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  - वरीलप्रमाणे सर्व पडताळून पहिल्यानंतरच प्रश्नपत्रिकेवर ओ.एम.आर. उत्तरपत्रिकेचा नंबर लिहावा.
- प्रत्येक प्रश्नासाठी (A), (B), (C) आणि (D) अशी चार विकल्प उतरे दिली आहेत. त्यातील योग्य उत्तराचा रकाना खाली दर्शविल्याप्रमाणे ठळकपणे काळ/निळ करवा.  
**उदा. :** जर (C) हे योग्य उत्तर असेल तर.  

(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
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- या प्रश्नपत्रिकेतील प्रश्नांची उतरे ओ.एम.आर. उत्तरपत्रिकेतच दर्शवावीत. इतर ठिकाणी लिहीलेली उतरे तपासली जाणार नाहीत.
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- जर आपण ओ.एम.आर. वर नमूद केलेल्या ठिकाणा व्यतिरीक्त इतर कोठेही नाव, आसन क्रमांक, फोन नंबर किंवा ओळख पटेल अशी कोणतीही खूप केलेली आढळून आल्यास अथवा असभ्य भाषेचा वापर किंवा इतर गैरमार्गाचा अवलंब केल्यास विद्यार्थ्यांला परीक्षेस अपात्र ठरविण्यात येईल.
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- फक्त निळ्या किंवा काळ्या बॉल पेनचाच वापर करावा.**
- कॅलक्युलेटर किंवा लॉग टेबल वापरण्यास परवानगी नाही.**
- चुकीच्या उत्तरासाठी गुण कपात केली जाणार नाही.**

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## Environmental Science

### Paper II

**Time Allowed : 75 Minutes]**

**[Maximum Marks : 100**

**Note :** This Paper contains **Fifty (50)** multiple choice questions. Each question carries **Two (2)** marks. Attempt *All* questions.

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| <p>1. UNEP Headquarters is situated in which city ?</p> <p>(A) Rome</p> <p>(B) Kyoto</p> <p>(C) Beijing</p> <p>(D) Nairobi</p> <p>2. First U.N. Conference on Man &amp; Environment was held in which city and year ?</p> <p>(A) London, 1962</p> <p>(B) Stockholm, 1972</p> <p>(C) Rio de Janeiro, 1992</p> <p>(D) Paris 1982</p> | <p>3. “Itai Itai” disease spread was due to water contamination by which metal ?</p> <p>(A) Mercury</p> <p>(B) Lead</p> <p>(C) Cadmium</p> <p>(D) Arsenic</p> <p>4. As per the notification, the coastal land upto how many meters from a stage along the banks of creeks, estuaries, backwater and rivers subject tidal fluctuations, is called the Coastal Regulation Zone :</p> <p>(A) 500 m</p> <p>(B) 300 m</p> <p>(C) 200 m</p> <p>(D) 100 m</p> |
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5. Tiger is protected animal in which Schedule of the Wildlife Protection Act ?
- (A) Schedule 1
  - (B) Schedule 2
  - (C) Schedule 3
  - (D) Appendix
6. The sound velocity in the air at 0°C is :
- (A) 1269 m/s
  - (B) 331 m/s
  - (C) 1435 m/s
  - (D) 5130 m/s
7. The simple harmonic motion is represented by an elementary type of vibration with a.....frequency.
- (A) Dual
  - (B) Single
  - (C) Multiple
  - (D) Intermittant
8. What is *incorrect* about the mechanism of organic matter conversion to biogas in anaerobic digestion system ?
- (A) Hydrolysis process
  - (B) Methanogenesis process
  - (C) Acetogenesis process
  - (D) Methane oxidation process

