

TEACHING PLAN: Introduction to Forestry

SCHOOL: (SOAS) SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES		ACADEMIC SESSION: 2023-24		FOR STUDENTS' BATCH: 2023-2027		
1	Course No.	AES-T-101				
2	Course Title	Introduction to Forestry				
3	Credits	1				
4	Learning Hours			Contact Hours	54	
				Assessment	20	
				Guided Study	26	
				Total hours	100	
5	Course Objective	<div>1. Educate about the importance of trees in agriculture, forest regeneration, forest mensuration, agro-forest; factors affecting standing trees in forest and plantations</div> <div>2. Eucacate about salient features of Indian Forest Policies, forest management, forest resources and produce, forest cover in India and in different states, social life and environmental issues, etc.</div> <div>3. Develop the understanding of methods used in forest regeneration, land recreation, nursery and forest management, silvicultural practices, collecting of non-timber forest products, etc.</div> <div>4. Develop the skills in nursery preparation of forest trees, tending operations, forest mensuration, selection of trees in agro-forestry, etc.</div> <div>5. Develop the ability to measure plant and tree growth, volume of felled and standing trees, age of trees, natural and artificial regeneration, basal cover of forests, etc.</div>				
6	Course Outcomes	<div>1. Students will understand recognize various harvesting, transportation, and processing systems used in the management of forest resources and production of forest products</div> <div>2. Students will understand develop and evaluate management plans with multiple objectives and constraints</div> <div>3. Students will learn how to develop and apply silvicultural prescriptions appropriate to management objectives</div> <div>4. Students will understand analyze forest inventory information and project future forest, stand, and tree conditions</div> <div>5. Student will understand nursery preparation of forest trees, tending operations, forest mensuration, selection of trees in agro-forestry, etc.</div>				
7	Outline syllabus:					

7.01	Paper Code	Unit	Introduction	Page Numbers 1	Lectures
7.02	AES-T-101	Unit I	Unit-1: Introduction – definitions of basic terms related to forestry, objectives of silviculture, forest classification Unit-2: Salient features of Indian Forest Policies. Forest regeneration Unit-3: Natural regeneration from seed and vegetative parts, coppicing, pollarding, root suckers Units-4: Artificial regeneration – objectives, choice between natural and artificial regeneration, essential preliminary considerations	3-26	1 to 4
7.03		Unit II	Unit-1: Crown classification. Tending operations – weeding, cleaning, thinning –mechanical, ordinary, crown and advance thinning Unit-2: Forest mensuration – objectives, diameter measurement, instruments used in diameter measurement Unit-3: Non instrumental methods of height measurement Unit-4: Shadow and single pole method	27-39	4 to 8
7.04		Unit III	Unit-1: Instrumental methods of height measurement Unit-2: Geometric and trigonometric principles, instruments used in height measurement Unit-3: Geometric and trigonometric principles, instruments used in tree stem form, form factor, form quotient, measurement of volume of felled and standing trees Unit-4: Geometric and trigonometric principles, instruments used in age determination of trees	40-52	8 to 11
			Unit-1: Agroforestry – definitions, importance, criteria of selection of trees in agroforestry Unit-2: Different agroforestry systems prevalent in the country Unit-3: Shifting cultivation, taungya, alley cropping, wind breaks and shelter belts, home gardens		

