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(B)
(C)
(D)
- या प्रश्नपत्रिकेतील प्रश्नांची उत्तरे ओ.एम.आर. उत्तरपत्रिकेतच दर्शवावीत. इतर ठिकाणी लिहिलेली उत्तरे तपासली जाणार नाहीत.
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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 carries **Two (2)** marks. Attempt *All* questions.

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| <p>1. Under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 one of the mandate is to have People's Biodiversity Registered and is to be documented by :</p> <p>(A) Local communities/people</p> <p>(B) Scientist</p> <p>(C) Dept. of Environment</p> <p>(D) Forest Dept.</p> <p>2. In wastewater treatment..... is the odor formation and causes impact on treatment process.</p> <p>(A) Sulfate</p> <p>(B) Chlorine</p> <p>(C) Akalinity</p> <p>(D) Nitrate</p> | <p>3. The process used in domestic water softening, where sodium ion form a cationic exchange resin replace the calcium & magnesium ion reducing the hardness of water is done by :</p> <p>(A) ion-exchange</p> <p>(B) sand filtration</p> <p>(C) sedimentation</p> <p>(D) chlorination</p> <p>4. COD test in a measure of the oxygen equivalent of organic matter in wastewater that can be oxidized by :</p> <p>(A) Dichromate in an acid solution</p> <p>(B) 3 days incubation</p> <p>(C) 5 days incubation</p> <p>(D) Incubation with microbes seed</p> |
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5. In a pre-treatment for sewage treatment plants following are removed :
- (A) Large suspended material
 - (B) Grit & large suspended material
 - (C) Settlable material
 - (D) Oily and fatty substances
6. In economics resonance use is a linear, then in ecology it will be :
- (A) Circular
 - (B) Carrying capacity
 - (C) Capital
 - (D) Expansion
7.is used to study genetic diversity amongst the species.
- (A) PCR
 - (B) RNA
 - (C) mRNA
 - (D) tRNA
8. The list of species may become threatened if trade is not strictly regulated. For such species requires export permit are included in the category under CITES :
- (A) Appendix II
 - (B) Appendix I
 - (C) Appendix III
 - (D) Appendix B
9. Life zone system used for classifying vegetation formation, based on a gradient of mean annual bio-temperature with latitude and altitude, percentage precipitation and evapotranspiration was proposed by :
- (A) Holdridge
 - (B) Wittakar
 - (C) Clements
 - (D) Odum

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10. Community, which becomes stable and in equilibrium with the climate is known as :

- (A) Climax community
- (B) Serol community
- (C) Mixed community
- (D) Pioneer community

11. Illegal trade of endangered species of plant and animal is most prevalent in :

- (A) Developed countries
- (B) Tropical countries
- (C) Temperate countries
- (D) Industrialized countries

12. A study to reconstruct past ecosystem and in particular to see how ecosystems and communities function before human become a major influence :

- (A) Evolutionary ecology
- (B) Historical ecology
- (C) Palaeoecology
- (D) Habitat ecology

13. Precipitation value of biodiversity is :

- (A) Consumption use value
- (B) Production use value
- (C) Ecosystem service value
- (D) Essential value

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14. Phyto-sociological studies the size of area selected is based on :
- (A) Random size
 - (B) Species-area curve
 - (C) Population of species
 - (D) Quadrate
15. Some plants may inhibit the growth of other species by the chemical nature of the litter or by special secretion is known as :
- (A) Allopatric
 - (B) Allelopathy
 - (C) Apomict
 - (D) Admixture
16. Methane campaign of India was lead by :
- (A) Dr. M.S. Swaminathan
 - (B) Dr. A.P. Mitra
 - (C) Dr. B.P. Pal
 - (D) Dr. S.K. Sinha
17. Depletion of ozone of stratospheric zone cause :
- (A) CO₂ increase
 - (B) Skin cancer
 - (C) Cholera
 - (D) Dengue
18. Indian standard method of measurement of Nitrogen dioxide (in microgram/Cu meter) $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, in ambient air is :
- (A) Improved West & Gaeke
 - (B) Ultraviolet fluorescence
 - (C) Modified Jacob & Hochheiser
 - (D) Spectrophotometry