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9. Which of the homoacetogenic bacteria utilize  $H_2$  and  $CO_2$  during anaerobic digestion of feedstock ?
- (A) *Methanosarcina mazei*
- (B) *Acetobacterium woodii*
- (C) *Pseudomonas carboxydovorans*
- (D) *Escherichia coli*
10. Correct order of wavelength in shorter to longer manner is :
- (A) IR > microwave > UV > Vis
- (B) Microwave > UV > Vis > IR
- (C) UV > Vis > IR > microwave
- (D) Vis > UV > microwave > IR
11. Stratosphere is known to protect life on earth from harmful radiation from sun is found between :
- (A) Mesosphere & Thermosphere
- (B) Thermosphere & Ionosphere
- (C) Toposphere & Mesosphere
- (D) Ionosphere & Exosphere
12. Eutrophication is caused due to :
- (A) Transport emissions
- (B) Industrial emissions
- (C) Biomass burning emissions
- (D) Agricultural run off and domestic sewage
13. The pH of  $10^{-2}$  M KOH will be :
- (A) -2
- (B) 2
- (C) -12
- (D) 12

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14. Dispersion of pollution from stack is a function of.....
- (A) stability, wind and stack height
  - (B) stability, wind and stack diameter
  - (C) stability, wind and Air pollution control equipments
  - (D) stability, wind and stack attachment
15. The height of tropopause over the equator is about.....km.
- (A) 10
  - (B) 8
  - (C) 16
  - (D) 12
16. Dry adiabatic lapse rate is about .....°C/km.
- (A) 7
  - (B) 4.5
  - (C) 9.8
  - (D) 12
17. Which of the following is *not* a green-house gas ?
- (A) O<sub>3</sub>
  - (B) Ar
  - (C) CO<sub>2</sub>
  - (D) CH<sub>4</sub>
18. Wetlands located in the low-laying depressions and flood plains associated with :
- (A) Lakes
  - (B) Ponds
  - (C) Dammed water
  - (D) River

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19. Fluoride in water mainly affects :
- (A) Teeth
  - (B) Brain
  - (C) Muscles
  - (D) Kidney
20. ....are genetically differentiated subspecies that are well adapted to the particular set of environmental condition :
- (A) Ecotypics
  - (B) Species
  - (C) Genera
  - (D) Bioacous
21. In economics service is provided by economic capital, then what will be in ecology ?
- (A) National capital
  - (B) Exponential expansion
  - (C) Disposal
  - (D) Manufacturing
22. Levels of organization is seen in an ecological spectrum :
- (A) Gene → Cell → Organs  
→ Organism → Population  
→ Communities
  - (B) Cell → Gene → Organism  
→ Communities and Population
  - (C) Organism → Organ → Cell  
→ Gene → Population  
→ Communities
  - (D) Communities → Population  
→ Gene & Cells

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23. In a waste water treatment plant, the removal of settleable solid and floating matter is done in a :
- (A) Primary classifiers
  - (B) Grit chamber
  - (C) Bar screen
  - (D) Equalization tank
24. In an activated sludge method used for sewage treatment aeration is done by :
- (A) Natural aeration
  - (B) Surface mechanical aeration
  - (C) No aeration is required
  - (D) Surface and diffuse aeration
25. Three basic processes are involved in the overall anaerobic digestion of sewage sludge following any of the sequence :
- (A) Hydrolysis → Fermentation → Methanogenesis
  - (B) Fermentation → Hydrolysis → Methanogenesis
  - (C) Hydrolysis → Methanogenesis → Fermentation
  - (D) Methanogenesis → Fermentation → Hydrolysis
26. In a nitrogen cycle denitrification is :
- (A) Organic matter → Ammonia
  - (B) Ammonia → Nitrites
  - (C) Nitrites → Nitrates
  - (D) Nitrates → Nitrogen



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27. A regression line passing through zero will have intercept value of :
- (A) + 1
- (B) + .05
- (C) Zero
- (D) - 1
28. A combination of numbers has geometric mean as 6.0 and arithmetic mean as 6.3. These numbers are :
- (A) 6, 6, 6
- (B) 5, 6, 8
- (C) 4, 6, 9
- (D) None of the above
29. Tropical storms (cyclones) over the Bay of Bengal & the Arabian Sea have a bimodal frequency having peaks during :
- (A) Jan.-Feb. & March-May
- (B) Dec.-Jan & March-April
- (C) March-May & Oct.-Nov
- (D) July-August & April-May
30. On the west coast the rainfall is heavy during south west monsoon due to :
- (A) Decreases as we move westwards
- (B) Increases over the Ghats & then decreases westwards
- (C) Increases westwards uniformly
- (D) Decreases over the Ghats & then increases westwards

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31. Severe thunderstorm known as Norwesters are common in..... during pre monsoon season.

