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(A.H.)/B.T.T.M./B.C.A./B.S.W./B.Sc. (LRP) Degree  
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(2019 Admission Onwards)

**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 structure and composition of an ecosystem ? Comment on the degradation of ecosystems.
- 2) What attitude towards the biosphere is reflected by Vaikom Muhammed Basheer in his story "The Rightful Inheritors of the Earth" ? **(1×8=8)**

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

- 3) Differentiate between disaster management and disaster mitigation with suitable examples.
- 4) How does the monologue *Matsyagandhi* represent the impact of modernisation on the ecosystem of the sea and the fisher folk whose life depends on it ? **(1×8=8)**

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

- 5) What are renewable and non-renewable resources ? Why should we be careful in their use ?
- 6) Explain the cascading effect depicted in the poem "Trophic Cascade."
- 7) Enumerate the values of biodiversity.
- 8) Explain the irony in the repetition of the line "until I told them I wasn't a government official" in the poem "The Truth about the Floods."
- 9) Write a note on the need for architectural heritage.
- 10) What are the benefits of diversified farming ? **(4×4=16)**

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

- 11) What are environmental studies ?
- 12) What does the poet see in the eyes of the fish ?
- 13) What is the event in the poet's life that brought the cascading effect ?
- 14) What is Basheer's attitude towards guns ?
- 15) Define 'greenhouse effect'.
- 16) Why should the river and the sky be glued hard together ?
- 17) Why did the students actually visit the village after the floods ?
- 18) What happened to the fisherwoman's husband in *Matsyagandhi* ?
- 19) What is the advantage of cloth bag over plastic bags ?
- 20) What is the most fundamental environmental sentiment ?
- 21) Explain the irony in the words of Chief Seattle "I am a savage and do not understand."
- 22) What is called the "Breakaway strategy" ?

(8x1=8)