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ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT

(Common to All Branches)

Duration: 3 hours Max. Marks: 70

Note: 1. This paper contains questions from 5 units of Syllabus. Each unit carries 14 marks and have an internal choice of Questions.
2. All parts of Question must be answered in one place.

BL – Blooms Level CO – Course Outcome

			BL	CO	Max. Marks
		UNIT-I			
1	a)	Summarize the function of ecosystem with neat labelled diagrams and suitable examples.	L2	CO1	7 M
	b)	Explain the relationships between different organisms in the ecosystem.	L2	CO1	7 M
		OR			
2	a)	Interpret the growth regulation of population.	L2	CO1	7 M
	b)	Briefly discuss about the scope and significance of biosphere with suitable examples.	L2	CO1	7 M
		UNIT-II			
3	a)	Summarize the types of land resources and their uses for human life.	L2	CO2	7 M

	b)	What are the effects of over exploitation of soil resources and mention how they are conserved.	L2	CO2	7 M
		OR			
4	a)	Explain briefly about structure and composition of atmosphere with a neat sketch.	L2	CO2	7 M
	b)	Discuss the significance of GIS and how it is useful to the conservation of natural resources.	L3	CO2	7 M
		UNIT-III			
5	a)	Explain the scale of meteorology in the geosciences.	L2	CO3	7 M
	b)	Discuss why and how temperature varies in different layers of atmosphere.	L2	CO3	7 M
		OR			
6	a)	Explain the different types of atmospheric stability and mention what they affect?	L2	CO3	7 M
	b)	Summarize the negative effects of human population on the atmosphere. What are greenhouse gases and how they are emitted?	L3	CO3	7 M
		UNIT-IV			
7	a)	Discuss the national agricultural policy in depth.	L3	CO4	7 M
	b)	Summarize the green peace movement in the west.	L2	CO4	7 M
		OR			

8	a)	Explain in depth about the silent valley movement.	L2	CO4	7 M
	b)	Discuss the environment protection act 1986.	L2	CO4	7 M
		UNIT-V			
9	a)	Interpret the significance of organic farming and how it can be practiced in India?	L3	CO5	7 M
	b)	Explain air pollution, its causes and how lichens play a role in identifying air pollution?	L3	CO5	7 M
		OR			
10	a)	Discuss about clean development technology and carbon credits.	L3	CO5	7 M
	b)	Summarize the various challenges in environmental impact assessment and management.	L3	CO5	7 M

Ecology and Environment

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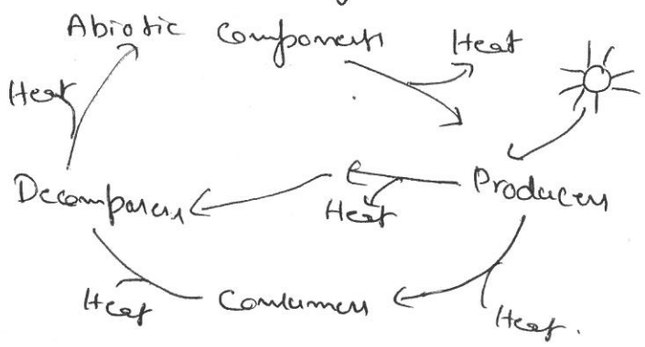
Key

1) a) Function of an Ecosystem:- In an Ecosystem Energy flows while the materials are cycled. There two processes are linked and essential to structure and function of an ecosystem.



Energy flow:- Energy is transferred from one level to another level with repeated eating and being eaten is referred to as food chain

→ Energy flow is Unidirectional and follows two laws of thermodynamics.

Biogeochemical or nutrient cycling:- Elements such as carbon, Nitrogen, phosphorus enter a living organism in different ways

→ one example is by plants directly taking them from soil via roots, In animals these elements enter via food. Droppings and decaying organic matter are broken down by decomposers, ultimately releasing these elements

→ The ecological process in which decomposers break down organic matter is called decomposition

→ So, Ecosystems are responsible for cycling of nutrients and for allowing the flow of Energy from sun to biotic components.

→ The various biological, physical and chemical systems work together in maintaining the stability of these systems on earth.

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b) There are seven types of relationships in nature.

1. Symbiosis:- It is a relationship in which both parties are benefited and organisms live in close contact

Ex:- lichens and Rizobium bacteria in root nodules of

2) Mutualism:- It is a relationship in which both organisms profit. It is a type of Symbiosis.

