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Environmental studies

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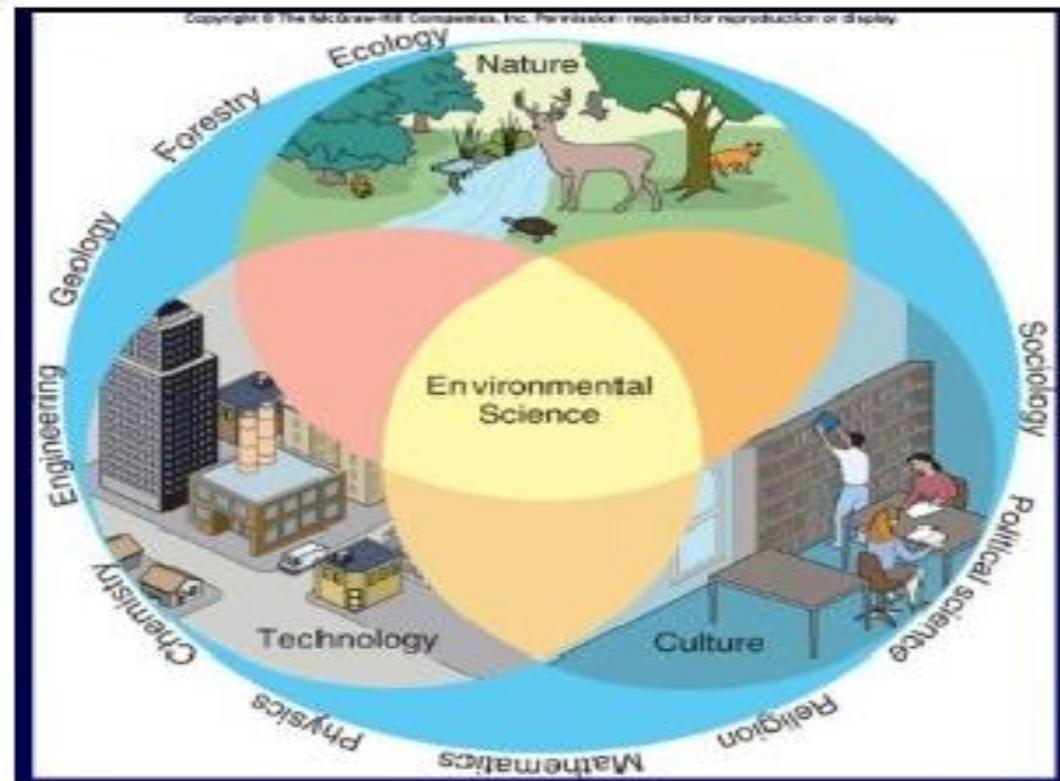
# ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES:

## Environmental Studies

Module Four: Environmental  
Studies  
Paper Two

# ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

- Systematic understanding of our environment
- Highly interdisciplinary
- Inclusive
- Holistic
- Mission-oriented
- Essential to study to overcome “Environmental Crisis”



# DEFINITION, SCOPE AND IMPORTANCE

- Environment is the physical and biotic habitat that surrounds us.
- Environmental literacy is the capability for a contextual and detailed understanding of environmental problem in order to enable analysis, synthesis, evaluation and ultimately sound and informed decision making at a citizen's level.



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# *Multidisciplinary nature*



# Elements of environment

## *Elements of Environment*

- *Physical elements* - space, landforms, water bodies, soils, rocks and minerals.
- *Biological elements* - plants, animals, microorganisms and men.
- *Cultural elements* - economic, social and political elements are essentially manmade features



# Importance

- Water, air, soil, forests are all part of our life support systems. Without them life itself would be impossible.
- Natural resources are limited in nature and continue to shrink and may be get depleted if not utilized in a sustainable manner.
- Almost every act of human beings cause some effect on environment: solid waste, water pollution, air pollution, soil pollution , etc. And these have ill-effect on human health.
- Individual efforts together with the public and also government actions are needed to protect our environment from further more degradation and safeguard it.

# Need for public awareness

- Earth's resources are dwindling and our environment is being increasingly degraded by human activities and hence something needs to be done.
- Government alone cannot perform all the clean-up functions.
- Individual/group efforts in their own every possible way has to be made to protect our environment.
- Mass public awareness: newspapers, radio, television strongly influences public opinion on conserving our environment.



*Need for*

*Consumer Awareness*



# HOW TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

## Environmental Solutions



- If people don't use resources wisely, people will continue to pollute the air, soil, and water.
- More natural habitats could be lost and many species could die out as a result.
- But, there are many things people can do to protect the environment. Can you think of any???



# Thank you

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