7.05		Unit IV	Unit-4: Cultivation practices of two important fast growing tree species of the region	53-85	11 to 14
8	Course Evaluation				
8.1	CA: 10%				
8.11	Attendance	25%			
8.12	Homework	2 Assignments, 50%			
8.13	Quizzes	2 Quizzes, 25%			
8.14	Projects				
8.15	Presentation				
8.16	Any other	Practical examination-30%			
8.2	MTE	10%			
8.3	End-term examination: 50%				
9	Text Books & References				
9.1	Text book	1. Introduction to forestry by Mr. S.B Kale 2. Introduction to forestry by Dr A.S Chavan			
9.2	References	1. Khanna,L.S.1989. Principles and Practice of Silviculture. Khanna Bandhu, 7 Tilak Marg, DehraDun 2. Chaturvedi, A.N and L.S. Khanna. 2011. Forest Mensuration and Biometry (5th edition). KhannaBandhu. Dehra Dun. 364 pp 3. Nair, P.K.R. 1993. An Introduction to Agroforestry. Kluwer Academic Publishers, Dordrecht, The Netherlands			
9.3	Video references	1. https://youtu.be/Ji0G1pWzMz8 2. https://youtu.be/PEorr_XmeoQ 3. https://youtu.be/tALFvymvBgA 4. https://youtu.be/JBg-eAaSiSQ 5. https://youtu.be/KDE5IN7c6Ic 6. https://youtu.be/dnSgGL1KFH4 7. https://youtu.be/r1FRPte8PfE 8. https://youtu.be/Wm1rWY0j9yU			

Mapping of Outcomes v. Topics

Outcome no. → Syllabus topic↓	1	2	3	4	5
Paper Code. Unit I (1)		✓	✓		
Paper Code. Unit I (2)	✓				
Paper Code. Unit I (3)					✓
Paper Code. Unit I (4)					✓
Paper Code. Unit II (1)		✓			✓
Paper Code. Unit II(2)	✓			✓	
Paper Code. Unit II(3)	✓			✓	
Paper Code. Unit II(4)				✓	
Paper Code. Unit III (1)		✓	✓	✓	
Paper Code. Unit III(2)			✓	✓	
Paper Code. Unit III(3)			✓	✓	
Paper Code. Unit III(4)			✓	✓	
Paper Code. Unit IV (1)			✓		✓
Paper Code. Unit IV(2)			✓		✓
Paper Code. Unit IV(3)			✓		✓
Paper Code. Unit IV(4)			✓		✓

Question Bank

Unit-I

A) Chose the correct answer:

- 1). This is a process in which the branch of a plant is cut off in order to produce a flush of new shoots
 - i) Pollarding
 - ii) Looping
 - iii) Prunning
 - iv) Thinning
- 2). Government of India has enacted the Forest Conservation Act
 - i) 1980
 - ii) 1981
 - iii) 1982
 - iv) 1983
- 3). The second National Forest Policy was enunciated (decided) in
 - i) 1952
 - ii) 1961
 - iii) 1966
 - iv) 1967
- 4). When certain plants or seedling are cut from near ground level is known as
 - i) Weeding
 - ii) Looping
 - iii) Cooping
 - iv) Thinning
- 5). Total geographical area of India is
 - i) 328.8m ha
 - ii) 321.8m ha

- iii) 326.9m ha
- iv) 323.8m ha

B) Define the following term

- 1) Mixed forestry
- 2) Recreation Forestry
- 3) Stripe plantation
- 4) Farm forestry
- 5) Pure forest

C) Explain in brief

- 1) Explain what do understand by Silviculture and silvics
- 2) Classify the objectives of silviculture
- 3) What are the characteristics of montane forest?
- 4) Write down the features of evergreen and deciduous forest
- 5) Differentiate between forest policy and laws with examples

D) Descriptive question

- 1) Explain Forest, Forestry and its concept.
- 2) Explain the salient features of Indian forest policies
- 3) Discuss the cultivation practices of any one short rotation tree species of your region
- 4) Explained the objective of silviculture
- 5) Discuss in detailed the classification of forest on the basis of age

Unit-II

A) Chose the correct answer:

- 1). Forest composed of trees of two or more species intermingled in the same canopy
 - i) Mixed forest
 - ii) Pure forest
 - iii) Social forest
 - iv) Protected forest
- 2) Forests where the produce is utilized by neighboring society
 - i) Reserve forest
 - ii) Pure forest
 - iii) Social forest
 - iv) Community forest
- 3). Forest is an area with complete protection
 - i) Reserve forest
 - ii) Protected forest
 - iii) Social forest
 - iv) Village forest
- 4). Pure forests are composed almost entirely of one species, usually to the extent of not less than
 - i) 50%
 - ii) 60%
 - iii) 70%
 - iv) 75%
- 5). When forest regeneration is obtained from seed
 - i) High forest
 - ii) Coppice forest
 - iii) Natural forest
 - iv) Man made forest