Ex:- gut bacteria. synthesize Vit B_{12} and Ic.

3). Predation:- It is a relationship in which one organism kills and eats the other. Here the predator benefits and the prey is harmed.

Ex:- lion kills a baffalo → prey.
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Predator

4) Competition:- Competition is when organisms fight for the same food, space or materials. It can be between organisms of different species or between same species.

Ex:- corals and sponges

5) Commensalism:- It is a type of relationship in which one party benefits while the other party is neutral

Ex:- Barnacles found on whales.

6) Amensalism:- It is a type of relationship in which one party harmed while the other is neutral.

Ex:- Elephants walk across a grassland.

7) Parasitism:- is a relationship in which one party benefits while the other is harmed. The organism that benefits is called the parasite and the organism that is harmed is called host.

Ex:- Cuscuta.

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(2) a) Growth regulation encompasses the intricate processes that control an organisms development, size, and the balance between cell proliferation and cell death. This regulation is crucial for both plant and animal growth, ensuring proper development and survival.

→ growth regulators are the chemicals that affect flowering, aging, root growth, cell division in plant and in animals these chemicals help in control and co-ordination.

→ Population means group of individuals of same kind.

→ The growth in population is related to no of individual,

their size, Body mass and age which depend on the availability of nutrients, water, space and competition among the individuals.

→ In plants the growth is regulated by phytohormones some of which help in growth and some help in inhibiting the growth.

Eg; Auxins, gibberellins, cytokinins, Abscisic acid and Ethylene help in growth regulation.

→ In animal populations also the growth is regulated by several factors like availability of food, water, space etc. and environmental conditions also influence the growth of population

b) Scope and Significance of biosphere:- The biosphere is that part of the earth where living things thrive and live. It is the portion of the planet that can sustain life. The earth has three other spheres the atmosphere, the lithosphere, and the hydrosphere and all the spheres are linked by hydrological cycle and not all of them are inhabited by living things. The portions or regions where Organisms are found are collectively called biosphere.

Thus it can also be said that the biosphere is the sum of all the ecosystems on earth. It therefore includes both non-living elements like sunlight and water and living organisms.

So, Biosphere refers to the areas of the regions of the earth possessing life. It is one of the distinguishing features of the earth from the other planets.

Significance: The biosphere is the connection between the healthy life of living organisms and their interactions.

The little change in the biosphere can cause a huge impact on the lives of living organisms. However, this connection makes the biosphere important for every living thing

* Biosphere promotes life on the earth

* The biosphere helps in recycling nutrients like oxygen and nitrogen to sustain life on earth.

* Provide food & raw material to survive.

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3) a) The layout or arrangement of the use of the land is known as "Land use pattern". The land may be used for agriculture, forest, Pasture etc. land use is determined by many factors like relief features, climate, soil, density of population, technical and socio-economic factors.

Land use in India :- Land resources are used for many purposes. The purposes are

* forests :- The area under forests is increased from 14.2% to 24.3%
* land that is not available for cultivation
* Follow lands
* other uncultivated lands
* Net sown area.

land not available for cultivation :- The land used for human settlements transport routes, canals, quarries, the mountains, deserts, marshes etc are coming under this category. It accounts for 12.11% of total land in India.

Fallow lands :- The land which is not used for cultivation for last 3 to 5 years is considered as fallow land. It may be used for cultivation. It accounts for 8.0% in India.

other uncultivated lands include permanent pasture and grazing area, land under tree, crops, groves, and cultivable waste. It covers 8.6% of the total area.

Net sown area :- India has a net sown area of 46.2% of the total reporting land. There has been a phenomenal increase in the net area sown during the last four decades due to reclamation of barren, uncultivable land, pasture land etc.

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③ b) Effects of over exploitation of soil resources :-

over exploitig soil resource leads to several detrimental effects like soil erosion, loss of fertility, desertification, and reduced agricultural productivity, ultimately impactig food security and environmental stability. Their consequences also extend to water quality and biodiversity.

Soil conservation methods:

1. Afforestation and reforestation.
2. Crop rotation
3. Cover croppig
4. Terracig
5. Contour ploughig and farmig.
6. Wind breaks.
7. Conservation tillage
8. Mulchig
9. Strip croppig or Buffer strips.
10. Check dams.

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④ a) Structure and composition of atmosphere :-

→ Atmosphere is the air surroundig the earth

→ Atmosphere is the mixture of differt gases. It contains life-givig gases like oxygen for humans and animals and carbon dioxide for plants.

