NCERT Geography Class 10th Chapter 2:

Forest and Wildlife Resources

Flora and Fauna in India

1. India's Rich Biodiversity:

- India is among the world's richest countries in biological diversity.
- Many plant and animal species are unique to specific regions of the country.

2. Undiscovered Species:

 India may have twice or thrice the number of species yet to be discovered.

3. Integration in Daily Life:

- Flora and fauna are deeply integrated into daily human life.
- Despite their importance, these resources are often taken for granted.

4. Stress on Biodiversity:

- India's biodiversity is under significant stress.
- The main reasons include human insensitivity to environmental conservation.

5. Connection to Forest and Wildlife Resources:

Forest and wildlife resources in India are vast and diverse.

 Their importance has been studied in the context of daily life and sustainability.

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Question 1. India is considered one of the richest countries in the world because of its vast array of:

- a) Mineral resources
- b) Biological diversity
- c) Water resources
- d) Renewable energy sources

Answer: b) Biological diversity

Question 2. What is the possible ratio of discovered biological diversity to yet-to-be-discovered species in India?

- a) One-tenth
- b) Half
- c) Twice or thrice
- d) Equal

Answer: c) Twice or thrice

Question 3. Which of the following resources have you studied in detail in India?

- a) Agricultural and industrial resources
- b) Forest and wildlife resources
- c) Water and energy resources
- d) Renewable and non-renewable resources

Answer: b) Forest and wildlife resources

Question 4. Why are forest and wildlife resources important in our daily lives?

- a) They provide industrial raw materials.
- b) They are integral to our environment and daily life.
- c) They help in urban development.
- d) They are used in construction activities.

Answer: b) They are integral to our environment and daily life.

Question 5. What is meant by 'flora'?

- a) All the animal species in a particular region
- b) All the plant species in a particular region
- c) Only medicinal plants in a region
- d) Marine life

Answer: b) All the plant species in a particular region

Question 6. What is meant by 'fauna'?

- a) All the aquatic plants in a particular region
- b) All the animal species in a particular region
- c) Endangered species of plants
- d) Animals in captivity

Answer: b) All the animal species in a particular region

Question 7. Why do we often take India's rich biological diversity for granted?

- a) It is too vast to explore.
- b) It is well integrated into our daily life.

- c) It is irrelevant to human activities.
- d) It is rapidly depleting.

Answer: b) It is well integrated into our daily life.

Question 8. Why is India's rich biological diversity under stress?

- a) Overpopulation
- b) Insensitivity to the environment
- c) Urbanization
- d) Overexploitation of minerals

Answer: b) Insensitivity to the environment

Question 9. Which of the following is a major factor contributing to stress on biodiversity?

- a) Rapid technological growth
- b) Insensitivity to the environment
- c) Lack of forests
- d) Decline in agriculture

Answer: b) Insensitivity to the environment

Question 10. What can be the result of losing biodiversity?

- a) Improved agricultural yields
- b) Disturbance in the balance of ecosystems
- c) Increase in natural resources
- d) More urban areas

Answer: b) Disturbance in the balance of ecosystems

Question 11. What should be done to protect biodiversity in India?

- a) Increase urbanization
- b) Exploit natural resources
- c) Be sensitive to the environment
- d) Cut down more forests

Answer: c) Be sensitive to the environment

Question 12. Which of the following is essential for maintaining biodiversity?

- a) Building infrastructure
- b) Sustainable environmental practices
- c) Increasing industries
- d) Expanding agriculture

Answer: b) Sustainable environmental practices

Question 13. How are flora and fauna important in our daily life?

- a) They are essential for industrial development.
- b) They provide resources and maintain ecological balance.
- c) They are mainly used for medicinal purposes.
- d) They only exist in forests.

Answer: b) They provide resources and maintain ecological balance.

Question 14. What is the main idea of the passage?

