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(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
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Environmental Science Paper III

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[Maximum Marks : 150

Note : This Paper contains **Seventy Five (75)** multiple choice questions, each question carrying **Two (2)** marks. Attempt *All* questions.

1. Which one of the following is not a greenhouse gas ?

(A) CH₄

(B) CO₂

(C) O₃

(D) N₂

2. First International Convention (HN) on Human Environment was held in :

(A) March 1968

(B) March 1970

(C) June 1970

(D) June 1972

3. More than 97% of water on the earth is found in the oceans. The second largest compartment in the global hydrologic cycle is the ice at the poles and in glaciers. The rest of the earth's water is mostly in the :

(A) Rivers

(B) Lakes

(C) Atmosphere

(D) Groundwater

4. In the atmosphere an adiabatic process is one in which :

(A) $dT = 0$

(B) $dp = 0$

(C) $dh = 0$

(D) $d\rho = 0$

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5. The most abundant and most used noble gas refers to :
- (A) Argon
 - (B) Neon
 - (C) Oxygen
 - (D) Nitrogen
6. The principle on matter is neither created nor destroyed but simply changes from one form to another is known as :
- (A) Law of conservation of matter
 - (B) Law of conversion of matter
 - (C) Law of thermodynamics
 - (D) Law of conservation of energy
7. Region within ~ 80 km of the earth's surface where there is chemical homogeneity, is :
- (A) Homosphere
 - (B) Heterosphere
 - (C) Tratosphere
 - (D) Mesosphere
8. Cobalt sulphate solution shows an absorbance of 0.3, how much will be its percentage transmittance ?
- (A) 10
 - (B) 20
 - (C) 50
 - (D) 40
9. The gas which is readily adsorbed by activated charcoal is :
- (A) N₂
 - (B) O₂
 - (C) H₂
 - (D) SO₂
10. Which of the following are independently capable of utilising atmospheric nitrogen as their nutrient source ?
- (A) Plants
 - (B) Animals
 - (C) Birds
 - (D) Microorganisms

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11. Hollow cathode lamp is used in :
- (A) Gas chromatograph
 - (B) Microscope
 - (C) Atomic absorption spectrometer
 - (D) Detector of HPLC
12. Which of the following is a critical organ for radioisotope of iodine ?
- (A) Kidney
 - (B) Lung
 - (C) Thyroid
 - (D) Pancreas
13. Formation of smog does NOT depend on :
- (A) Sunlight
 - (B) NO_2 levels
 - (C) Wind speed
 - (D) GHG levels
14. Which one of the following is responsible for acid rain formation ?
- (A) N_2O and SO_2
 - (B) CO_2 and NO_2
 - (C) NO_2 and SO_2
 - (D) NO_2 and CH_4
15. Relatively higher pH of rain water is noticed mainly due to :
- (A) high sea salt content
 - (B) higher interference of CaCO_3 rich dust
 - (C) Low sea salt content
 - (D) Low intensity of rainfall

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16. The relationship between two organisms in which one is benefitted and other harmed is
- (A) Parasitism
 - (B) Symbiosis
 - (C) Commensalism
 - (D) Mutualism
17. A trophic level in an ecosystem refers to
- (A) Area in the tropics
 - (B) An organism's position in a food chain
 - (C) An organism's position in phylogeny
 - (D) An organism's position in a ontogeny
18. In an aquatic ecosystem phytoplankton can be considered as
- (A) Consumers
 - (B) Producers
 - (C) Saprophytic organisms
 - (D) Macro consumers
19. In ecosystem maintains a state of stable through a balance between all associated components is known as :
- (A) Allelopathy
 - (B) Homeostatis
 - (C) Acetolysis
 - (D) Polymorphism
20. Xerophytes are the plants growing in
- (A) Ocean
 - (B) Desert
 - (C) Intertidal zones
 - (D) Wetlands

