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**II Semester B.A./B.Sc./B.M.M.C. Degree (C.B.C.S.S. – O.B.E. – Regular)  
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**COMMON COURSE IN ENGLISH  
2A03 ENG : Readings on Life and Nature**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

A. Write an essay (200-250 words) on **any one** of the following.

- 1) What is the importance of Environmental Studies ? How does it support the idea of sustainable development ?
- 2) How does the poem "The Fish" represent the resilience of nature and what lessons of environmental significance do we learn from the poem ? **(1×8=8)**

B. Write an essay (200-250 words) on **any one** of the following.

- 3) Explain different types of biodiversity and elaborate on their evolution. How does human activity influence biodiversity ?
- 4) Critically examine the way Nissim Ezekiel's poem "The Truth about the Floods" is an objective account of the villagers' struggle against a natural disaster on the one hand and the social and bureaucratic apathy in dealing with it. **(1×8=8)**

C. Answer **any four** of the following in a paragraph **each** (80-100 words).

- 5) Write a short note on the function of an ecosystem.
- 6) How does "The Rightful Inheritors of the Earth" represent an environmental vision as a scientific way of life ?
- 7) What are the mitigation measures for landslides ?
- 8) The role of trawlers according to the protagonist of *Matsyagandhi*.
- 9) What is the impact of the individual on environment ?
- 10) What are the two world views on environment reflected in Chief Seattle's speech ? **(4×4=16)**

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D. Answer **any eight** of the following in **two** or **three** sentences.

- 11) What are non-renewable resources ?
- 12) What are the reasons for the degradation of ecosystems ?
- 13) Does the poet admire the fish ? Why ?
- 14) In "Trophic Cascade," how does the poet reintroduce herself ?
- 15) What are the guidelines for disaster mitigation ?
- 16) How do the villagers describe the floods ?
- 17) What is the purpose of the seawall ? What is its impact on the fisher folk ?
- 18) Mention two measures to control the use and dumping of plastic.
- 19) What is the importance of environmental awareness in connection with sustainable development ?
- 20) What is the relation between preservation of natural ecosystems and the rights of the local people ?
- 21) Why do the Native Americans consider rivers their brothers ?
- 22) According to the writer of "Going Local", how can the governments help in reducing pressure on the environment ?

**(8×1=8)**

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