- a) India's industrial growth
- b) The importance and threats to biodiversity in India
- c) The vastness of Indian forests
- d) Urbanization challenges

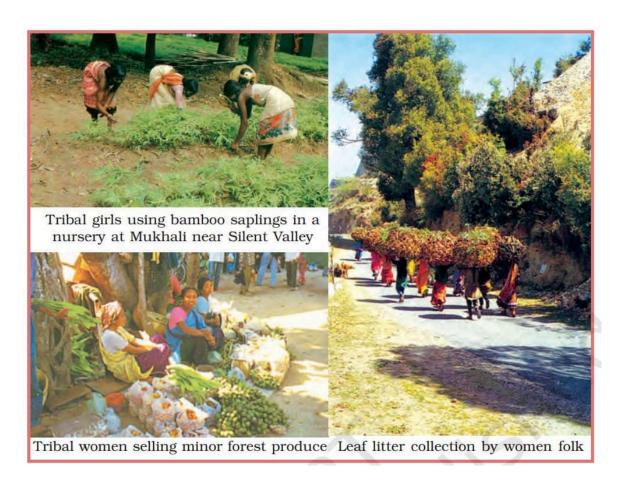
Answer: b) The importance and threats to biodiversity in India

Question 15. What is meant by 'biological diversity'?

- a) The variety of plants and animals in a region
- b) Resources available in forests
- c) Mineral wealth of a region
- d) Agricultural productivity of a region

Answer: a) The variety of plants and animals in a region

Conservation of Forest and Wildlife in India



1. Importance of Conservation:

 Conservation is essential to combat the rapid decline in wildlife and forests.

- It preserves ecological diversity and life-support systems like water, air, and soil.
- Conservation helps maintain the genetic diversity of plants and animals for species growth and breeding.
- Agriculture and fisheries depend heavily on biodiversity (e.g., traditional crop varieties and aquatic ecosystems).

2. Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972:

- The Act was implemented to protect habitats and species.
- An all-India list of protected species was published.
- Key measures include banning hunting, legally protecting habitats, and restricting wildlife trade.
- The Act led to the establishment of national parks and wildlife sanctuaries by central and state governments.

3. Species-Specific Protection Projects:

- Conservation programs target endangered species, such as:
 - 1. Tiger
 - 2. One-horned rhinoceros
 - 3. Kashmir stag (Hangul)
 - **4.** Crocodiles (freshwater, saltwater, gharial)
 - **5.** Asiatic lion
 - **6.** Indian elephant
 - 7. Black buck (Chinkara)
 - 8. Great Indian bustard (Godawan)
 - **9.** Snow leopard

4. Shift in Conservation Focus:

 Biodiversity conservation has become the priority over focusing on specific components.

- Insects like butterflies, moths, beetles, and dragonflies were included in the protected species list under the Wildlife Act of 1980 and 1986.
- In 1991, for the first time, six plant species were added to the list of protected species.

5. Legal and Strategic Measures:

- Legal protection and trade restrictions have contributed to safeguarding wildlife and biodiversity.
- Conservation measures now include intensive searches and broader biodiversity planning.

6. Conservation Success:

- The integration of smaller organisms, such as insects, shows the depth of conservation planning.
- Plant species protection is a significant milestone in India's conservation journey.

Project Tiger

1. Tiger Population Decline:

- Tigers are a key species in the faunal web and crucial for ecological balance.
- The tiger population decreased drastically from 55,000 in the early 1900s to 1,827 in 1973.

2. Threats to Tigers:

• Major threats include:

- 1. Poaching for trade.
- 2. Shrinking habitats.

- **3.** Depletion of prey base species.
- 4. Growing human population.
- Tiger skins and bones are in high demand for traditional medicines, especially in Asian countries.
- India and Nepal, hosting two-thirds of the world's tiger population, are prime targets for poaching and illegal trade.

3. Project Tiger:

- Launched in 1973, "Project Tiger" is one of the most publicized wildlife conservation campaigns globally.
- The project aimed to save tigers and preserve large-scale biotypes.

4. Key Tiger Reserves in India:

- Significant tiger reserves include:
 - 1. Corbett National Park (Uttarakhand).
 - 2. Sunderbans National Park (West Bengal).
 - 3. Bandhavgarh National Park (Madhya Pradesh).
 - 4. Sariska Wildlife Sanctuary (Rajasthan).
 - **5.** Manas Tiger Reserve (Assam).
 - 6. Periyar Tiger Reserve (Kerala).

5. Conservation Significance:

- Tiger conservation is vital not only for protecting an endangered species but also for maintaining biodiversity.
- Effective conservation of tigers reflects success in managing larger ecosystems and habitats.

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Question 1. Why is the conservation of forests and wildlife essential?

- a) To promote urbanization
- b) To preserve ecological diversity and life support systems
- c) For industrial development
- d) To increase agricultural land

Answer: b) To preserve ecological diversity and life support systems

Question 2. What is one reason for conserving the genetic diversity of plants and animals?

