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Name :

VI Semester B.Sc. Degree (CBCSS – Reg./Supple./Improv.)

Examination, April 2019

(2014 Admission Onwards)

CORE COURSE IN ZOOLOGY

6B 11 ZLG: Environmental Science and Conservation Biology

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 40

Instruction: Answer may be written either in English or in Malayalam.

Give illustrations wherever necessary.

Answer any one :

 $(1 \times 8 = 8)$

- Write an essay on properties of population.
- Define biogeochemical cycles. Explain different types of biogeochemical cycles with suitable examples.

II. Answer any one:

 $(1 \times 8 = 8)$

- 3) Write an essay on various threats to biodiversity.
- 4) Explain the objectives and features of any four major Environmental laws.

III. Answer any two:

 $(2 \times 4 = 8)$

- Describe ecological succession.
- 6) Briefly explain different levels of biodiversity.
- Describe various biotic factors in an ecosystem.
- Explain the concept of limiting factors.

IV. Answer any six:

 $(6 \times 2 = 12)$

- 9) What are ecological pyramids?
- 10) Write brief notes on any two positive interactions in a population.
- 11) Describe the importance of mangroves in the ecosystem.
- 12) Write down the features of cave biome.
- 13) Comment on hotspots of biodiversity.
- 14) What are EIA and EIS?
- 15) What is ozone depletion?
- Mention any four ecological impacts of sand mining.

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V. An	SWE	er all questions: (4x1:
17)	Wh	nat is amensalism ?
18)	De	fine ecotone.
19)	Wh	nat is meant by ecological indicators?
20)	a)	is the network of food chains in the ecosystem.
	b)	is a quantitative measure of the degree of material recycling in the biosphere.
	c)	The species that are likely to become endangered in the near future are called
	d)	is the heterogeneity or variability of the constituent species of a community.