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21. The best known and accepted theory of chemical evolution suggesting that life began on earth's surface in areas where organic chemicals are accumulated, is :
- (A) Oparin-Haldane theory
 - (B) Haldane-Khurana theory
 - (C) Miller and Harold theory
 - (D) Maxwell and Miller theory
22. Which of the following terminologies is associated with the vertical structure of the forest ?
- (A) Canopy
 - (B) Understory
 - (C) Forest floor
 - (D) Back store
23. Which one of the following satellites is an example for active remotes sensing ?
- (A) IRS 1D
 - (B) RADARSAT
 - (C) LANDSAT
 - (D) SPOT
24. Which process provides most of the oxygen found in earth's atmosphere ?
- (A) Aerobic respiration
 - (B) Photosynthesis
 - (C) Fermentation
 - (D) Ecosystem
25. Landscape ecology is best described as study of :
- (A) Abiotic factors and the community of species
 - (B) Related arrays of ecosystems
 - (C) Physiological and behavioural ways in which organisms meet the challenges of their environment
 - (D) The array of interacting species within a community

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26. Psychrometer is an instrument used to measure :

- (A) Amount of actual evapotranspiration
- (B) Atmospheric pressure
- (C) Relative humidity of air
- (D) Relative density of liquids

27. Tundra biome is characterised by :

- (A) Stunted trees and permanently frozen subsoil surface
- (B) Lack of trees and permanently frozen subsoil surface
- (C) Evergreen trees and permanently frozen subsoil surface
- (D) Coniferous trees with subsoil surface

28. The environmental lapse rate is found to be :

- (A) 6.5°C/km
- (B) 8.6°C/km
- (C) 6.5°C/km
- (D) 5.6°C/km

29. Groundwater resources are mainly becoming scarce because of :

- (A) Lack of rain
- (B) Excessive rains
- (C) Overexploitation
- (D) Low percolation

30. Ocean salinity is low in the equatorial region, because :

- (A) the region is characterised by heavy rainfall, cloudiness and humidity
- (B) the region contains evergreen forest
- (C) the region is covered by lavas of younger ages
- (D) the region is covered with good agricultural land

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31. In the spectral distribution of the solar irradiance at the earth's mean distance (uninfluenced by any atmosphere) the share of visible radiations is about :
- (A) 75%
 - (B) 60%
 - (C) 45%
 - (D) 35%
32. Ethanol is produced from molasses by fermentation process using :
- (A) Saccharomyces
 - (B) Methanococcus
 - (C) Pseudomonas
 - (D) E.coli
33. Bioethanol produced from rice straw is :
- (A) chemically same as ethanol product from sugars
 - (B) has one extra carbon atom
 - (C) has one extra water molecule
 - (D) has different molecular weight
34. The following causes emission of greenhouse gas(es) :
- (A) Deep well
 - (B) Shallow rivers
 - (C) Paddy fields
 - (D) Tube wells
35. International 'Sun' day is celebrated on :
- (A) 5th June
 - (B) 5th May
 - (C) 8th March
 - (D) 9th August
36. Oceanic tides are caused by :
- (A) Gravity of mars
 - (B) Luminosity of sun
 - (C) Gravitational forces of sun and moon
 - (D) Gravitational force of earth

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37. How much is the percentage range of methane in biogas ?

- (A) 50–68%
- (B) 2–10%
- (C) 10–15%
- (D) 90–95%

38. Fluoride pollution injury to plants is indicated by leaves in the form of :

- (A) chlorosis of the interveinal region
- (B) glazing and shining of lower epidermis
- (C) leaf tip and margin browning
- (D) bleached dots on lamina

39. Which of the following indicators is used in COD measurement of water?

- (A) Ferroin
- (B) Methylene blue
- (C) Rose benyal
- (D) Erichrome black T

40. The fuel gas desulphurization sludge (FGDS) is produced during the trapping of sulphur dioxide from thermal power plant by using

- (A) Calcium chloride slurry
- (B) Sodium hydroxide solution
- (C) Calcium hydroxide or limestone slurry
- (D) Sodium borate slurry