- (A) Uttar Pradesh
- (B) Rajasthan
- (C) Assam & Bengal
- (D) Konkan & Goa

32. Which one of the following is a strong electrophile ?

- (A) NO
- (B) NO<sup>+</sup>
- (C) NO<sub>2</sub>
- (D) NO<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>

33. The Diluvial theory identified which of the following factors as responsible for the shaping of today's earth surface :

- (A) Plate Tectonics
- (B) Glaciers
- (C) The nature of the Earth's orbit around the sun
- (D) Floods

34. In oceanic oxygen isotope data, more oxygen 18 indicates which of the following conditions ?

- (A) Warm temperatures
- (B) Cold temperatures
- (C) Snow enriched in oxygen 18
- (D) Windy conditions

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35. Activity of methanogens in biomethanation digester is totally inhibited due to :
- (A) More oxygen (8 ppm)
  - (B) Neutral pH (6.8-7.2) of feedstock slurry
  - (C) Presence of syntrophic microbes
  - (D) Absence of oxygen
36. In order to use Tree rings to reconstruct past environmental conditions, which of the following scales must be developed ?
- (A) Delta PDB
  - (B) Delta SMOW
  - (C) GISP Core
  - (D) Calibration Interval
37. Which of the following may be responsible for a widening of recent tree rings ?
- (A) Aging of trees
  - (B) Increasing dry conditions
  - (C) Later, cooler springs
  - (D) Increased atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub>
38. The period during which the sun lacked sun spots is referred to as the :
- (A) Milankovitch Mechanism
  - (B) Maunder Minimum
  - (C) Year without a summer
  - (D) Last ICE AGE

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39. Passive solar heating technique can be used in building design in mid by latitude having :
- (A) Large windows facing South
  - (B) Large windows facing North
  - (C) Small windows facing South
  - (D) Windows facing East or West
40. Arrange the following Greenhouse gases in the increasing order of their contribution to global warming :
- (A) CH<sub>4</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>X</sub>
  - (B) CH<sub>4</sub>, NO<sub>X</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>
  - (C) NO<sub>X</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>
  - (D) CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, NO<sub>X</sub>
41. Monsoon Depressions which are common during S-W Monsoon season :
- (A) Form over NE Bay of Bengal
  - (B) Form over Arabian sea
  - (C) Form over South-East Bay of Bengal
  - (D) Form over North Maharashtra Gujrat coast
42. The elongated and streamlined ridges that look like an overturned ship's hull that are created by wind abrasion are called :
- (A) Yardangs
  - (B) Pediments
  - (C) Inselbergs
  - (D) Buffes

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43. The greatest recorded mass extinction to affect Earth occurred at the end of.....period.
- (A) Cretaceous
  - (B) Tertiary
  - (C) Peronian
  - (D) Jurassic
44. A beveled surface that slopes gently seaward, formed by erosion and landward retreat of a sea cliff is termed as :
- (A) Plateau
  - (B) Wave-cut platform
  - (C) Wave base
  - (D) Table land
45. The zone above water table that contains both water and air within the pore spaces of the rock sediment or soil is termed as :
- (A) zone of accumulation
  - (B) zone of saturation
  - (C) zone of aeration
  - (D) zone of wastage
46. The on-site monitoring data is known as.....data.
- (A) secondary
  - (B) primary
  - (C) tertiary
  - (D) numerical

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47. Which of the biota will suffer in the anoxic situation of the lake ?
- (A) Floating
  - (B) Surface
  - (C) Benthic
  - (D) Peripheral
48. Socio-economic Impact Assessment of proposed project can be best interpreted by :
- (A) Absolute threshold value (ATV)
  - (B) Rational threshold value (RTV)
  - (C) Critical threshold value (CTV)
  - (D) Normal threshold value (NTV)
49. Which of the following is *not correct* for a major project ?
- (A) Substantial capital investment
  - (B) Cover large area
  - (C) Wide range impacts
  - (D) Employ less numbers
50. Which Article of the Indian Constitution mentioned about the ownership and control of the land resources of the country should be so distributed as best to serve the common good ?
- (A) Article 51
  - (B) Article 31
  - (C) Article 39
  - (D) Article 21

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