Contents



Foreword by Prof Goutam Buddha Sural Preface		vii
		ix
1.	Introduction	1–10
	1.1 Importance of Biodiversity 2	
	Short Answer Questions 10	
	Long Answer Questions 10	
2.	Species Diversity	11–55
	2.1 Species-based Diversity Indices 12	
	2.2 Variation in Taxonomic Distinctness 13	
	2.3 Latitudinal Gradients in Species Diversity 14	
	2.4 Species Richness Index 15	
	2.5 Hypotheses for Pattern 15	
	2.6 Global Distribution of Species Richness 19	
	2.7 Keystone Species 21	
	2.8 Centres of Diversity 23	
	2.9 Endemic Bird Areas 25	
	2.10 Major Wilderness Areas 27	
	2.11 Diversity Zones 28	
	2.12 Global Distribution 28	
	2.13 Threats to Species Diversity 33	
	2.14 Extinction 34	
	2.15 Body Size and Longevity 38	
	2.16 Extinction Probability and Persistence Time 39	
	2.17 Microbial Diversity 40	
	2.18 Species Diversity in India 41	
	2.19 Taxonomic Research in India 44	
	2.20 Classification of Life Forms 46	
	2.21 Extinction Rates and Threatened Species:	
	A Comparative Overview 46	
	Short Answer Questions 54	
	Long Answer Questions 55	

V	Biodiversity	
3.	Ecosystem Diversity	56–133
	3.1 Ecosystems and the Laws of Thermodynamics 57	
	3.2 Carrying Capacity 57	
	3.3 Ecosystem Types 57	
	3.4 Terrestrial Ecosystem 58	
	3.5 Freshwater Ecosystem 65	
	3.6 Freshwater Wetlands 68	
	3.7 Domesticated Ecosystems 69	
	3.8 Techno-ecosystems 70	
	3.9 Marine Ecosystems 70	
	3.10 Estuaries and Seashore 72	
	3.11 Ecosystem Vulnerability to Climate Change 72	
	3.12 Coastal Zones and Marine Ecosystems 75	
	3.13 Dynamics of Marine Ecosystems 76	
	3.14 Agriculture and Commercial Fisheries 77	
	3.15 Ecotone <i>78</i>	
	3.16 Major Ecosystems of India 80	
	3.17 Landscape Ecology 118	
	3.18 Biodiversity Hotspot 127	
	Short Answer Questions 132	
	Long Answer Questions 132	
4.	Genetic Diversity	134–148
	4.1 Concept of Genetic Diversity 136	
	4.2 Genetic Drift 140	
	4.3 Use of Genetic Resources 141	
	4.4 Conservation of Genetic Resources 142	
	4.5 Landscapes to Gene 142	
	4.6 Heavy Metals, PCBs, and PAHs 143	
	4.7 Shrimp Aquaculture and Genetic Diversity 144	
	4.8 Genetically Modified Shrimp 145	
	4.9 Genetic Diversity in India 145	
	Short Answer Questions 147	
	Long Answer Questions 148	
5.	Values of Biodiversity	149–182
	5.1 Component Values 150	
	5.2 Biodiversity, Agriculture, and Food Products 153	
	5.3 Biodiversity and Energy 154	
	5.4 Biodiversity and Water 154	
	5.5 Biodiversity and Health Care 156	

Contents	XV
 5.6 Prospects of Plant-based Medicines and Health Care Products 162 5.7 Medical Research Value 166 5.8 Ecosystem Services 168 5.9 Recreation and Aesthetics 176 5.10 Biodiversity and Other Services 177 5.11 Total Economic Value 178 Short Answer Questions 182 Long Answer Questions 182 	
Threats to Biodiversity	183-207
6.1 Habitat Destruction and Habitat Fragmentation 183 6.2 Introduction of Exotic Species 185 6.3 Overharvesting/Overexploitation 187 6.4 Pollution 188 6.5 Knock-on Effects 189 6.6 Climate Change 189 6.7 International Trade 189 6.8 Parasites/Pathogens/Predator/Diseases 190 6.9 Translocation 191 6.10 Small Population 192 6.11 Demographic Change 192 6.12 Information and Action 192 Short Answer Questions 207 Long Answer Questions 207	103-207
Biodiversity Conservation	208-246
7.1 Biodiversity Conservation Goals 209 7.2 Economic Costs and Benefits of Conservation 209 7.3 Conservation of Tropical Forests 210 7.4 Economic Incentives for Biodiversity Conservation 2 7.5 Reviewing and Redesigning Incentive Measures 210 7.6 Species Survival Commission Action Plans 211 7.7 Protected Areas 216 7.8 Management of Protected Areas 222 7.9 Numbers and Extent of Protected Areas 223 7.10 Natural Heritage Programmes 226 7.11 Impact of Pollution (Article 14) 227 7.12 Biodiversity Conservation in India 229 7.13 India and the Global Environment 235 Short Answer Questions 245	10
Long Answer Questions 246	

6.

7.

xvi Biodiver	sity
--------------	------

8.	Biodiversity, Biotechnology, Sustainable	247-283
	Development and Biofuture	
	8.1 Biotechnology in Agriculture 248	
	8.2 Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) 249	
	8.3 Patent 249	
	8.4 Copyright 251	
	8.5 Trademark 251	
	8.6 Geographical Indication 252	
	8.7 Design 252	
	8.8 India's IPR System 252	
	8.9 Traditional Knowledge and Intellectual Property	
	Rights 253	
	8.10 Investing in Biotechnology 254	
	8.11 Applications of Plant Biotechnology 254	
	8.12 Concept of Sustainable Development 258	
	8.13 Sustainability and Sustainable Living 266	
	8.14 Create a Global Alliance 270	
	8.15 Perspectives of Sustainability 271	
	8.16 Conflicting Issues and Challenges 273	
	8.17 Biodiversity and Our Biofuture 275	
	8.18 Environmental and Societal Challenges 278	
	Short Answer Questions 283	
	Long Answer Questions 283	
9.	Biodiversity in India	284-312
	9.1 Crop Genetic Diversity 291	
	9.2 Medicinal Plants 296	
	9.3 Livestock Diversity 296	
	9.4 Endemic Species in India 297	
	9.5 Genetic Degeneration 298	
	9.6 Biodiversity Contribution to Indian Economy 298	
	9.7 Heritage for the Future 299	
	Short Answer Questions 311	
	Long Answer Questions 312	
	Long Thower Questions 512	
References		313–337
Index		339–344