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19. Discharge limit of BOD (in mg/lit)

in the surface water stream is :

- (A) 500
- (B) 100
- (C) 50
- (D) 30

20. Laboratory, Testing of Biological

Oxygen Demand (BOD) is done by

using :

- (A) Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer
- (B) Incubator
- (C) Gas chromatograph
- (D) Mass spectrometer

21. Motor vehicle emission consists of :

- (A) BOD
- (B) Carbon monoxide
- (C) Fluoride-HF
- (D) Calcium

22. Wet scrubber is used to treat pollution of :

- (A) Water
- (B) Air
- (C) Soil
- (D) Noise

23. The stationary phase in reverse phase chromatography is :

- (A) Polar
- (B) Non-polar
- (C) Both of these
- (D) None of these

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24. Law stating that the gas dissolved in a liquid is proportional to its partial pressure is called as :
- (A) Rutherford's law
(B) Lambert's law
(C) Henry's law
(D) Beer's law
25. The *correct* order of solubility in water is :
- (A) $\text{CaF}_2 > \text{Ca(OH)}_2 > \text{LiF} > \text{NaCl}$
(B) $\text{NaCl} > \text{Ca(OH)}_2 > \text{LiF} > \text{CaF}_2$
(C) $\text{CaF}_2 > \text{LiF} > \text{Ca(OH)}_2 > \text{NaCl}$
(D) $\text{NaCl} > \text{LiF} > \text{Ca(OH)}_2 > \text{CaF}_2$
26. Bleaching powder used in water purification has the chemical formula as :
- (A) NH_4OH
(B) CaCl_2
(C) CaOCl_2
(D) NH_4Cl
27. Completely ionize acids in water are :
- (A) HCl and HNO_3
(B) HCl and H_2CO_3
(C) HNO_3 and CH_3COOH
(D) H_2CO_3 and CH_3COOH

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28. Which one of the following has the highest melting point ?
- (A) *o*-bromophenol
 - (B) *p*-chlorophenol
 - (C) *m*-bromophenol
 - (D) *m*-chlorophenol
29. Element present in dolomite but absent in limestone :
- (A) C
 - (B) Ca
 - (C) Mg
 - (D) O
30. Hardest form of carbon is :
- (A) Charcol
 - (B) Diamond
 - (C) Coke
 - (D) Graphite
31. Which one of the following combinations of metals has completely filled 'd' orbital ?
- (A) Ti, Fe, Ni
 - (B) Sc, V, Fe
 - (C) Zn, Ca, Hg
 - (D) Zn, Co, Cu
32. Chlorosis of plants occurs due the deficiency of :
- (A) Ca
 - (B) Cl
 - (C) N
 - (D) S

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33. Paris Climate Treaty has been signed by :

- (A) 191 countries
- (B) 101 countries
- (C) 151 countries
- (D) 77 countries

34. When energy is converted from one form to another, the useful output is never as much as the input. The ratio of the useful output to the required input is called the :

- (A) Efficiency
- (B) Consistency
- (C) Constancy
- (D) Defficiency

35. Entropy is given by :

- (A) dp/T
- (B) dH/T
- (C) dH/p
- (D) dp/dH

36. Give in the *correct* order of increasing diameter the following precipitate drops (Drizzle, shower & rain) :

- (A) Drizzle, rain shower
- (B) Rain drizzle shower
- (C) Shower rain drizzle
- (D) Rain drizzle shower

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37. The emission from use of fossil fuel can be reduced by various options, which of the following is not an mitigation option ?
- (A) Use of wind energy
 - (B) Increased capacity of traditional power plants
 - (C) Afforestation
 - (D) Use of PV cells for domestic power
38. Energy produced from use of fossil fuel globally is quite large which needs to be reduced to cut down emission of CO₂. The energy produced from these sources is nearly.....of the total energy generated :
- (A) 80%
 - (B) 60%
 - (C) 90%
 - (D) 50%
39. The most prominent feature of the food resource base of post Pleistocene Europe :
- (A) A dependence on mega fauna
 - (B) Diversity
 - (C) Dependence on fur-bearing animals
 - (D) New agriculture methods
40. When effect did 'Cold snap' have on human populations ?
- (A) It tested the ability of human beings to adapt
 - (B) It had no effect at all
 - (C) It forced all humans to wear clothing
 - (D) It created an environment that required all populations to move to the equator

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41. The lake forest Archaic tradition relied on.....resources : the Maritime Archaic hunted..... creatures.

