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M.Sc. (Chemistry) (2015 to 2017) (Sem.-4)

## ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY

Subject Code : MSCH-402 M.Code : 71677

Time: 3 Hrs. Max. Marks: 100

## INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES:

- Attempt FIVE questions in all including Question No.1 which is COMPULSORY and selecting ONE each from UNIT-I to IV
- 2. All Questions carry EQUAL marks.

# Answer briefly :

- a) Explain briefly COD.
- b) What is Green Chemistry? Give its some applications in day to day life.
- Name two toxic gases that are produced due to burning of plastics.
- d) What do you mean by the term biodegradation? Give examples.
- e) Give examples of some micro and macronutrients present in soil.
- f) What are biochemical effects of oxides of sulphur?
- g) Name the pollutants of nuclear plant.
- h) What is dissolved oxygen? Give its significance.
- i) What are radionuclides?
- Define residual chloride.

#### UNIT-I

- a) Describe in details the various segments of the environment and the chemistry occurring in those segments.
  - b) Discuss biogeochemical cycle of carbon in the environment.
- a) Discuss biogeochemical cycle of nitrogen in the environment.
  - b) Illustrate the principle of biogeochemical cycling. How do the various natural cycles of the environment sustain life in biosphere?

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#### UNIT-II

- a) Discuss the anion redox equilibria in sea water.
  - b) What are living catalysts in living systems? Discuss the mechanism and chemistry of their action.
- a) Describe in details the Winkler's method and the chemistry involved in it for the determination of dissolved oxygen in water.
  - b) Discuss with examples, some of the microbially-mediated redox reactions in natural water with their significance in environment.

## UNIT-III

- a) Define and describe classical and photochemical smog formation. Discuss the chemistry involved.
  - b) Give an account of inorganic particulate matter. How is it different from organic particulate matter?
- 7. a) Comment on the origin of a soot particle. How will you monitor toxic inorganics and organics in a soot particle?
  - Explain the beneficial and harmful effects of organic wastes to soil. Support your answer with suitable chemical equations.

#### UNIT-IV

- a) Explain the mechanism of action of insecticides and their beneficial and adverse effects on environment.
  - b) What are the environmental impacts of cement and sugar industry? Discuss the methods of the waste management produced by these industries.
- a) Discuss the aerobic oxidation of sewage. Describe briefly the activated sludge treatment.
  - b) How do you propose solid waste management? Discuss the advantages and limitations of each method proposed.

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