A) Define the following terms:

- a) Pollarding
- b).Coppicing
- c). Grafting
- d). Root Suckers
- e). Crown

C) Explain in brief:

- 1. Describe forest regeneration with examples
- 2. Explain the factors affecting the choice between natural and artificial regeneration.
- 3. Differentiate between coppice and pollarding
- 4. Explain dominant trees with suitable example
- 5. Explain crown classification in trees

D) Explained in details:

- 1. Explain the different methods of natural regeneration
- 2. Discuss the methods used in artificial regeneration
- 3. Explain grafting and budding with suitable diagram
- 4. Summarize the essential preliminary consideration of forest regeneration
- 5. Discuss the site preparation for regeneration of forest

Unit-III

A) Chose the correct answer:

- 1). Weeds may be controlled by how many methods
 - i) 3 Method
 - ii) 4 Method
 - iii) 5 Method
 - iv) 6 Method
- 2). Cleaning is carried out in a crop which has not crossed
 - i) Sapling stage
 - ii) Seedling Stage
 - iii) Germination stage
 - iv) Rooting Stage
- 3). Thinning is defined as a felling made in an
 - i) Immature Stand
 - ii) Mature stand
 - iii) Sapling stage
 - iv) Germination stage
- 4). Thinning applied in young crops or young plantations before the crown differentiation
 - i) Mechanical Thinning
 - ii) Ordinary Thinning
 - iii) Free Thinning
 - iv) Crown Thinning
- 5). which thinning method is more flexible method than ordinary thinning
 - i) Crown thinning
 - ii) Extremely Heavy Thinning
 - iii) Free Thinning
 - iv) Very Heavy Thinning

B) Define the following terms:

- a). Weeding
- b). Cleaning
- c). Thinning
- d). Pruning
- e). Weeding

C) Explained in brief:

- 1. Classify the different methods practiced to control weed
- 2. Describe mechanical thinning
- 3. Illustrate the single pole method with proper diagram
- 4. Explain the tending operations used in plantation forestry
- 5. Discuss the method used to determine the age of the tree

D) Explained in detail:

- 1. Define weeds. What are characteristics of weeds
- 2. Describe forest mensuration and its importance in forestry
- 3. Differentiate between geometric and trigonometric principles
- 4. Illustrate the Instrumental methods of height measurement
- 5. Explain the methods for measuring the volume of felled and standing trees

Unit-IV

A) Chose the correct answer:

- 1). The common name of *Acacia catechuis*
 - i) Khair
 - ii) Babhul
 - iii) Neem
 - iv) Rose Wood
- 2). The common name of *Aegle marmelos*
 - i) Bel
 - ii) Kala sires
 - iii) Arjun
 - iv) Jack fruit
- 3). The common name of *Ziziphus jujuba*
 - i) Ber
 - ii) Mahua
 - iii) Amla
 - iv) Kadam
- 4). The term taungya is derived from which word
 - i) Mexico
 - ii) Burma
 - iii) Russia
 - iv) Indonesia
- 5). common name of *Mangifera indica*
 - i) Imli
 - ii) Jamun
 - iii) Mulberry
 - iv) Mango

B) Define the following terms:

- a). Agro forestry
- b). Shifting cultivation
- c). Shelter belt
- d). Wind break
- e). Alley cropping

C) Explained in brief:

1. Explain Agroforestry and its importance in sustainable agriculture
2. Define taungya cultivation and also classify its types
3. Explain the concept of alley cropping with diagram
4. Describe Homegarden practices in south India with proper layout.
5. Describe the classification of agroforestry according to Nair (1987)

D) Explained in detail:

1. What is the method of age determination of trees?
2. Explain the importance of Agroforestry.
3. Explain shifting cultivation with its different types
4. Differentiate between wind break and shelterbelt with well labelled diagrams
5. Explain whether shifting cultivation is boon or bane to forestry in present scenario.
6. Discuss the cultivation practices adopted for growing short rotation trees in Rajasthan