- a) For recreational purposes
- b) For improved growth and breeding of species
- c) To promote tourism
- d) To increase urban areas

Answer: b) For improved growth and breeding of species

Question 3. In agriculture, conservation is important because we rely on:

- a) Modern technology
- b) Fertilizers and pesticides

- c) Traditional crop varieties
- d) Advanced irrigation systems

Answer: c) Traditional crop varieties

Question 4. Which biodiversity component is critical for fisheries?

- a) Mountain biodiversity
- b) Genetic diversity of terrestrial plants
- c) Aquatic biodiversity
- d) Wildlife in forests

Answer: c) Aquatic biodiversity

Question 5. When was the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act implemented?

- a) 1965
- b) 1972
- c) 1980
- d) 1991

Answer: b) 1972

Question 6. What was the main focus of the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act?

- a) Expanding agricultural land
- b) Protecting endangered species and their habitats

- c) Promoting industrial growth
- d) Exporting wildlife

Answer: b) Protecting endangered species and their habitats

Question 7. What actions were taken under the Indian Wildlife (Protection) Act?

- a) Banning hunting and protecting habitats
- b) Increasing forest area
- c) Building zoos
- d) Promoting wildlife trade

Answer: a) Banning hunting and protecting habitats

Question 8. Which animals were given protection under wildlife projects in India?

- a) Domestic animals like cows
- b) Endangered species like tigers, one-horned rhinoceros, and Asiatic lions
- c) All bird species
- d) Only aquatic animals

Answer: b) Endangered species like tigers, one-horned rhinoceros, and Asiatic lions

Question 9. When was "Project Tiger" launched in India?

- a) 1965
- b) 1973
- c) 1985
- d) 1991

Answer: b) 1973

Question 10. What was the primary reason for the decline in the tiger population?

- a) Lack of prey
- b) Poaching for trade and shrinking habitat
- c) Excessive tourism
- d) Natural calamities

Answer: b) Poaching for trade and shrinking habitat

Question 11. What percentage of the world's surviving tiger population is found in India and Nepal?

- a) One-third
- b) Two-thirds
- c) Half
- d) One-fourth

Answer: b) Two-thirds

Question 12. Which national park is associated with the launch of Project Tiger?

- a) Kaziranga National Park
- b) Corbett National Park
- c) Ranthambore National Park
- d) Sundarbans National Park

Answer: b) Corbett National Park

Question 13. Which of the following is not a tiger reserve in India?

- a) Manas Tiger Reserve
- b) Bandhavgarh National Park
- c) Kaziranga Wildlife Sanctuary
- d) Sariska Wildlife Sanctuary

Answer: c) Kaziranga Wildlife Sanctuary

Question 14. What has been the recent focus of conservation projects in India?

- a) Saving only endangered mammals
- b) Protecting biodiversity as a whole
- c) Restricting tourism in forests
- d) Increasing the forest area for cultivation

Answer: b) Protecting biodiversity as a whole

Question 15. Which smaller species were added to the list of protected species under the Wildlife Act of 1980 and 1986?

- a) Only birds
- b) Butterflies, moths, beetles, and a dragonfly
- c) Only mammals
- d) Amphibians and reptiles

Answer: b) Butterflies, moths, beetles, and a dragonfly

Question 16. In which year were plants first added to the list of protected species under the Wildlife Act?

- a) 1980
- b) 1986
- c) 1991
- d) 1973

Answer: c) 1991

Question 17. How many plant species were initially added to the list of protected species in 1991?

- a) Four
- b) Five
- c) Six
- d) Seven

Answer: c) Six

Question 18. What are the major threats to tiger populations?

- a) Only habitat loss
- b) Poaching, shrinking habitat, and depletion of prey
- c) Climate change
- d) Tourism activities

Answer: b) Poaching, shrinking habitat, and depletion of prey

Question 19. Why are tiger bones and skins in high demand?

- a) For decorative purposes
- b) For traditional medicines and trade
- c) For making clothing
- d) For food consumption

Answer: b) For traditional medicines and trade

Types and Distribution of Forest and Wildlife Resources





Fig. 2.2: Rhino and deer in Kaziranga National Park

1. Challenges in Conservation:

- Managing, controlling, and regulating forest and wildlife resources in India is challenging due to their vast expanse.
- Forest and wildlife resources are primarily owned or managed by government departments like the Forest Department.