→ It envelops the earth all around and is held in place by gravity of the earth.

→ It helps in stoppig the ultra violet rays harmful to life and maintains suitable temperature neccesary for life.

→ Generally atmosphere extends upto about 1600 km from the earth's surface, however 99% of total mass of the atmosphere is confined to the height of 32 km from the earth's surface

Composition of atmosphere :-

→ The atmosphere is made upof differt gases, water vapour and dust particles

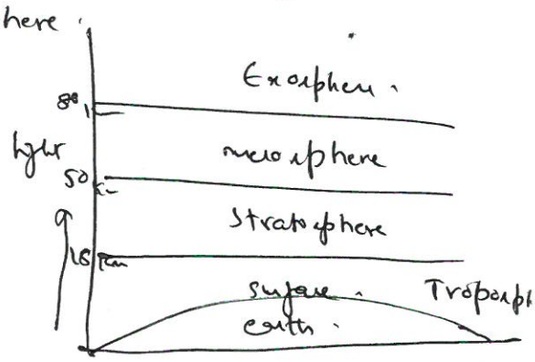
the composition of the atmosphere is not static and it changes according to time and space

→ atmosphere is a mixture of diff gases

→ Nitrogen and oxygen are the two main gases in the atmosphere and 99% of atmosphere is made up of these two gases.

→ other gases like argon, CO_2, Neon, helium, hydrogen etc form the remaining part of atmosphere.

→ The portion of gases changes in the higher layers of atmosphere in such away that oxygen will be almost negligible quantity at the heights of 120 km.



structure of atmosphere

→ Similarly CO_2 and water vapour is found only upto 20km from the surface of earth.

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a)
b) Applications of GIS in conservation of natural resources:-

1. urbanisation and transportation
   - → updating road maps
   - → Asphalt conditions
   - → wetland delineation.
2. Agriculture
   - → crop health analysis
   - → Precision agriculture
   - → Compliance mapping
   - → Yield estimation.
2. Natural resource management
   - → Habitat analysis
   - → Environmental assessment
   - → Pest/disease outbreaks
   - → Impervious surface mapping
   - → lake monitoring
   - → Hydrology
   - → land use and land cover monitoring
   - → Mineral province and geomorphology

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(5) a) Scale of meteorology in the geosciences:-

In meteorology, weather phenomenon are studied across several scales microscale (small scale, local), mesoscale (medium-scale, regional), synoptic scale (large-scale, continental), and global scale (planetary). These scales help meteorologists categorize and analyze weather systems based on their size and duration.

Microscale :- This scale focuses on small scale events, typically less than 1 km in size and lasting for a short time (less than a day)
Ex :- localized thunderstorms.

Mesoscale :- Mesoscale events range from 10 to 1000 km in size and can last from a few hours to several weeks
Ex :- Sea breezes.

Synoptic scale :- It covers large areas, from hundreds to thousands of kilometers and can last for days to weeks
Ex :- hurricanes, mid-latitude cyclones

Global scale :- It deals with worldwide weather patterns and phenomenon that can last for months or even years
Ex :- El nino, La nina.

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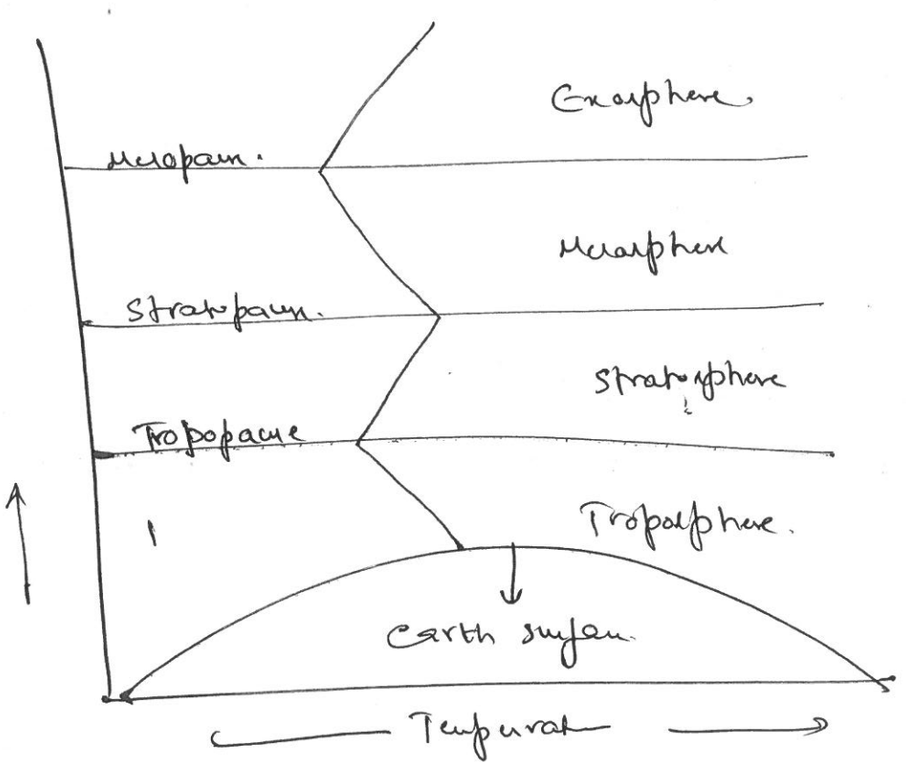
(5) b) Variation of temperatures in diffet layers of atmosphere



