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ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES SYLLABUS

FOR THE UNDER GRADUATE COURSE B.A/B.Sc/B.Com/B.C.A/B.B.A/B.S.W COMMON PAPER (COMPULSORY) (CBCS)

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ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (CBCS) (AECC)

Semester: I/II

Internal Assessment: 20 **30 Hrs**
End semester Examination: 30 **Total Marks: 50**

Course Content

Subject	Environmental studies Ability Enhancement Compulsory Courses(AECC)	Semester
Course	BA, BBA,BSW(Group I)	I
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The scheme of Examination and the question paper pattern for AECC – Environmental Studies will be multiple choice questions (MCQ) for 30 marks and 20 marks for internal assessment with 2 hours of teaching per week with 2 credits.

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2	**30**

Content of AECC – ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

	Environmental Studies and Ecosystems	**30 hours**
Unit 1	**Environmental Studies and Ecosystems**	**8hrs**
	Introduction to Environmental Studies Multidisciplinary nature of environmental studies Scope and importance; Concept of sustainability andsustainable development. **Ecosystems** What is an ecosystem? Structure and function of ecosystem; Energy flow in an ecosystem: food chains, food webs and ecological succession. Case studies of the following ecosystems: Forest ecosystem, Grassland ecosystem, Desert ecosystem, Aquatic ecosystems (ponds, streams, lakes, rivers, oceans,estuaries)	
Unit 2	**Natural Resources and Biodiversity & Conservation**	**14hrs**
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