

**2025/FYUG/ODD/SEM/
HISIDC-101T/280**

FYUG Odd Semester Exam., 2025

HISTORY

(1st Semester)

Course No. : HISIDC-101T

(History of Environment)

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

UNIT—I

**1. Answer any four from the following
questions : 1×4=4**

- (a) The term 'Environment' is derived from the French word 'environ' which means to 'surround'. Is it true or false?
- (b) Is environment studies a science or a social science?
- (c) Which country hosted the World Environment Day in 2024?

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- (d) Mention one major environmental issue faced by the world today.
- (e) Name one renewable resource.
2. Answer any one from the following questions : 2
- (a) What is the scope of environmental studies?
- (b) Write the name of four different disciplines that contribute to environmental studies.
3. Answer any one from the following questions : 8
- (a) Discuss the multi-disciplinary nature of the studies of environment.
- (b) Discuss in brief the importance of the study of environmental issues.

UNIT—II

4. Answer any four from the following questions : 1×4=4
- (a) Which ancient Indian text emphasizes the importance of protecting forests and wildlife?

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- (b) "The Rig Veda portrays Saraswati as a goddess." Is the statement true or false?
- (c) Which river was considered sacred in ancient India and often cited in environmental issues?
- (d) Name one dominant crop cultivated by the Indus Valley people.
- (e) Which animal was unknown to the Indus Valley people?
5. Answer any one from the following questions : 2
- (a) What was the concept of environment in ancient India?
- (b) Name two animals domesticated by the Indus Valley people.
6. Answer any one from the following questions : 8
- (a) Describe briefly how Indian religions and societies viewed the environment in ancient India.

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- (b) What were the conditions of forests and wildlife in ancient India?

UNIT—III

7. Answer any four from the following questions : 1×4=4

- (a) Which desert located in the North-Western India is referred to as the 'Great Indian Desert'?
- (b) Name one of the most devastating famines in Medieval India.
- (c) Mention one technological advancement that helped in the expansion of agriculture in Medieval India.
- (d) Which animal was the symbol of the Mughal Empire?
- (e) Mention one royal hunting technique of the Mughals.

8. Answer any one from the following questions : 2

- (a) Name two most common animals hunted in Medieval India.
- (b) What is Famine?

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9. Answer any one from the following questions : 8

- (a) Discuss about the physical environment of Medieval India.
- (b) Write a note on the famine and epidemic that occurred in Medieval India.

UNIT—IV

10. Answer any four from the following questions : 1×4=4

- (a) Who was the chairman of the first famine commission in colonial India?
- (b) Which famine was regarded as the worst famine in the history of colonial India?
- (c) Mention one effect of degradation of land.
- (d) Name one tribal resistance movement during the colonial period.
- (e) Who was Birsa Munda?

11. Answer any one from the following questions : 2

- (a) Name any two types of land degradation in colonial India.
- (b) When did the Santhal Rebellion take place? Who was the chief leader of the Santhal Rebellion?

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12. Answer any one from the following questions : 8

- (a) Describe briefly about the degradation of land in the colonial period.
- (b) Explain in brief how the British rule affected the environment in India.

UNIT—V

13. Answer any four from the following questions : 1×4=4

- (a) What is the meaning of the word 'Chipko'?
- (b) In which State of India did the Narmada Bachao Movement start?
- (c) Name one key leader of the Silent Valley Movement.
- (d) When did the Bishnoi Movement take place?
- (e) Who is known as the 'Forest Man' of India?

14. Answer any one from the following questions : 2

- (a) Who was Amrita Devi Bishnoi?
- (b) Who is Jadav Molai Payeng?

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15. Answer any one from the following questions : 8

- (a) Discuss in brief the Narmada Bachao Movement.
- (b) Write a note on the Forest Movement in North-East India by Jadav Molai Payeng.

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