In Troposphere (0-12 km), temperature decreases with height. The earth's surface absorbs the sun's heat and warms the air near the ground.

As altitude increases, the air gets farther from surface and becomes cooler.

This layer contains most of the weather (clouds, rain, storms).

In Stratosphere (12-50 kms), temperature increases with height. The stratosphere contains ozone layer, which absorbs ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun. This absorption causes the upper stratosphere to warm up. This layer is more stable and airplanes often fly here.

In Mesosphere (50-85 kms), temperature decreases with height There is very little ozone here to absorb solar energy. As a result, the layer cools with altitude.
This is the coldest layer of atmosphere.

In thermosphere (85-600+km), temperature increases with height.

In this layer, solar radiation is absorbed by oxygen and nitrogen molecules causing them to heat up significantly.

Although temperature can reach over 2,000°C, it wouldn't feel hot because the air is so thin.

6.a) Atmospheric stability:

It describes the atmosphere's tendency to either encourage or resist vertical motion of air parcels. It's primarily determined by the **environmental lapse rate (ELR)**, which is the actual rate of temperature decrease with altitudes.

Types of Atmospheric Stability:

- **Stable Atmosphere:**

  Occurs when the ELR is less than the moist adiabatic lapse rate (MALR).

Effect: Resists vertical motion. Rising air parcels become cooler and denser than their surroundings, causing them to sink back. This leads to:

  - Smooth airflow and little to no turbulence.
  - Suppression of cloud development; if clouds form, they are typically flat and layered.
  - Poor vertical mixing, which can trap pollutants near the surface, leading to poor air quality, fog, and drizzle.

- **Unstable Atmosphere:**

  Occurs when the ELR is greater than the dry adiabatic lapse rate (DALR).

Effect: Encourages vertical motion. Rising air parcels remain warmer and less dense than their surroundings, causing them to continue rising. This leads to:

  - Strong convection and significant vertical air movement.
  - Development of cumulus and cumulonimbus clouds, potentially leading to thunderstorms and severe weather.
  - Good vertical mixing, which helps disperse pollutants.

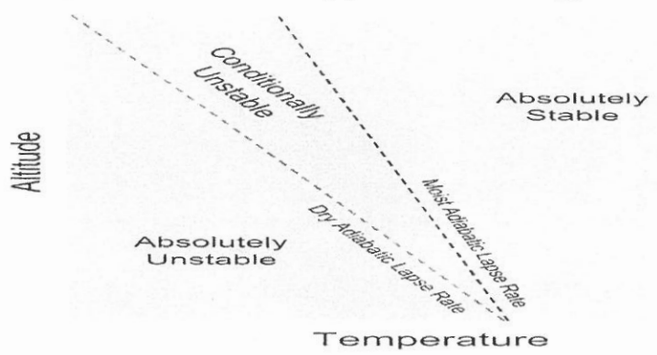
Turbulent and gusty winds.

- **Neutral Stability:**

  Occurs when the ELR is equal to the DALR (for unsaturated air) or the MALR (for saturated air).

Effect: Displaced air parcels neither accelerate away nor return to their original level. They remain at their new position. This leads to:

  - Limited vertical motion.
  - Mechanical turbulence (due to friction with the surface) can still occur.
  - Cloud development is neither strongly enhanced nor suppressed.



