The students of B.Sc (Hons. School) have also to study the subject of “Environment Education”. This is a compulsory qualifying paper which the students are required to qualify in the 1st/2nd/3rd year of the course. The examination will be conducted by the University.

ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION

(25 Hrs. course)

1. Environment Concept :
   Introduction, concept of biosphere – lithosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere; Natural resources – their need and types; Principles and scope of Ecology; concepts of ecosystem, population, community, biotic interactions, biomes, ecological succession.

2. Atmosphere :
   Parts of atmosphere, components of air; pollution, pollutants, their sources, permissible limits, risks and possible control measures.

3. Hydrosphere :
   Types of aquatic systems; Major sources (including ground water) and uses of water, problems of the hydrosphere, fresh water shortage; pollution and pollutants of water, permissible limits, risks and possible control measures.

4. Lithosphere :
   Earth crust, soil – a life support system, its texture, types, components, pollution and pollutants, reasons of soil erosion and possible control measures.

5. Forests :
   Concept of forests and plantations, types of vegetation and forests, factors governing vegetation, role of trees and forests in environment, various forestry programmes of the Govt. of India, Urban Forests, Chipko Andolan.

6. Conservation of Environment :
   The concepts of conservation and sustainable development, why to conserve, aims and objectives of conservation, policies of conservation; conservation of life support systems – soil, water, air, wildlife, forests.

7. Management of Solid Waste :
Merits and demerits of different ways of solid waste management – open dumping, landfill, incineration, resource reduction, recycling and reuse, vermicomposting and vermiculture, organic farming.

8. Indoor Environment:
Pollutants and contaminants of the in-house environment; problems of the environment linked to urban and rural lifestyles; possible adulterants of the food; uses and harms of plastics and polythene; hazardous chemicals, solvents and cosmetics.

9. Global Environmental Issues:
Global concern, creation of UNEP; Conventions on climate change, Convention on biodiversity; Stratospheric ozone depletion, dangers associated and possible solutions.

10. Indian Laws on Environment:
Indian laws pertaining to Environmental protection : Environment (Protection) Act, 1986; General information about laws relating to control of air, water and noise pollution. What to do to seek redressal.

11. Biodiversity:
What is biodiversity, levels and types of biodiversity, importance of biodiversity, causes of its loss, how to check its loss; Hotspot zones of the world and India, Biodiversity Act, 2002.

12. Noise and Microbial Pollution:
Pollution due to noise and microbes and their effects.

13. Human Population and Environment:

14. Social Issues:
Environmental Ethics : Issues and possible solutions, problems related to lifestyle, sustainable development; Consumerisms and waste generation.

15. Local Environmental Issues:
Environmental problems in rural and urban areas. Problem of Congress Grass & other weeds, problems arising from the use of pesticides and weedicides, smoking etc.

Practicals:
Depending on the available facility in the college, a visit to vermicomposting units or any other such non-polluting eco-friendly site or planting/caring of vegetation/trees could be taken.

**Note**  
*Above 15 topics to be covered in 25 hour lectures in total, with 2 lectures in each topics from 2 to 11 and one each for the topics 1 and 12 to 15.*

- **Examination Pattern:**
  Fifty multiple choice questions (with one correct and three incorrect alternatives and no marks deduction for wrong answer or un-attempted question)

- All questions compulsory i.e. no choice.

- Qualifying marks 33 per cent i.e. 17 marks out of 50.

- Total marks : 50.

- Duration of Examination : 60 minutes.

- Spread of questions : Minimum of 2 questions from each of the topics 1 and 12 to 15. Minimum of 4 questions from topics 2 to 11.