2021

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE [HONOURS]

Paper: II

Full Marks: 75 Time: 4 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in

their own words as far as practicable.

- 1. Answer any **five** of the following: $1 \times 5 = 5$
 - a) What is albedo?
 - b) What is atmospheric window?
 - c) Define land use.
 - d) Define Vadose Zone.
 - e) What is relative humidity?
 - f) What is lithosphere?
 - g) What is cyclone?
- 2. Answer any **six** of the following: $2 \times 6 = 12$
 - a) What are the different heat transfer processes?
 - b) What is the difference between ridge and trough?

c) What is sensible heat?

- d) Mention the role of Tibetian plateau in climate.
- e) Distinguish between deposition and erosion.
- f) What are the units of wind speed and direction?
- g) What are the consequences of earthquake?
- h) Mention biotic and abiotic environmental components.
- Distinguish between First and Second law of thermodynamics.
- j) Compare natural and artificial radio isotopes.
- 3. Answer any **three** of the following: $6 \times 3 = 18$
 - a) Define temperature inversion. Discuss its role in the atmosphere.
 - b) Mention the role of acoustic radar in environmental analysis.
 - c) Distinguish between natural and artificial recharge of groundwater.
 - d) Mention the role of rainwater harvesting as a mitigational measure of drought.

- e) Enumerate and discuss different types of drought.
- 4. Answer any **four** of the following: $10 \times 4 = 40$
 - a) Explain Darcy's law of hydraulic conductivity in a porous media. Mention the limitation of Darcy's law.
 - b) Mention different physical techniques adopted for environmental analysis.
 - Explain the consequences of landslide hazard.
 Write down various measures in order to mitigate this hazard.
 - d) Describe the working principle of LASER with block diagram.
 - e) Narrate different agroclimatic zones of West Bengal.
 - f) Illustrate with examples different processes of weathering.
