- 3. E, F, G, H and I (Permanent slides or museum specimens of Algae, Fungi, Bryophytes, Pteridophytes and Gymnosperms). J & K Applied Botany (for each one Identification = 1, Diagram = 2 and Description = 2)
- 4. L & M Xerophytes or Hydrophytes or a Mangrove plant or plant part (Identification = 1, Diagram = 2 and Description = 2)
- 5. Observation Note Book 20 Marks

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Air as a medium for the living organisms. Soil profile, soil fauna and adaptation of soil animals.

Role of salt content, Temperature & O₂ in fresh water, estuarine and marine water.

Unit-II: (12 hours)

Habitat

Terrestrial habitat: Characteristics, ecological classification of Land, their fauna, and their adaptation.

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Marine habitat: Characteristics, stratification, planktonic, muddy shore and deep sea adaptations.

Estuarine habitat: Estuarine fauna and their adaptations.

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Population Ecology:

Types, density and estimation, natality, mortality, age distribution, growth pattern, fluctuation and equilibrium. Dispersal and distribution. Regulation of population.

Animal Relationship: Intra specific Inter specific relationship-neutralism, mutualism, commensalism, parasitism, predation and competition.

Unit-IV: (12 hours)

Community Ecology

Definition, characteristics, diversity - dominance, stratification, periodicity, ecotone and edge effect. Ecological niche, equivalence and ecological succession.

Ecosystem: Definition-components-food chain and its types. Food web-ecological pyramids – Biogeochemical cycles - carbon, phosphorous and nitrogen cycles.

Unit-V: (12 hours)

Pollution and Pollution and Social issues

Pollution: - Causes, effects and control measures of air pollution, Water pollution, nuclear and thermal pollution. Climate change, Green house effect and global warming, acid rain, ozone layer depletion, Bhopal episode, stone leprosy in Taj mahal and minimata disease.

Solid waste management, rain water harvesting disaster management. Wild life conservation-Biological clocks and rhythms and application of remote sensing.

Text Books:

Environmental Biology - P.D.Sharma (2006) Published by Rastogi publications, GanapathiShivaji road, Meerut – 250002.

Concepts of Ecology - N.Arumugam (2007) Published by Saras publications, Kottar, Nagercoil.

Reference Books:

- 1. Fundamentals of Ecology, Odum.E.P. (1985 Edition) Published by W.B.Saunders Publishers, Philadelphia.
- 2. Fundamentals of Ecology (1996 Reprint) by M.C.Dash, Published by Tata Mc Craw Hill Publishing Co., Ltd, New Delhi 110 002. ISBN: O 07 460103 2.

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