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41. In determining the noise status of a given area, the recommended index L_{eq} (as per noise control and prevention rules of CPCB) is determined or measured during day or night for the duration of :
- (A) 1 hour
 - (B) 2 hours
 - (C) 4 hours
 - (D) 8 hours
42. Accumulation mode atmospheric aerosols include particle between :
- (A) 1.0 – 10 μm
 - (B) 0.01 – 0.1 μm
 - (C) > 2.5 μm
 - (D) 0.1 – 1.0 μm
43. The correct order of different layers of the atmosphere is :
- (A) Troposphere, Stratosphere, Thermosphere, Mesosphere
 - (B) Troposphere, Mesosphere, Thermosphere, Stratosphere
 - (C) Troposphere, Stratosphere, Mesosphere, Thermosphere
 - (D) Troposphere, Mesosphere, Stratosphere, Thermosphere
44. With the increase in altitude, temperature increases in the :
- (A) Troposphere
 - (B) Stratosphere
 - (C) Mesosphere
 - (D) Stratosphere and mesosphere

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45. The resultant of two noise levels of 80 dB each, will be :
- (A) 86 dB
 - (B) 160 dB
 - (C) 120 dB
 - (D) 83 dB
46. Acid rain has its pH :
- (A) Below 7.0
 - (B) Below 5.6
 - (C) Between 5.6 and 7
 - (D) Above 5.6
47. The *correct* order of abundance of CH₄, O₂ and He in air is :
- (A) He > O₂ > CH₄
 - (B) O₂ > He > CH₄
 - (C) O₂ > CH₄ > He
 - (D) He > CH₄ > O₂
48. The quantification of the anticipated impacts of the proposed project on environmental factors is referred as :
- (A) Impact prediction
 - (B) Weighing of impact
 - (C) Impact monitoring
 - (D) Reduction of impacts
49. Public participation in EIA is a mechanism.
- (A) Information feedback
 - (B) Information feed forward
 - (C) Information feed forward and feedback
 - (D) one way communication
50. Lakes and water bodies are better restored by the way of :
- (A) controlling surface temperature
 - (B) controlling incoming nutrients
 - (C) controlling the zooplanktons
 - (D) controlling the dissolved oxygen

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51. Which of the following is an example of a simple matrix ?
- (A) Canter et al (1976)
 - (B) Leopold et al (1971)
 - (C) Horner et al (1986)
 - (D) Munero et al (1986)
52. As a part of the environmental clearance public hearing is required for the project :
- (A) construction of housing
 - (B) construction of commercial project
 - (C) construction of dam on river
 - (D) industrial unit in notified industrial zone
53. One of the following developments is NOT exempted from CR2-I area :
- (A) construction of a jetty
 - (B) expansion of existing construction
 - (C) salt cultivation
 - (D) stilts for bridge across the water way
54. The gross precipitation is 1100 m^3 , whereas the net precipitation is 800 m^3 . What is the interception for a year ?
- (A) 1900 m^3
 - (B) 300 m^3
 - (C) 1400 m^3
 - (D) 8800 m^3

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55. Ministry of Environmental and Forests has classified the biomedical waste into how many categories ?
- (A) 10 categories
 - (B) 16 categories
 - (C) 12 categories
 - (D) 14 categories
56. The processes of composting, anaerobic digestion, and incineration are employed for :
- (A) Waste segregation
 - (B) Waste transformation
 - (C) Waste collection
 - (D) Waste transportation
57. With which of the following amendments the Article 48(A) and Article 51(A) (g) have been included in Indian Constitution for the protection of environment ?
- (A) 43rd Amendment
 - (B) 46th Amendment
 - (C) 48th Amendment
 - (D) 42nd Amendment
58. Declaration of an area as National Park or Wildlife Sanctuary is provided in :
- (A) The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
 - (B) The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
 - (C) The Biodiversity (Conservation) Act, 2006
 - (D) The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972

