MC201C ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

B. Tech. Semester – III/IV(Computer Science and Engg.)

w.e.f. 2019-2020

L	T	P	Credits			
3	0	0	0	Class Work	:	25 Marks
				Examination	:	75 Marks
				Total	:	100 Marks
				Duration of Examination	:	3 Hours

UNIT-I

The Multidisciplinary Nature of Environmental Studies, .Introduction to Environment: Definition, Scope, and importance of environmental studies; need for public awareness.
Environmental Pollution: Definition, Cause and effects of: Air pollution, Water pollution, Soil pollution, Marine pollution, Noise pollution, Role of an individual in prevention of pollution, Pollution case studies

UNIT- II

Natural Resources: Water resources: over-utilization, floods, drought, dams-benefits and problems; Mineral resources: Use and exploitation, environmental effects; Food resources: changes caused by modern agriculture, fertilizer-pesticide problems, water logging, Energy resources: Growing energy needs, renewable and non renewable energy sources; Land resources: Land as a resource, land degradation, man induced landslides, soil erosion and desertification.

UNIT –III

Ecosystems and Biodiversity: Concept of an ecosystem, Structure and function, Energy flow, Ecological succession, ecological pyramids. Concept of Biodiversity, definition and types, Hot-spots of biodiversity; Threats to biodiversity, Endangered and endemic species of India, Conservation of biodiversity.

UNIT –IV

Social Issues and Environment: Water conservation, rain water harvesting, Environmental ethics: Issues and possible solutions. Climate change, global warming, acid rain, ozone layer depletion, Public awareness. Population growth, variation among nations, Family Welfare Programme. Human Population and the Environment - Population growth, Population explosion, Women and Child Welfare.
Field Work - Visit to a local area to document environmental assets—river/forest/grassland/hill/ mountain. Visit to a local polluted site—Urban/Rural/Industrial/Agricultural. Study of common plants, insects, birds. Study of simple ecosystems—pond, river, hill slopes, etc (Field work equal to 5 lecture hours)