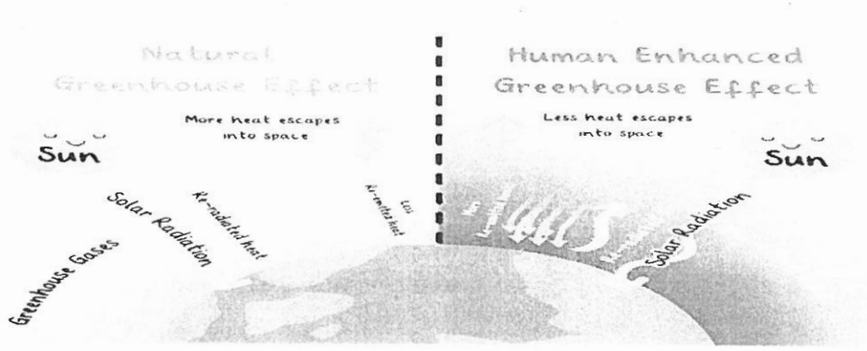
6.b) Negative Effects of Human Population on the Atmosphere:

- **Increased Greenhouse Gas Emissions:** A larger population demands more energy, food, and goods, leading to increased burning of fossil fuels for power, transportation, and industrial processes. This releases significant amounts of greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide.

- **Deforestation:** To accommodate a growing population, more land is cleared for agriculture, housing, and infrastructure. Deforestation reduces the number of trees that absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, exacerbating the greenhouse effect and also releasing stored carbon when trees are burned.
- **Industrial Pollution:** Increased industrial activity to meet the needs of a larger population results in the emission of various pollutants, including greenhouse gases and aerosols, which can affect air quality and climate patterns.
- **Agricultural Emissions:** Larger populations require more food production, leading to intensified agriculture. This results in the release of methane from livestock and rice cultivation, and nitrous oxide from fertilizer use, all of which are greenhouse gases.

The primary greenhouse gases and their main sources of emission are:

- **Carbon Dioxide (CO2):**
  - **Burning of fossil fuels:** Combustion of coal, oil, and natural gas for electricity generation, transportation, and industrial processes is the largest source.
  - **Deforestation:** Burning forests releases stored carbon as CO_2, and reduced forest cover means less CO_2 is absorbed from the atmosphere.
  - **Cement production:** Chemical reactions during cement manufacturing release CO_2.
  - **Respiration:** Natural process of humans and animals breathing.
  - **Volcanic eruptions:** Natural release of CO_2.
- **Methane (CH4):**
  - **Agriculture:** Livestock digestion (enteric fermentation), manure management, and rice cultivation in flooded fields.
  - **Natural gas and petroleum systems:** Leakage during the production, processing, transportation, and storage of natural gas and oil.
  - **Landfills:** Decomposition of organic waste under anaerobic conditions.
  - **Coal mining:** Release of methane trapped in coal seams.
  - **Wetlands:** Natural source from anaerobic decomposition of organic matter.



7.a) The National Agricultural Policy of India, first announced in July 2000, is a comprehensive framework established by the Government of India to foster the growth and development of the agricultural sector. It aims to enhance agricultural production and productivity, improve the livelihoods of farmers, ensure food security, and promote the sustainable use of resources.

Objectives of the National Agricultural Policy:

The key objectives of India's National Agricultural Policy include:

- **Achieving a high growth rate:** Aiming for an annual growth rate of over 4% in the agricultural sector.
- **Efficient resource utilization:** Promoting growth based on the efficient use of resources such as land, water, and biodiversity, while ensuring their conservation.
- **Demand-driven growth:** Catering to the needs of domestic markets and maximizing benefits from the export of agricultural products in the context of economic liberalization and globalization.
- **Sustainable growth:** Ensuring technological, environmental, and economic sustainability in agricultural development.
- **Improving farmers' income and living standards:** Enhancing the profitability of agriculture and raising the standard of living for farmers and agricultural laborers.
- **Food and nutritional security:** Ensuring an adequate supply of food grains and other essential agricultural products to meet the growing needs of the population.
- **Promoting value addition:** Encouraging agro-processing and other value-addition activities to enhance the returns from agriculture.
- **Creating rural employment:** Generating employment opportunities in rural areas through agricultural and allied activities.
- **Removing regional disparities:** Reducing inequalities in agricultural development across different regions of the country.
- **Market orientation:** Making agriculture more responsive to market signals and improving the efficiency of agricultural markets.
- **Technological advancement:** Promoting the adoption of modern technologies, including biotechnology, remote sensing, and energy-saving technologies.
- **Risk management:** Providing insurance and other mechanisms to protect farmers from risks such as crop failures and price volatility.

