

2009  
Date notes

M.Sc.

**3rd Semester Examination**

**BOTANY**

**PAPER—XV**

**Full Marks : 40**

**Time : 2 Hours**

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

*Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.*

*Write the answers to the questions of each Unit in separate books.*

**Answer all questions**

**1. Comment on the following (any five) :**

**1×5**

(a) Deep ecology;

(b) Silent Spring;

(c) Primary succession;

(d) Crypto-vivipary;

(e) Acid precipitation;

- (f) Greenhouse gases :  
(g) Eutrophication and  
(h) Sacred grove.

2. Write notes on any two of the following : 1×5

(a) Environmental Education ;  
(b) Xerophytes and  
(c) Climax concept.

3. Answer any three of the following :  
(a) Discuss shifting cultivation, comment on the debates on Eucalyptus plantation in India. 5+5  
(b) Define wetland. Discuss the role of wetlands as "Nature's Kidney". What is SAM photosynthesis ? 3+5+2  
(c) What is ozone hole ? Enumerate the natural and man-made factors responsible for ozone hole formation. State Chapman Cycle. 3+5+2  
(d) Define biodiversity. Discuss the reasons for loss of biodiversity. Comment on the different categories of protected areas (PAs) found in India. 3+4+3  
(e) Write short notes any two on the following : 5+5  
(i) Silent Valley movement ;  
(ii) Environmental value of mangroves and  
(iii) Food chain.