2. Classification of Forests in India:

- Forests are classified into three categories:
 - 1. Reserved Forests
 - 2. Protected Forests
 - **3.** Unclassed Forests

3. Reserved Forests:

- More than half of India's total forest area is designated as reserved forests.
- Reserved forests are the most valuable for conserving forest and wildlife resources.
- Reserved forests are also part of permanent forest estates for timber production and environmental protection.

4. Protected Forests:

- Protected forests make up about one-third of India's total forest area.
- These forests are safeguarded from further depletion.

5. Unclassed Forests:

- Unclassed forests consist of wastelands and forests owned by government, private individuals, or communities.
- These forests are prominent in the northeastern states and parts of Gujarat, managed by local communities.

6. Key States with Forest Categories:

- Madhya Pradesh has the largest area under permanent forests, constituting 75% of its total forest area.
- States with large percentages of reserved forests:
 - 1. Jammu and Kashmir
 - **2.** Andhra Pradesh
 - 3. Uttarakhand
 - 4. Kerala
 - **5.** Tamil Nadu
 - 6. West Bengal
 - 7. Maharashtra
- States with a majority of their forest area under protected forests:
 - 1. Bihar
 - 2. Haryana
 - **3.** Punjab
 - 4. Himachal Pradesh
 - 5. Odisha
 - 6. Rajasthan

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Question 1. Who primarily owns or manages India's forest and wildlife resources?

- a) Private individuals
- b) NGOs
- c) The Forest Department or other government departments
- d) Local communities

Answer: c) The Forest Department or other government departments

Question 2. What percentage of forest land in India is classified as reserved forests?

- a) One-third
- b) More than half
- c) Less than half
- d) Two-thirds

Answer: b) More than half

Question 3. Which type of forest is considered the most valuable for conserving forest and wildlife resources?

- a) Protected forests
- b) Reserved forests
- c) Unclassed forests
- d) Permanent forests

Answer: b) Reserved forests

Question 4. What proportion of forest land is designated as protected forests in India?

- a) Two-thirds
- b) Half
- c) One-third
- d) One-fourth

Answer: c) One-third

Question 5. Which type of forest includes wastelands and is managed by both government and private individuals or communities?

- a) Reserved forests
- b) Protected forests
- c) Unclassed forests
- d) Permanent forests

Answer: c) Unclassed forests

Question 6. What are permanent forest estates primarily maintained for?

- a) Urbanization and infrastructure development
- b) Timber production and protective reasons
- c) Agricultural expansion
- d) Recreational purposes

Answer: b) Timber production and protective reasons

Question 7. Which state has the largest area under permanent forests?

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Kerala
- d) Tamil Nadu

Answer: a) Madhya Pradesh

Question 8. What percentage of Madhya Pradesh's total forest area is under permanent forests?

- a) 50%
- b) 60%
- c) 75%
- d) 80%

Answer: c) 75%

Question 9. Which states have a significant proportion of reserved forests?

- a) Bihar, Haryana, and Punjab
- b) Jammu and Kashmir, Andhra Pradesh, and Uttarakhand
- c) Rajasthan and Odisha
- d) North-eastern states and Gujarat

Answer: b) Jammu and Kashmir, Andhra Pradesh, and Uttarakhand

Question 10. Which states have a majority of their forests classified as protected forests?

- a) Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra
- b) Bihar, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, and Rajasthan
- c) Kerala and Tamil Nadu
- d) Gujarat and the North-eastern states

Answer: b) Bihar, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha, and Rajasthan

Question 11. What type of forests dominate in the North-eastern states and parts of Gujarat?

- a) Reserved forests
- b) Protected forests
- c) Unclassed forests
- d) Permanent forests

Answer: c) Unclassed forests

Question 12. Who manages the unclassed forests in the North-eastern states?

- a) The central government
- b) Local communities
- c) Forest Department officials
- d) Private companies

Answer: b) Local communities

Question 13. Which of the following best describes reserved forests?

- a) They are wastelands used for agriculture.
- b) They are forests managed by local communities.
- c) They are forest lands conserved for wildlife and resource production.
- d) They are areas primarily used for tourism.

Answer: c) They are forest lands conserved for wildlife and resource production.

Question 14. Protected forests are primarily:

- a) Depleted forests requiring reforestation.
- b) Forests safeguarded against further depletion.
- c) Forests used for mining activities.
- d) Forests open for unrestricted access.

Answer: b) Forests safeguarded against further depletion.