7.b) The Greenpeace movement in the West is a significant environmental organization with a history rooted in activism against nuclear testing. Founded in 1971 in Vancouver, Canada, its initial action involved protesting US nuclear weapons testing in Alaska.

Key Aspects of the Greenpeace Movement in the West:

- **Origins:** Born from a desire for peace and environmental protection, linking these two crucial global issues.
- **Core Values:** Non-violence, bearing witness, personal action, internationalism, and financial independence from governments and corporations.
- **Tactics:** Known for non-violent direct action, creative confrontation, research, and lobbying to expose environmental problems and advocate for solutions.
- **Key Campaign Areas:**
  - **Climate Change:** Phasing out fossil fuels and promoting renewable energy.
  - **Oceans:** Protecting marine ecosystems, campaigning against overfishing and plastic pollution.

- **Forests:** Protecting ancient and endangered forests.
- **Nuclear Issues:** Anti-nuclear proliferation and campaigning against nuclear contamination.
- **Toxic Chemicals:** Working towards the elimination of harmful substances.
- **Biodiversity:** Protecting endangered species and habitats.

• **Structure:** A global network of independent national and regional organizations with Greenpeace International coordinating global campaigns from Amsterdam.

• **Impact:** Greenpeace has played a significant role in raising environmental awareness, influencing public opinion, and achieving notable environmental victories, including bans on whaling and toxic waste dumping.

8.a) The Silent Valley Movement was a significant environmental campaign in India that primarily unfolded between the late 1970s and the mid-1980s. It was sparked by a proposal in 1973 by the Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) to construct a hydroelectric dam across the Kunthipuzha River in the Silent Valley, a remarkably biodiverse and relatively undisturbed tropical evergreen rainforest in Kerala's Palakkad district. The core reason for this movement was the profound ecological threat posed by the dam, which would have submerged a vast area of this unique ecosystem, leading to the loss of invaluable flora and fauna, including the endangered Lion-tailed Macaque.

The movement gained momentum through the concerted efforts of various individuals and organizations. Initially, scientists and environmentalists raised concerns about the ecological devastation. The Kerala Sastra Sahitya Parishad (KSSP), a people's science movement, became a pivotal force, leading public awareness campaigns by disseminating information about the valley's significance and the project's impacts. Key figures like Dr. Salim Ali, M.K. Prasad, and poet Sugatha kumari played crucial roles in advocating for the valley's protection through scientific expertise and powerful public appeals. While not a hierarchical leadership structure, the sustained and coordinated efforts of the KSSP, scientists, environmental activists, and the collective public voice were instrumental in driving the movement forward.

The Silent Valley Movement reached a significant turning point in 1980 when, amidst growing public outcry and scientific evidence, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi requested the Kerala government to halt further work on the project. This intervention marked a crucial victory for the activists. Ultimately, after years of persistent campaigning and the submission of a critical report by a government-appointed committee, the hydroelectric project was abandoned. The movement formally concluded with the official declaration of the Silent Valley forests as a National Park on November 15, 1984, effectively securing its long-term protection and safeguarding its rich biodiversity. This stands as a landmark achievement for environmental conservation in India, demonstrating the power of public mobilization and informed advocacy.

8.b) Environment Protection Act, 1986

The Environment Protection Act (EPA), 1986 was enacted following the Bhopal Gas Tragedy to address environmental issues comprehensively.

Key Objectives:

- Comprehensive Legislation: The EPA serves as an umbrella act, covering various aspects of environmental protection, including air, water, and soil quality.
- Regulatory Authority: Empowers the central government to set standards for pollutants, hazardous substances, and environmental quality.

Major Provisions:

1. Central Authority:
   - The act grants the central government authority to make rules, implement policies, and issue guidelines for the protection of the environment.
   - It allows for the creation of a dedicated regulatory body to oversee environmental compliance.
2. Control of Hazardous Substances:
   - Regulates the handling, storage, and disposal of hazardous chemicals and waste.
   - Industries are required to adopt safety measures and report any environmental accidents immediately.
3. Pollution Control:
   - Establishes limits for emissions, effluents, and noise pollution.
   - Industries are required to obtain environmental clearances before starting operations.
4. Penalties for Non-compliance:
   - Violations of the act can result in fines, imprisonment, or closure of non-compliant facilities.
   - It enforces stringent measures against polluters to deter environmental damage.

