

- (1) Question No. 1, 2 & 3 are compulsory.
(2) Attempt any two questions from the rest.

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A) Mark or shade the following in an outline map of Konkan :

- (i) A Pilgram Centre.
- (ii) A Hill station in Raigad district.
- (iii) A Beach.
- (iv) A place with Geo-Magnetic observatory.
- (v) A vegetable market of Thane district.

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B) Mark or shade the following in an outline map of Mumbai :

- (i) A Railway Junction.
- (ii) National Park.
- (iii) An area affected by Landslides.
- (iv) A place affected by the noise pollution caused due to air transport.
- (v) Siddhi Vinayak temple.

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Write short notes : (Any two)

- (i) E-waste
- (ii) Eco-Tourism
- (iii) Carbon Trading
- (iv) Tsunami
- (v) Desertification

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Case study :

The area that was once supposed to be a heritage site under the Rs. 175-crore. Taj corridor Project is now just a heap of bones & skulls. In 2002-03, the project had proposed to build a heritage corridor between the Taj Mahal and the Agra fort. It has now been turned into a dumping ground for dead animals carcasses and garbage.

Pollution Control Board official admitted, 'The site has today become a source of pollution in the Yamuna which flows behind the Taj. 'It is the responsibility of the Agra Municipal Corporation to set things right.

The site is also a serious threat to the Taj Mahal.

Ever since its inception, the project drew flak from all quarters as experts believed any construction on the riverbed might alter the course of the Yamuna and lead to economical problems.' Work had begun on the project but was stopped immediately in 2003 after judicial and administrative intervention.'

The project along the banks of the Yamuna involved plans to construct an amusement park, malls, commercial shops and walkways for strolls in moonlight night. The corridor was to begin from Khan-e-Alam, close to the Taj Mahal, and end two kms toward the city behind the Agra Fort. It was to be extended later to allow tourists to reach Hmauddaula and Ram Bagh on the other side of the river.

The project had taken off despite a court order prohibiting construction around the Taj trapezium. The areas that has many historical monuments.

Currently, Plans are on to remove the partial, construction near the Taj Mahal site and replace it with a greenbelt. The supreme court had directed the authorities to dismantle the corridor project and had called for greening it.

Interesting, there have been no serious objections to the corridor from the Archaeological survey of India, which oversees maintain of ancient monument of in India

Questions :

- (i) Why is the site of proposed Taj corridor become threat to Taj Mahal ?
- (ii) Suggest some remedial measures to protect historical monuments.

- Q. 4** What are the different functions of the Indian Remote Sensing Satellites ?
- Q. 5** Explain the different types of new-tourism. [15]
- Q. 6** Briefly describe various environment movements started by number of Environmentalists.
- Q. 7** What is natural disaster ? Explain the management and Mitigation of Earthquake and flood disasters.