## **Environmental Chemistry**

Level - 0	CBSE Pattern
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- 1. Trapping of heat by green house gases, namely carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, ozone and chlorofluorocarbons.
- **2.** Acid rain is known to contain some acids. Name these acids and where from they come in rain?
- **3.** Ozone prevents harmful UV radiations of the Sun from reaching to the Earth's surface, thereby it protects life from bad effects of UV radiations
- **4.** Dissolved oxygen in water is very important for aquatic life. What processes are responsible for the reduction of dissolved oxygen in water?
- **5.** CFC's are stable compounds. These undergo decomposition in presence of sunlight, as shown below:

$$CF_2Cl_2(g) \xrightarrow{UV} Cl(g) + CF_2Cl(g)$$

$$\overset{\bullet}{\text{Cl}}(g) + O_3(g) \longrightarrow \overset{\bullet}{\text{ClO}}(g) + O_2(g)$$

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Chain reactions continue in which ozone layer is depleted.

- **6.** What could be the harmful effects of improper management of industrial and domestic solid waste in a city?
- **7.** Process of eutrophication is responsible for this. Explain the effect of accumulation of phosphate from detergents and organic matter entering into the lake along with domestic waste
- Biodegradable which are decomposed by bacteria.Non-biodegradable which cannot be decomposed by bacteria.
- **9.** Sources of dissolved oxygen in water
  - (i) Photosynthesis
- (ii) Natural aeration
- (iii) Mechanical aeration
- **10.** BOD is the measure of level of pollution caused by organic biodegradable material. Low value of BOD indicates that water contains less organic matter.
- **11**. Why does water covered with excessive algal growth become polluted?
- 12. A factory was started near a village. Suddenly villagers started feeling the presence of irritating vapours in the village and cases of headache, chest pain, cough, dryness of throat and breathing problems increased. Villagers blamed the emissions from the chimney of the factory for such problems. Explain what could have happened. Give chemical reactions for the support of your explanation.
- 13. Oxidation of sulphur dioxide into sulphur trioxide in the absence of a catalyst is a slow process but this oxidation occurs easily in the atmosphere. Explain how does this happen. Give chemical reactions for the conversion of  $SO_2$  into  $SO_3$ .
- **14**. From where does ozone come in the photochemical smog?
- **15**. How is ozone produced in stratosphere?
- **16.** Ozone is a gas heavier than air. Why does ozone layer not settle down near the earth?
- **17.** Some time ago formation of polar stratospheric clouds was reported over Antarctica. Why were these formed? What happens when such clouds break up by warmth of sunlight?

## Vidyamandir Classes

- **18.** A person was using water supplied by Municipality. Due to shortage of water he started using underground water. He felt laxative effect. What could be the cause?
- **19.** How can you apply green chemistry for the following :
  - (i) to control photochemical smog.
  - (ii) to avoid use of halogenated solvents in drycleaning and that of chlorine in bleaching.
  - (iii) to reduce use of synthetic detergents.
  - (iv) to reduce the consumption of petrol and diesel.
- **20.** Green plants use carbon dioxide for photosynthesis and return oxygen to the atmosphere, even then carbon dioxide is considered to be responsible for green house effect. Explain why?
- **21.** Explain how does green house effect cause global warming.
- A farmer was using pesticides on his farm. He used the produce of his farm as food for rearing fishes. He was told that fishes were not fit for human consumption because large amount of pesticides had accumulated in the tissues of fishes. Explain how did this happen?
- 23. For dry cleaning, in the place of tetrachloroethane, liquefied carbon dioxide with suitable detergent is an alternative solvent. What type of harm to the environment will be prevented by stopping use of tetrachloroethane? Will use of liquefied carbon dioxide with detergent be completely safe from the point of view of pollution? Explain

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