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A.H.)/B.C.A./B.S.W./B.Sc. (L.R.P.)/B.M.M.C. Degree (CBCSS – OBE –
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Second Semester Integrated M.Sc. Degree (Reg./Supple./Imp.)
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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) Comment on the structure and composition of the ecosystem.
- 2) Fish as a symbol of the triumph over adversity in the poem,
"The Fish".

(1×8=8)

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

- 3) What were the problems faced by the villagers due to floods as draft in the
poem, *The Truth about Floods* ?
- 4) What role does biodiversity play in supporting human life and
well-being ?

(1×8=8)

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

- 5) Describe the origin of life on earth.
- 6) What are the uses of fossil fuels ?
- 7) Why is Environmental Studies the need of the hour ?
- 8) Write a note on the floods in India.
- 9) "Trophic Cascade" as a poem on the reinvention of an ecosystem.
- 10) The dystopian world located in the poem, "Real Estate".
- 11) Note down the mitigation methods of earthquakes.

(4×4=16)

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

- 12) What are the components of Environmental Studies ?
- 13) What is sustainable development ?
- 14) Define genetic diversity.
- 15) What is localisation ?
- 16) What is the difference between colonial and native approach to environment ?
- 17) What is the theme of the play, Matsyagandhi ?
- 18) What does the 'rainbow' trio mean in Elizabeth Bishop's The Fish ?
- 19) What is Chief Seattle's concept of God ?
- 20) Who are the rightful inheritors of the earth, according to the author ?
- 21) What are the biogeographical realms of the world ?
- 22) What is the idea put forward by Helena Norberg Hodge for the decentralisation of power ?

(8×1=8)