Question 15. Which type of forest includes a mix of government-managed and privately owned areas?

- a) Reserved forests
- b) Protected forests
- c) Unclassed forests
- d) Permanent forests

Answer: c) Unclassed forests

Question 16. Why are reserved and protected forests referred to as permanent forest estates?

- a) They are used for mining.
- b) They are maintained for producing timber and protecting resources.
- c) They are converted to agricultural land.
- d) They are temporary conservation areas.

Answer: b) They are maintained for producing timber and protecting resources.

Community and Conservation

1. Conservation Strategies in India:

 Conservation efforts in India are deeply rooted in traditional practices.

- Forests are homes to many traditional communities that depend on them for their livelihoods.
- Local communities collaborate with government officials to conserve habitats, recognizing their importance for long-term livelihood security.

2. Case Studies of Community Conservation:

- Sariska Tiger Reserve (Rajasthan): Villagers opposed mining activities using the Wildlife Protection Act.
- Bhairodev Dakav 'Sonchuri' (Rajasthan):
 - 1. Villagers in Alwar declared 1,200 hectares as a protected forest.
 - **2.** They implemented rules prohibiting hunting and resisted external encroachments.
- Chipko Movement (Himalayas):
 - **1.** Resisted deforestation and promoted community afforestation using indigenous species.

3. Efforts in Sustainable Agriculture:

 Initiatives like Beej Bachao Andolan in Tehri and Navdanya promote ecological farming, proving that diverse crop production is possible without synthetic chemicals.

4. Joint Forest Management (JFM):

- JFM was formally initiated in 1988, starting with Odisha's resolution for forest management.
- Local village institutions protect degraded forests in collaboration with the forest department.
- Benefits of JFM include:
 - **1.** Access to non-timber forest products.
 - **2.** A share in timber harvested after successful forest protection.

5. Lessons in Environmental Management:

- Local communities must play a central role in natural resource management to ensure success.
- Economic or developmental activities should adhere to the following principles:
 - 1. People-centric.
 - **2.** Environment-friendly.
 - 3. Economically viable.

6. Key Message

• There is a need for greater involvement of local communities in decision-making for sustainable environmental practices.

Sacred Groves – A Wealth of Diverse and Rare Species

1. Nature Worship and Conservation:

- Nature Worship: An ancient tribal belief that all creations of nature must be protected.
- Sacred Groves:
 - 1. Virgin forests are preserved in pristine form due to nature worship.
 - 2. Referred to as "Forests of God and Goddesses."
 - **3.** Interference with these groves is strictly prohibited by local communities.

2. Sacred Trees and Cultural Practices:

- Specific trees hold religious and cultural significance for different communities:
 - 1. Mundas and Santhals (Chota Nagpur): Worship Mahua (Bassia

latifolia) and Kadamba (Anthocaphalus cadamba).

- **2. Tribals of Odisha and Bihar:** Worship Tamarind (Tamarindus indica) and Mango (Mangifera indica) during weddings.
- **3. Peepal and Banyan Trees:** Considered sacred by many in Indian society.

3. Sacred Sites and Animals:

- Sacred attributes are given to springs, mountain peaks, plants, and animals.
- Temple Communities:
 - **1.** Troops of macaques and langurs are fed and treated as part of temple devotees.
- Bishnoi Villages (Rajasthan):
 - **1.** Blackbucks, nilgai, and peacocks are integral to the community and are not harmed.

4. Philosophy of Trees:

- Gautama Buddha's Quote:
 - 1. Trees are symbols of kindness and benevolence, offering protection and shade even to those who harm them.

5. Cultural Significance in Conservation:

- Indian society has diverse cultures with traditional methods of conserving nature.
- Nature worship fosters biodiversity conservation and environmental protection.

6. Key Message:

• Integrating traditional beliefs with modern conservation strategies can enhance sustainable environmental practices.

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Question 1. What is the primary reason local communities in India work towards conserving habitats?

- a) To increase government funding
- b) To secure their long-term livelihood
- c) To promote tourism
- d) To develop mining activities

Answer: b) To secure their long-term livelihood

Question 2. Which movement in India resisted deforestation and promoted community afforestation with indigenous species?

- a) Beej Bachao Andolan
- b) Chipko Movement
- c) Navdanya Movement
- d) Joint Forest Management

Answer: b) Chipko Movement

Question 3. Which programme in India involves local communities in the restoration of degraded forests?