9.a) Organic farming:

Organic farming is an agricultural system that prioritizes ecological balance, biodiversity, and soil health by avoiding synthetic pesticides, fertilizers, genetically modified organisms, and relying on natural processes.

Significance of Organic Farming:

- Reduces pollution of water and soil, minimizes soil erosion, promotes biodiversity, and decreases the carbon footprint of agriculture.
- Produces food with higher nutritional value and without harmful chemical residues, benefiting both consumers and farmers.
- Can lead to higher profits,for farmers due to premium prices for organic produce and reduced input costs over time also results in higher yields.
- Enhances long-term soil fertility and ecosystem resilience, ensuring food security for future generations.
- builds soil fertility through compost, green manure, crop rotation, and biological inputs instead of synthetic fertilizers.
- The absence of chemical fertilizers and pesticides reduces water pollution in nearby rivers, lakes, and groundwater.
- Organic farming practices increase soil carbon storage, helping to offset greenhouse gas emissions.

Practicing Organic Farming in India:

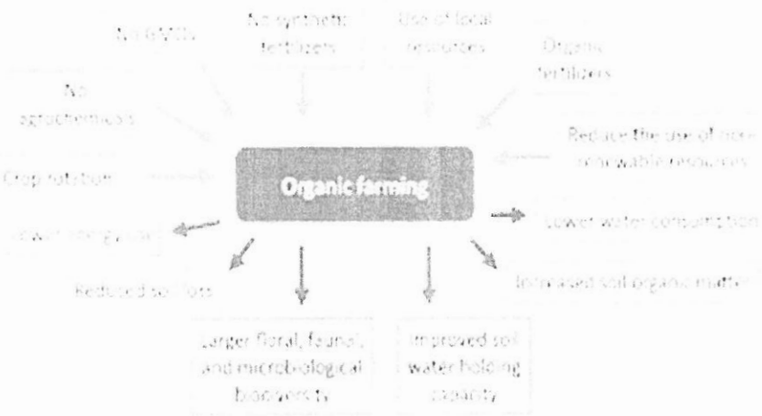
• Cover Cropping: Planting specific crops (like legumes or grasses) during off-seasons protects the soil from erosion, adds organic matter, and can fix nitrogen.

• Crop Rotation: Planting different crops in a planned sequence helps improve soil health, break pest and disease cycles, and balance nutrient use

• Green Manures: Incorporating freshly grown plant matter into the soil adds nutrients and improves soil structure.

• Composting and Manures: Using decomposed organic matter (plant and animal waste) enriches the soil with essential nutrients and beneficial microbes.

• Reduced Tillage: Minimizing soil disturbance helps maintain soil structure, prevents erosion, and supports soil organisms.



9.b) Air pollution:

Air pollution refers to the contamination of the atmosphere by harmful substances, including gases, particulate matter etc at concentrations that can endanger human health, harm the environment, and damage property.

Causes of Air Pollution:

• Burning of Fossil Fuels: Combustion of coal, oil, and natural gas in power plants, vehicles, and industries.

• Industrial Emissions: Industrial processes release various pollutants, including toxic gases, heavy metals, and volatile organic compounds.

• Agricultural Activities: Emissions from livestock (methane), the use of synthetic fertilizers (ammonia, nitrous oxide), and the burning of agricultural waste contribute to air pollution.

• Indoor Sources: Burning biomass for cooking and heating, use of certain household products, and tobacco smoke can cause significant indoor air pollution, especially in poorly ventilated areas.

Role of Lichens in Identifying Air Pollution:

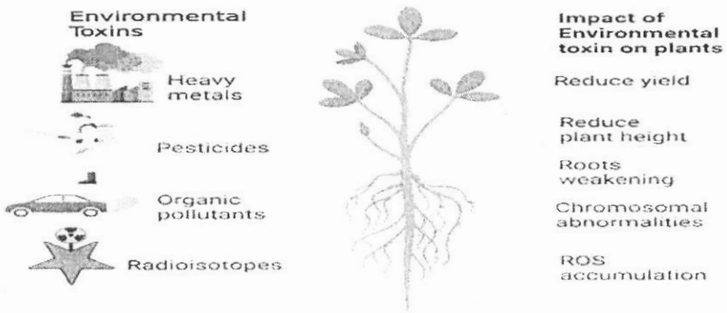
Lichens are fascinating symbiotic organisms that are highly sensitive to air pollution, they absorb nutrients and water directly from the atmosphere across their entire surface.

