

AIMS

- To be able to understand the basic concepts of environment and environmental pollution.
- To be able to understand the concepts of ecology and ecosystems
- To be able to understand the basic concepts of environmental degradation relating to industrial production.
- To be able to understand the major environmental issues and problems.
- To be able to understand legislative measures to protect environment.

SHORT DESCRIPTION

Basic concepts of environment; natural resources; biogeochemical cycling; ecology and ecosystem; air; water; soil; solid waste management; development and environment; global environmental challenges; legislative protection of environment.

DETAIL DESCRIPTION**Theory:****1. Understand the multidisciplinary nature of environmental studies.**

- 1.1. Define environment, nature, pollution, pollutant, contaminant.
- 1.2. Describe the scope of environmental studies.
- 1.3. Describe the importance of environmental studies.
- 1.4. Describe the formation and structure of the Earth.
- 1.5. Describe the earth's natural system.
- 1.6. Describe the changing attitudes to the natural world.
- 1.7. Mention the main components of environment.
- 1.8. Define natural and man-made environment.
- 1.9. Distinguish between natural and man-made environment.

2. Understand the natural resources.

- 2.1. Define natural resources.
- 2.2. Classify natural resources.
- 2.3. Describe forest resources.
- 2.4. Describe water resources.
- 2.5. Describe mineral resources.
- 2.6. Describe food resources.
- 2.7. Describe energy resources.
- 2.8. Describe land resources.
- 2.9. Describe environmental problem relating to resources use.
- 2.10. Describe the role of an individual in conservation of natural resources.

3. Understand the biogeochemical cycling.

- 3.1. Define biogeochemical cycle.
- 3.2. Describe hydrologic cycle.
- 3.3. Describe carbon cycle.

- 3.4. Describe nitrogen cycle.
- 3.5. Describe oxygen cycle.
- 3.6. Describe phosphorus cycle.
- 3.7. Describe sulfur cycle.
- 3.8. Describe nutrient cycle.

4. Understand the ecology and ecosystem.

- 4.1. Define ecology and ecosystem.
- 4.2. Structure and function of an ecosystem.
- 4.3. Describe the components of ecosystem.
- 4.4. Explain the stability of ecosystem.
- 4.5. Describe ecological factors.
- 4.6. Describe interdependency between abiotic and biotic component.
- 4.7. Describe the meaning of following terms: species, population, community, ecological succession, community periodicity, climax community, ecological niche, habitat, plankton, nekton, ecological indicator, evolution, adaptation, producers, consumers, decomposers, food chains, food webs, ecological pyramids, bio-concentration, bio-magnification, biodiversity, threatened species, endanger species, extinct species, exotic species, biodiversity conservation and biogeography.
- 4.8. Describe energy flow in the ecosystem.
- 4.9. Describe the ecosystem of pond, ocean, estuary, grassland, cropland, forest, desert and mangrove.

5. Understand the air as a component of environment.

- 5.1. Define air.
- 5.2. Describe the composition of the clean dry atmospheric air at ground level.
- 5.3. Describe the atmospheric structure.
- 5.4. Define air pollution.
- 5.5. Describe major air pollutants and their impacts.
- 5.6. Describe the sources of air pollutants.
- 5.7. Explain the formation of photochemical smog and its effects.
- 5.8. Describe the effects of air pollution on vegetation, animal, human health and materials and resources.
- 5.9. Define sound and noise.
- 5.10. Describe the classification of sound.
- 5.11. Describe the effects of noise.

6. Understand the water as a component of environment.

- 6.1. Define water.
- 6.2. Describe the characteristics of water.
- 6.3. Describe the sources of water.
- 6.4. Describe the uses of water.
- 6.5. Explain that the water is a universal solvent.
- 6.6. Define water pollution, biological oxygen demand (BOD), effluent treatment plant (ETP).
- 6.7. Describe the sources of water pollution.
- 6.8. Describe the effects of water pollution.

7. Understand the soil as a component of environment.

- 7.1. Define soil.
- 7.2. Describe the constituents of soil.

- 7.3. Define soil pollution.
- 7.4. Describe causes soil degradation.
- 7.5. Describe the sources of soil pollution.
- 7.6. Describe the effects of soil pollution.

8. Understand the concept of solid waste management.

- 8.1. Define solid waste, refuse, garbage, rubbish, trashes, demolition and construction waste, e-waste, agricultural waste, pathological waste, radioactive waste, hazardous waste, 3R, 4R.
- 8.2. List the sources of solid waste.
- 8.3. Mention the classification of solid waste.
- 8.4. Mention the methods of collection of solid waste.
- 8.5. Describe the recycling of solid wastes.
- 8.6. Describe resource recovery from solid waste.
- 8.7. Describe the potential method of disposal of solid waste.
- 8.8. Describe control measures of urban and industrial wastes.

9. Understand the development and environment.

- 9.1. Define environmental ethics and environmental stress.
- 9.2. Describe environmental stress.
- 9.3. Define sustainable development.
- 9.4. Define urbanization.
- 9.5. Describe the causes of urbanization.
- 9.6. Describe the effects of urbanization on environment.
- 9.7. Define industrialization.
- 9.8. Describe the causes of industrialization.
- 9.9. Describe the effects of industrialization on environment.

10. Understand the global environmental challenges.

- 10.1. Define greenhouse gas and greenhouse effects.
- 10.2. Make a list of greenhouse gases and their contribution on greenhouse effects.
- 10.3. Describe the causes and consequences of greenhouse effects.
- 10.4. Describe acid rain.
- 10.5. Describe importance of ozone layer.
- 10.6. Define ozone depleting substances (ODS).
- 10.7. Describe ozone layer depletion mechanism.
- 10.8. Describe hazardous waste.
- 10.9. Describe chemicals pesticides.
- 10.10. Describe radioactive pollution.
- 10.11. Describe natural disaster.

11. Understand the legislative protection of environment.

- 11.1. Define environmental impact assessment (EIA) and environmental auditing (EA).
- 11.2. Mention environmental act and legislations prescribed for air, noise, water, soil and wild life protection.
- 11.3. Describe environmental conservation act 1995 in Bangladesh.
- 11.4. Describe the environment conservation rule 1997 in Bangladesh.
- 11.5. Describe the environmental framework in Bangladesh.
- 11.6. Describe The Montreal Protocol and The Kyoto Protocol.
- 11.7. Describe role of an individual in prevention of pollution.

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