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M.Sc. BOTANY (MSCBOT)

[Forest Ecology (Elective Course)]

4th Semester Examination, 2024 (June)

Time: 2:00 Hrs. Max. Marks: 70

Note:— This paper is of Seventy (70) marks divided into Two (02) Sections 'A' and 'B'. Attempt the questions contained in these Sections according to the detailed instructions given therein. Candidates should limit their answers to the questions on the given answer sheet. No additional (B) answer sheet will be issued.

Section-A

Long Answer Type Questions $2 \times 19 = 38$

Note: Section 'A' contains Five (05) Long-answer type questions of Nineteen (19) marks each.

Learners are required to answer any two (02) questions only.

- 1. How do you measure the biomass and primary productivity of a forest ecosystem? Discuss any four methods in detail.
- 2. What do you understand by sedimentary cycle of nutrients? Discuss the phosphorus cycle in detail and also highlight the anthropogenic impacts on it.
- 3. Discuss the impact of forest on precipitation apportionment.
- 4. What is ecological succession? Discuss its major types and basic processes (steps) of succession in detail.
- 5. What is climate change? Discuss the major causes and impact of climate change in detail.

Section-B

Short Answer Type Questions $4 \times 8 = 32$

- **Note:** Section 'B' contains Eight (08) Short-answer type questions of Eight (08) marks each. Learners are required to answer any *four* (04) questions only.
- 1. Write a short note on shifting cultivation in India.

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- 2. Write a short note on:
 - (i) Primary Productivity
 - (ii) Gross Primary Productivity
 - (iii) Net Primary Productivity
 - (iv) Secondary Productivity
- 3. Discuss the various factors which influence the accumulation of litter in forest ecosystems.
- 4. What do you understand by detritus food chain? Briefly define its properties.
- 5. Briefly describe the litterbags technique in the measurement of litter decomposition.
- 6. What do you understand by atmosphere? Describe the layers of the earth's atmosphere.
- 7. Discuss the role of mycorrhizae in nutrient cycling.
- 8. Discuss the characteristic features of *Shorea robusta* and its uses.