- (A) Pelagic : midden
- (B) Lacustrine : pelagic
- (C) Midden : littoral
- (D) Littoral : Lacustrine

42. The directed breeding of plants and animals is called :

- (A) Foraging
- (B) Natural selection
- (C) Artificial selection
- (D) Herding

43. How long ago did human groups begin actively controlling their food sources by artificially producing conditions under which these sources would grow ?

- (A) Within the past 8,000 years
- (B) Within the past 12,000 years
- (C) Within the past 15,000 years
- (D) Within the past 20,000 years

44. Evidence of wild grain harvesting and consumption in Israel dates to as early as :

- (A) 20,000 BP
- (B) 12,000 BP
- (C) 10,000 BP
- (D) 8,000 BP

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45. The difference between simple foragers and complex foragers :
- (A) Complex foragers focus on a few highly productive resources
 - (B) Complex foragers rely on many different food sources
 - (C) Complex foragers are highly mobile
 - (D) Complex foragers employ irrigation technology
46. The development of the first satellite was a leap forward to satellite technology in India :
- (A) Aryabhata
 - (B) Bhaskara
 - (C) IRS-IA
 - (D) CARTOSAT-2
47. In a 50 ppm Zn standard, an analyst determined 54 ppm Zn. The calculated error is :
- (A) 0.8%
 - (B) 0.4%
 - (C) 1.6%
 - (D) 8.0%
48. Which anaerobic digestion process convert soluble low molecular components of fatty acids, amino acids and monosaccharides to low molecular volatile acids, alcohol, ammonia, H₂ and CO₂ ?
- (A) Methanogenesis process
 - (B) Acidogenesis process
 - (C) Hydrogenesis process
 - (D) Hydrolysis process

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49. Which methanogen does not utilize hydrogen to reduce the organic compound or CO₂ to methane during anaerobic digestion process ?
- (A) Methylophilic methanogens
 - (B) Methanophilic methanogens
 - (C) Acetophilic methanogens
 - (D) Hydrogenophilic methanogens
50. Why microbial conversion of lignocellulosic straw feedstock to bioethanol is difficult ?
- (A) Presence of more insoluble amorphous cellulose
 - (B) Absence of insoluble branched lignin fraction
 - (C) Presence of more insoluble branched hemicellulose
 - (D) Presence of microcrystalline cellulose and lignin
51. Cumulative conversion of arginine to putrescine by streptococcus spp. and *E. coli* signifies the following microbial interaction :
- (A) Commensalism
 - (B) Synergism
 - (C) Amensalism
 - (D) Competition
52. What provision a typical bioreactor possess to overcome the vortex formation during fermentation ?
- (A) Baffles on the side walls
 - (B) Stuffing boxes
 - (C) Sparger
 - (D) Oxygen probe

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53. What is *correct* in case C : N ratio during composting is narrow then optimal level of 30 – 35 ?
- (A) Nitrogen in compost lost as ammonia
 - (B) Protract the compost
 - (C) Enhance decomplexation of ions
 - (D) Agglomerate the compost material
54. Which process incorporate essential nutrients (viz. N, P) and electron acceptor to contaminated area in order to promote the activity of native microbes for degradation of pollutants ?
- (A) Biosparging
 - (B) Bioaugmentation
 - (C) Biostimulation
 - (D) Bioventing
55. Which indicator bacteria indicates recent fecal contamination of water and detected in glucose azide broth ?
- (A) *Escherichia coli*
 - (B) *Streptococcus faecalis*
 - (C) *Clostridium perfringens*
 - (D) *Listeria monocytogens*
56. How bioavailability of recalcitrant hydrocarbons is increased through microbial interaction with smaller solubilized/pseudosolubilized hydrocarbon droplets ?
- (A) Secretion of biosurfactants
 - (B) Chemotaxis
 - (C) Efflux pumps
 - (D) Altered cell surface property

