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Second Semester M.Sc. Degree Examination, Sept./Oct 2022 (CBCS) BIOSCIENCES Aquatic Biology

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 70

Write short notes on any four of the following.

 $(4 \times 4 = 16)$

- 1. a) El-Nino effect
 - b) Dissolved oxygen
 - c) Wetland
 - d) Red tide
 - e) Shelford's law of tolerance
 - f) Sea weeds.

Write explanatory notes on any five of the following.

 $(5 \times 6 = 30)$

- 2. Hydrological cycle.
- 3. Coral reef community.
- 4. Shellfish poisoning.
- 5. Basic concepts and factors affecting the biological productivity in aquatic ecosystems.
- 6. Classification and distribution of plankton and their role in water quality.
- 7. Types, adaptations and economic importance of halophytes.
- 8. Biological control of aquatic pollution .

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Answer any two of the following.

 $(2\times12=24)$

- 9. Discuss the structural and functional adaptations of aquatic organisms to temperature and light.
- 10. Explain the physico-chemical conditions and biological diversity of estuaries.
- 11. Give a detailed account on the distribution of aquatic fauna and their economic importance.