- a) Sacred Groves Initiative
- b) Joint Forest Management (JFM)
- c) Wildlife Protection Act
- d) Beej Bachao Andolan

Answer: b) Joint Forest Management (JFM)

Question 4. Which state first implemented the Joint Forest Management programme in 1988?

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Odisha
- c) Himachal Pradesh
- d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: b) Odisha

Question 5. Which district in Rajasthan declared 1,200 hectares of forest as Bhairodev Dakay 'Sonchuri'?

- a) Alwar
- b) Jaipur
- c) Udaipur
- d) Jodhpur

Answer: a) Alwar

Question 6. What law did villagers in Sariska Tiger Reserve use to fight against mining?

- a) Forest Conservation Act
- b) Wildlife Protection Act
- c) Joint Forest Management Act
- d) Biodiversity Conservation Act

Answer: b) Wildlife Protection Act

Question 7. What does the Beej Bachao Andolan in Tehri aim to conserve?

- a) Wildlife
- b) Traditional crop varieties
- c) Forest land
- d) Sacred groves

Answer: b) Traditional crop varieties

Question 8. Which organization promotes chemical-free farming and ecological agriculture in India?

- a) Navdanya
- b) Chipko Movement

- c) Forest Department
- d) Sacred Groves Initiative

Answer: a) Navdanya

Question 9. What are Sacred Groves?

- a) Forest areas preserved by local communities due to their religious significance
- b) Commercial forests managed by the government
- c) Degraded forests restored through JFM
- d) Forests used for plantation crops

Answer: a) Forest areas preserved by local communities due to their religious significance

Question 10. Which tree is worshipped by the Mundas and Santhals of the Chota Nagpur region?

- a) Tamarind
- b) Mango
- c) Mahua
- d) Banyan

Answer: c) Mahua

Question 11. Which tree is considered sacred during weddings by the tribes of Odisha and Bihar?

- a) Neem
- b) Tamarind
- c) Peepal
- d) Mahua

Answer: b) Tamarind

Question 12. What belief underpins the practice of nature worship in tribal communities?

- a) Nature is a source of economic profit
- b) All creations of nature must be protected
- c) Nature is a resource for trade
- d) Nature should be exploited for human benefit

Answer: b) All creations of nature must be protected

Question 13. Which animal is commonly seen in Bishnoi villages and is treated as part of the community?

- a) Langur
- b) Blackbuck (Chinkara)
- c) Elephant
- d) Crocodile

Answer: b) Blackbuck (Chinkara)

Question 14. Why are macaques and langurs commonly found around temples?

- a) They are worshipped as gods
- b) They are fed and treated as part of temple devotees
- c) They act as guardians of the temple
- d) They are used for rituals

Answer: b) They are fed and treated as part of temple devotees

Question 15. Which Indian state is known for community efforts in conserving blackbuck and nilgai?

- a) Odisha
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Gujarat
- d) Bihar

Answer: b) Rajasthan

Question 16. Who said, "The tree is a peculiar organism of unlimited kindness and benevolence..."?

- a) Mahatma Gandhi
- b) Gautama Buddha
- c) Rabindranath Tagore
- d) Jawaharlal Nehru

Answer: b) Gautama Buddha

Question 17. What is the primary message of Buddha's quote about trees?

- a) Trees demand sustenance from others
- b) Trees generously offer their benefits to all beings
- c) Trees are meant for commercial purposes
- d) Trees must be cut for development

Answer: b) Trees generously offer their benefits to all beings

Question 18. What is a key takeaway regarding local communities in natural resource management?

- a) They should be excluded from decision-making.
- b) They must be at the centre stage of environmental decision-making.
- c) Economic development must take priority over conservation.
- d) Government initiatives are more effective than local efforts.

Answer: b) They must be at the centre stage of environmental decision-making.

Question 19. What kind of developmental activities should be prioritized according to the text?

- a) Environmentally damaging but economically profitable activities
- b) People-centric, environment-friendly, and economically rewarding activities

- c) Large-scale industrialization at the cost of forests
- d) Agricultural expansion into forested areas

Answer: b) People-centric, environment-friendly, and economically rewarding activities

Question 20. What is the broader focus of conservation strategies in India today?

- a) Protecting forests only for tourism
- b) Preserving both ecological diversity and livelihoods
- c) Developing forest areas for industrial purposes
- d) Commercializing forests for timber

Answer: b) Preserving both ecological diversity and livelihoods