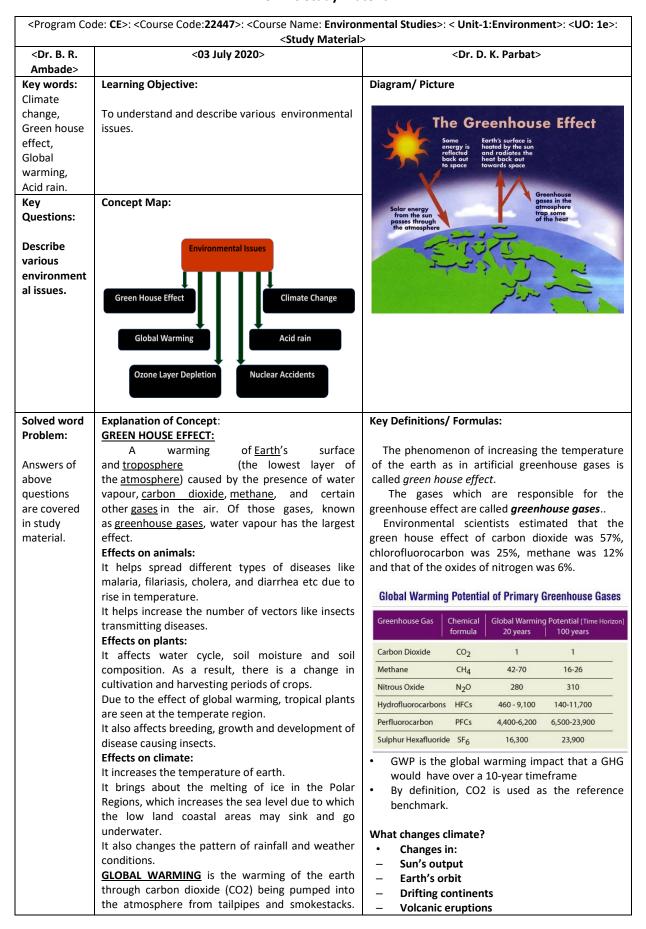
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# Key Take away from this UO:

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Then the gases trap heat like the glass in a greenhouse. This is where the term the "greenhouse effect" came from.

#### Effects:

- Temperature increases
- Glaciers melt
- Rising ocean levels.
- > Alter forests, crop yields.
- > Affect human health.
- Affect ecosystems.
- Season changes.

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE**

- Climate is the average weather at a given point and time of year, over a long period (typically 30 years).
- We expect the weather to change a lot from day to day, but we expect the climate to remain relatively constant.
- If the climate doesn't remain constant, we call it climate change.

#### **ACID RAIN**

Acid rain is basically rain that has a low pH.

- When fossil fuels such as coal, oil and natural gas are burned, chemicals like sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides are produced.
- These chemicals react with water and other chemicals in the air to form sulfuric acid, nitric acid and other harmful pollutants like sulfates and nitrates. These acid pollutants spread upwards into the atmosphere, and finally return to the ground in the form of acid rain.

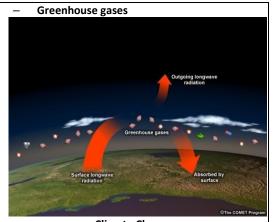
#### Effects of acid rain

Acid rain is an extremely destructive form of pollution, and the environment suffers from its effects. <u>Buildings, Forests, trees, lakes, aquatic life, animals</u>, and <u>plants</u> suffer from acid rain.

# **DEPLETION OF OZONE LAYER**

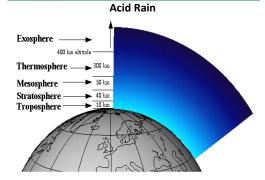
- Troposphere:
- The lowest layer (about 15 km from the ground)
- Contains normal air composed of N<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, water vapour, CO<sub>2</sub>, etc.
- Temperature decreases with altitude.
- Stratosphere:
- Above the troposphere
- Temperature increases with altitude
- Contains a lot of ozone (ozone layer):
  - Found in the stratosphere between
     10 50km above the ground .
  - Protects us from the harmful effects of UV of certain wavelengths.
  - Decrease in ozone concentration → Increase in UV-B radiation reaching the earth surface.

# Formation of ozone layer



Climate Change

NO, + H, 0 NITRIC ACID (HNO,)
SO, + H, 0 SUFFURIC ACID (H, SO,)
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# Layers in atmosphere

### Destruction of ozone Layer:

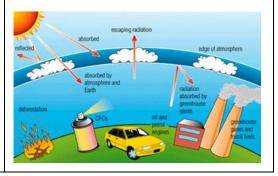
Chlorine atoms from CFCs attack the ozone, taking away ozone and forming chlorine monoxide (CIO).

$$O_3 + CI \rightarrow O_2 + CIO$$

Chlorine monoxide then combines with another oxygen atom to form a new oxygen molecule and a chlorine atom.

$$CIO + O \rightarrow CI + O_2$$

The chlorine atom is free to destroy up to 100,000 ozone molecules.



## $O_2$ + sunlight $\rightarrow O + O$ $O + O_2 \rightarrow O_3$

# Impacts of ozone layer depletion

- Sunburn, eye diseases (cataract),
- Reduce our immune system
- Skin Cancer
- Cataracts and Other Eye Damages
- Suppression of Immunity
- Reduce photosynthesis crops affected.
- Reduce crop yield.
- Reduces plankton population
- Reduces penguin population
- Reduces the percentage of hatching of frog eggs
- Forming photochemical smog
- Degrades building materials

#### **NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS**

When safety measures and principles are ignored or are not properly observed by nuclear plant operators, a nuclear accident can occurred with serious consequences for the environment, human health and public opinion.

#### **Impacts of Nuclear Accidents**

- develop cancer
- deaths
- Species extinction
- DNA alter
- Residual radioactivity in environment (environmental pollution)
- ► High fever, diarrhoea, fatigue, mortality, infection bleeding etc.
- Skin diseases
- Disturb aquatic life

## Application of Concept/ Examples in real life: Link to YouTube/ OER/ video:

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Depletion of Ozone Layer Since 1959, ten major <u>nuclear accidents</u> have been reported by five countries. These nuclear accidents are the following:

- Fukushima, Japan March 2011;
- Kashiwazaki, Japan July 2007;
- Mihama, Japan August 2004;
- Blayais, France December 1999;
- Tokaimura, Japan September 1999;
- Tokaimura, Japan March 1997;
- Chernobyl, Ukraine April 1986;
- Three Mile Island, USA March 1979;
- The Urals, USSR October 1958;
- Windscale, UK October 1957.



**Nuclear plant** 

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