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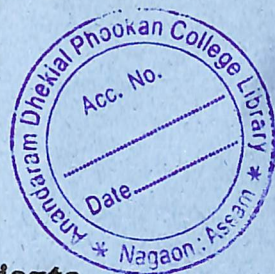
(Honours)

Paper : ZOO-HC-1026

(Principles of Ecology)

Full Marks : 60

Time : Three hours



The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. Choose the correct answer : **(any seven)**

1×7=7

- (a) An 'ecotone' is _____.
- (i) transition area
 - (ii) site of interaction of two different biological communities
 - (iii) shared boundary of two or more ecosystems
 - (iv) All of the above

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(b) A set of ecosystems is referred to as

- (i) biome
- (ii) hydrosphere
- (iii) community
- (iv) cline

(c) Which of the following is NOT a feature of *r*-selected species?

- (i) Quick reproduction
- (ii) Low survival rate of progenies
- (iii) Large litter size
- (iv) Paternal care

(d) The final stable community in ecological succession is

- (i) climax
- (ii) sere
- (iii) pioneers
- (iv) carnivores

(e) Which of the following is NOT a gaseous biogeochemical cycle in ecosystems?

- (i) Carbon
- (ii) Nitrogen
- (iii) Sulphur
- (iv) Phosphorous

(f) The pyramid of biomass is inverted in

- (i) forest ecosystem
- (ii) grassland ecosystem
- (iii) tundra
- (iv) freshwater ecosystem

(g) The concept of ecological pyramid was first proposed by

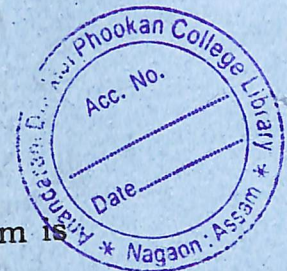
- (i) Odum
- (ii) Charles Elton
- (iii) A. G. Tansley
- (iv) Ernst Haeckel

(h) _____ is the ratio of energy flow at different points of a food chain.

- (i) Carrying capacity
- (ii) Ecological efficiency
- (iii) Birth rate
- (iv) Food web

(i) Energy flow in an ecosystem is

- (i) always bidirectional
- (ii) never unidirectional
- (iii) non-directional
- (iv) always unidirectional



(j) Identify the correct statement.

- (i) Every component of food chain forms trophic level.
- (ii) Food web is an interrelation between different food chains.
- (iii) Food chains are used to understand energy flow.
- (iv) All of the above

(k) Which of the following defines the study of the characteristics and parameters of a population?

- (i) Demography
- (ii) Mortality
- (iii) Natality
- (iv) Population density

(l) Which of the following structures is observed in a diminishing population?

- (i) Upright
- (ii) Histogram
- (iii) Bell-shaped
- (iv) Urn-shaped

2. Write briefly on : **(any four)**

2×4=8

- (a) r-selection
- (b) Natality
- (c) Synecology
- (d) Limiting factors
- (e) Ecological efficiency
- (f) Gause's competitive exclusion
- (g) Species dominance
- (h) Edge effect

3. Write short notes on : **(any three)**

5×3=15

- (a) Climax community
- (b) Energy flow in ecosystem
- (c) Life tables and survivorship curves
- (d) Food web
- (e) Nitrogen cycle
- (f) In-situ wildlife conservation



(g) Exponential population growth

(h) Carrying capacity

4. Answer elaborately : **(any three)**

10×3=30

(a) What do you understand by population density? Explain with an example. Add a note on fecundity tables highlighting the importance in population ecology.

(b) Discuss with examples the characteristics of a community.

(c) Compare and contrast between grazing and detritus food chains. Discuss with an example on Y-shaped food chain.

(d) Discuss the Lotka-Volterra equation for competition and predation. Highlight the characteristics of K-selection strategy.

(e) Describe the concept of ecological succession with a suitable example.

(f) What is ex-situ conservation? Write briefly the management practices for wildlife conservation.

(g) Discuss the density-independent factors of population regulation.

(h) What do you understand by a limiting factor? Explain the laws of limiting factors. Add a note on Shelford's law of tolerance citing suitable examples.