• Sensitivity to Pollutants: High levels of SO2, for example, can damage chlorophyll in the algal component, disrupt photosynthesis.

• Species Distribution and Abundance: Scientists can assess air quality by studying the types and abundance of lichen species present in a particular area.

• Morphological Changes: Exposure to air pollutants can also cause visible changes in lichens, such as altered growth patterns, discoloration, or damage to the lichen body.

• Accumulation of Pollutants: Lichens can accumulate heavy metals and other pollutants in their body, which can then be analyzed to determine the type and concentration of pollutants



10. a) Clean Development Technology:

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Relationship between Clean Development Technology and Carbon Credits:

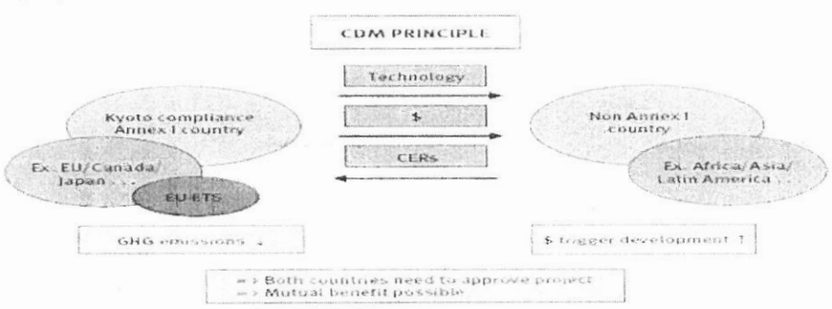
The Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), established under the Kyoto Protocol, directly links clean development technologies and carbon credits. The CDM allows developed countries to invest in emission-reduction projects in developing countries. These projects, often involving the deployment of clean development technologies, generate Certified Emission Reductions (CERs), which are a type of carbon credit. Developed countries can purchase these CERs to partially meet their emission reduction targets under the Kyoto Protocol.

Key concepts:

• Clean development technologies are the practical tools and methods used to reduce or remove greenhouse gas emissions.

• Carbon credits are the measurable and tradable units representing the environmental benefit of these emission reductions or removals achieved through clean development projects.

The CDM incentivizes the adoption of clean development technologies in developing countries by providing a financial mechanism through the generation and sale of carbon credits. This mechanism aims to promote sustainable development while contributing to global climate change mitigation efforts. Beyond the CDM, carbon credits are also traded in voluntary carbon markets, where companies and individuals can purchase them to offset their emissions and support climate-Friendly projects



10.b) Environmental Impact Analysis (EIA) is a process used to evaluate the potential environmental effects of a proposed project or development before it is carried out.

- Purpose: To predict environmental impacts (positive or negative) and suggest ways to reduce harm.
- Covers: Air, water, soil, noise, biodiversity, human health, etc.

Challenges in Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA):

- Data Scarcity and Uncertainty: Obtaining comprehensive and reliable baseline environmental data, especially for complex ecosystems or long-term impacts, is often difficult. This leads to uncertainties in predictions and impact assessments.
- Limited Public Participation: Meaningful engagement of affected communities and stakeholders in the EIA process can be challenging due to factors like lack of awareness, language barriers, or inadequate consultation mechanisms.
- Subjectivity and Bias: The assessment process can be influenced by the expertise and perspectives of the consultants and proponents, potentially leading to subjective evaluations and underestimation of potential impacts.
- Weak Implementation and Monitoring: Even with thorough EIAs, inadequate enforcement of mitigation measures and insufficient post-project monitoring can undermine the effectiveness of the assessment process.

Challenges in Environmental Impact Management:

- Lack of Integration with Development Planning: Environmental considerations are often not effectively integrated into the early stages of project planning and decision-making, leading to conflicts and difficulties in implementing mitigation measures later.
- Insufficient Financial Resources: Implementing and maintaining environmental management plans, including mitigation measures and monitoring programs, can be costly, and adequate financial allocation is often a challenge.
- Weak Institutional Capacity and Coordination: Effective environmental management requires strong regulatory frameworks, competent authorities, and seamless coordination among various government agencies and stakeholders, which can be lacking.
- Enforcement and Compliance Issues: Ensuring adherence to environmental regulations and the effective implementation of mitigation measures can be difficult due to weak enforcement mechanisms, corruption, or lack of accountability.
- Monitoring and Evaluation Deficiencies: Robust and long-term monitoring and evaluation systems to track the effectiveness of environmental management measures and adapt strategies are often inadequate or poorly implemented.