

18BT821 USN Eighth Semester B.E. Degree Examination, Dec.2024/Jan.2025 **Environmental Biotechnology** Time: 3 hrs. Max. Marks: 100 Note: Answer any FIVE full questions, choosing ONE full question from each module. Module-1 a. Elaborate on the effects of air pollution on living and non-living systems in detail. (10 Marks) 1 b. Discuss the sources of air and soil pollution. (10 Marks) List the different sources of heavy metal pollution. Discuss the effects of different heavy 2 metals on the environments. (10 Marks) Elaborate on the factors which affect the bioaccumulation process. (10 Marks) Module-2 Explain with a neat diagram, activated sludge process and its working. 3 (10 Marks) b. Elaborate on the waste water treatment process of food processing industries taking vegetable oil industry as an example. (10 Marks) Describe the various stages involved in anaerobic digestion. (10 Marks) b. Write short notes on: (i) BOD (ii) COD (10 Marks) Module-3 Elaborate on different methods of water conservation. Add a note on watershed management. (10 Marks) b. Elaborate on the major problems and concern related to resettlement and rehabilitation of people. (10 Marks) OR Write short notes on: (i) Global warming (ii) Ozone layer depletion (10 Marks) b. Define wasteland reclamation. Explain different methods of wasteland reclamation. (10 Marks)

## Module-4

- Explain in detail modern agriculture and its impact on the environment.
  - b. Write short notes on:
    - i) World food problems
    - ii) Renewable and non-renewable energy sources (10 Marks)

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OR

- 8 a. What is soil erosion? Explain cause and effect of soil erosion. (10 Marks)
  - b. Write short notes on:
    - i) Alternate Energy
    - ii) Biofuels

(10 Marks)

Module-5

9 a. Differentiate between Direct and Indirect bioleaching.

(10 Marks)

b. Discuss the bacterial oxidation of Chalcopyrite and Pyrite.

(10 Marks)

OR

- 10 a. Discuss the role of genetically engineered microorganisms for field biodegradation of hazardous materials. (10 Marks)
  - b. Explain the process of microbial desulfurization of coal.

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