# 2023

## GEOGRAPHY — HONOURS

Paper: CC-10

(Soil and Biogeography)

Full Marks: 50

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

### Category - A

Answer any five questions (each within 50 words).

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- 1. Distinguish between porosity and permeability of soil.
- 2. What is meant by Soil air?
- 3. Which geographic region is favourable for laterization of soil and why?
- 4. State C:N ratio.
- 5. What do you mean by producer in Biogeography?
- 6. Briefly illustrate a food web.

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7. Define biomass pyramid.

### Category - B

Answer any four questions (each within 150 words).

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- 8. Examine the role of relief in formation of soil.
- 9. State the significance of soil pH in plant growth.
- 10. Sketch the main framework of USDA classification of soil.
- 11. Explain 'Detritus Food Chain'.
- 12. Discuss the nature and significance of energy flow in an ecosystem.
- 13. Highlight the characteristics of Hot Desert Biome.

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#### Category - C

Answer any two questions (each within 500 words).

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- 14. State the significance of texture and structure of soil.
- 15. Explain the role of organic matter in soil.
- 16. Describe nitrogen cycle with a diagram.

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17. Discuss the methods of conserving biodiversity for sustainable development.

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