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59. Waste from hospitals lacking incineration or sterilization facilities are
- (A) Collecting waste in plastic bags for landfilling
 - (B) Collecting waste in containers for composting and for disposal at specific sites
 - (C) Segregating and packing the waste in special colour code and labelled containers for treating elsewhere prior to landfilling
 - (D) Collecting the waste in one container for treating at other place and further disposal
60. Which one of the following gases is generated in large quantity under anaerobic digestion of organic matter ?
- (A) HO₂
 - (B) CO₂
 - (C) CH₄
 - (D) SO₂
61. The average garbage generation by Indian population is
- (A) 0.33 kg/capita/day
 - (B) 0.8 kg/capita/day
 - (C) 1.0 kg/capita/day
 - (D) 0.05 kg/capita/day
62. In multiple regression equation $y = \alpha + \sum_i \beta_i x_i + \epsilon$; the value of var(ϵ) is :
- (A) 0
 - (B) σ^2 , where σ standard deviation
 - (C) +1
 - (D) -1

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63. A city of square shape and of length 15 km has an inversion layer of height 40 m. The transport sector emits CO of amount 1.1×10^{-4} gm/m² per sec at 5 P.M. in the evening. If the winds of speed of 1.0 m/s bring clean air to the city, the CO concentration according to box model after 2 hours will be :
- (A) 32 mg/m²
(B) 3.2 mg/m²
(C) 16 mg/m²
(D) 3.2 g/m³
64. In Gaussian plume dispersion model the plume rise is taken as a function of :
- (A) buoyancy flux parameter only
(B) buoyancy flux parameter, wind speed and atmospheric stability parameter
(C) Wind speed and atmospheric stability parameter
(D) buoyancy flux parameter, relative humidity and wind speed
65. The size distribution of aerosols in urban areas is commonly of the type :
- (A) Poisson
(B) Binomial
(C) Normal
(D) Log-normal
66. The eigen value(s) of the matrix :
- $$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
- is :
- (A) 3
(B) 1 and 2
(C) 3, 1 and 2
(D) 1, 2 and 4

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67. The population of a country at the time of its independence was 350 million. Its population after 5 decades became 1050 million. Assuming that the growth rate of population is exponential, what is its growth rate :
- (A) ~ 2.19 % per year
(B) ~ 3.2 % per year
(C) ~ 5.2 %
(D) ~ 1.8 %
68. Recently Govt. of India constituted a high power committee for biodiversity conservation in :
- (A) Himalayan ranges
(B) Western Ghats
(C) Ridge area
(D) North-East region
69. When it rains 2000 mm in a season on 100 sq. meters roof area, the amount of water harvested at 50% efficiency, will be :
- (A) 50 m³
(B) 100 m³
(C) 200 m³
(D) 400 m³
70. According to the general agreement among the UN member states, there is a need to limit the rise in average surface temperature of the earth at the end of 2050 by :
- (A) 3 to 4.5 °C
(B) 1.5 to 2°C
(C) 1 to 1.5 °C
(D) 0.5 to 1°C

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71. Emissions of ozone depleting substances are controlled under :
- (A) Montreal protocol
 - (B) Kyoto protocol
 - (C) Bali declaration
 - (D) Copenhagen Summit
72. The provisions of environmental protection in the constitution were made under Article :
- (A) 5-A
 - (B) 21-B
 - (C) 27-B
 - (D) 48-A and 51-A
73. ENVIS centres have been started by Ministry of Environment and Forest to
- (A) Impart training to student
 - (B) Spread awareness among masses about environment
 - (C) Disseminate environmental information
 - (D) Carry out environmental research
74. Soot is contributed as a major air pollutant mainly from :
- (A) CNG driven transport
 - (B) Diesel driven transport
 - (C) Petrol driven vehicles
 - (D) Biofuel driven vehicles
75. Which of the following protocols/ conventions is aimed at controlling of transboundary movement of hazardous waste :
- (A) Basal convention
 - (B) Ramsar convention
 - (C) Kyoto protocol
 - (D) Montreal protocol

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