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57. Which biological wastewater treatment system consists of large diameter corrugated plastic media centered on a horizontal shaft and submerged 40% in wastewater ?
- (A) Trickling filter system
- (B) Activated sequencing batch reactor
- (C) Rotating biological contractors
- (D) In-vessel submerged system
58. Which lithotrophic bacteria grow aerobically with CO as a sole source of carbon and energy ?
- (A) *Alkaligenes eutrophas*
- (B) *Pseudomonas carboxydovorans*
- (C) *Thiobacillus thiooxidans*
- (D) *Nitrobacter winogradskyii*
59. Which bacteria form symbiosis with some non-leguminous flowering plants (viz. *Alnus*, *Casurina*) for nitrogen fixation in soils ?
- (A) *Bradyrhizobium* spp.
- (B) *Frankia* spp.
- (C) *Azotobacter vinelandii*
- (D) *Klebsiella* spp.
60. Which aerobic photosynthetic prokaryote has heterocysts to fix nitrogen in aquatic system ?
- (A) Cyanobacteria
- (B) Green sulphur bacteria
- (C) Frankia
- (D) Algae

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61. Which bacteria produces a variety of Nod factors and nodulate a large variety of legumes as well as non-legume *Parasponia andersonii* ?
- (A) *Sinorhizobium meliloti*
- (B) *Bradyrhizobium japonicum*
- (C) *Rhizobium NGR234*
- (D) *Rhizobium leguminosarum*
62. Which mycorrhizae penetrate the cell wall of plant root and form arbuscules for carbon/nutrient exchange ?
- (A) Ericoid mycorrhizae
- (B) Arbutoid mycorrhizae
- (C) Orchid mycorrhizae
- (D) VAM
63. With the spread of warmer climate due to global warming there will be :
- (A) Increased mortality due to heat waves
- (B) Increased mortality due to cold waves
- (C) Decrease in number of deaths from floods and draughts
- (D) Decrease in risk of flooding in coastal areas
64. Which foods are included in the diet of plants that provided the subsistence base for indigenous New World Civilizations ?
- (A) Rice, beans and squash
- (B) Barley, lentils and wheat
- (C) Maize, beans and squash
- (D) Yarns barley and millet

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65. What is the resultant noise if 8 sound levels of 50 dB(A) each mixed together ?
- (A) 56 dB(A)
 - (B) 53 dB(A)
 - (C) 59 dB(A)
 - (D) 60 dB(A)
66. The project characteristics and the baseline information is brought together by.....of impacts.
- (A) Prediction
 - (B) Evaluation
 - (C) Assessment
 - (D) Identification
67. Which of the following models is frequently used to analyze the air quality impacts of single, elevated point source ?
- (A) Box Model
 - (B) Mass Balance Model
 - (C) Gaussian Model
 - (D) Pasquill Model
68. How many environmental attributes were used to display the relationships in a cross-impact matrix developed by Johnson and Bell ?
- (A) 90
 - (B) 100
 - (C) 92
 - (D) 80
69. Which of the following matrix is useful as a gross screening tool for impact identification ?
- (A) Gross-impact Matrix
 - (B) Interaction Matrix
 - (C) Magnitude Matrix
 - (D) Leopold Matrix

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70. Which of the following methods involves an explicit and predefined relationship such as mathematical model for social impact prediction ?
- (A) Qualitative Description
 - (B) Quantitative Description
 - (C) Application Specific Predictive Technique
 - (D) Relative comparisons of the effects of alternatives
71. Since 1950-51 under land utilisation in India, area under one of the following land-use category is decreased :
- (A) Area under forest
 - (B) Fallow land
 - (C) Area under non-agricultural uses
 - (D) Net sown area
72. No. of significant figures in 0.1040 is :
- (A) Three
 - (B) Four
 - (C) Five
 - (D) Six
73. When water is pumped from wells in some coastal areas, a problem arises known as :
- (A) Saltwater incursion
 - (B) Sand deposition
 - (C) Permeability decrease
 - (D) Artesian recharge
74. Asphyxiants are chemicals that exclude :
- (A) Oxygen
 - (B) Nitrogen
 - (C) Carbon dioxide
 - (D) Methane
75. Ozone in air is :
- (A) Primary air pollutant
 - (B) Secondary air pollutant
 - (C) Tertiary air pollutant
 - (D) Fundamental air pollutant

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