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- b) Ecology: meaning, scope and concepts.
- c) Environment: meaning, elements, and types.
- d) Principles of environmental geography.
- e) Man-environment relationship: review of different perspectives.

Unit-II

- a) Ecosystem: concept, definitions, characteristics and types.
- b) Components and functioning of ecosystem.
- c) Trophic level, food chain and ecological pyramids.
- d) Energy flow in ecosystem.
- e) Geo-chemical cycles and circulation of element in the ecosystem: carbon cycle, nitrogen cycle and oxygen cycle.

Unit-III

- a) Fresh water ecosystems: meaning, types and their properties.
- b) Marine ecosystems: meaning, types and their properties.
- c) Terrestrial ecosystems: meaning, types and their properties
- d) Biomes: concept, types, characteristics and distribution.
- e) Detail study of alpine and tropical desert biomes.

Unit-IV

- a) Environmental hazards and disasters: meaning, types and impacts.
- b) Environmental degradation: meaning, process, causes, types and impacts.
- c) Environmental pollution: meaning, causes, types and impact.
- d) Environmental planning and management: concept, objectives and strategies.
- e) Sustainable development: concept, need, problems and strategies.

Unit-V

Case studies of man induced environmental and ecological changes:

- a) Ecology of tropical farming systems.
- b) Mountain ecosystem with special reference to Aravalli hills.
- c) Big dams with reference to Sardar Sarovar. Environmental legislation:
- d) The Stockholm Conference and the Earth Summit.
- e) Environmental laws in India related to: wild life, water, forest and environment.

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