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Structure the answer logically: introduction, explanation/analysis, and a brief conclusion.

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- Global initiatives such as the UNEP, Agenda 21, and the sustainable development Goals (SDG 6 Clean water and Sanitation) emphasize the needs to protect aquatic ecosystems from ↑ nutrients pollution

XI CONCLUSION

Eutrophication endangered aquatic life and human well-being. Though natural, it has intensified due to human activities. Sustainable practices. waste water control, Strict laws, and public awareness are vital to restore and protect our water ecosystem.

> Eutrophication turns the lifeline of ecosystems into a suffocating pool of decay - where excess becomes Extinction.

(b)

Define Biodiversity. Explain its causes and effects, give Suggestions to counter.

(Answer)

I. INTRODUCTION

Biodiversity, the variety of life on Earth, is essential for ecosystems stability, food security, and human survival. Its also loss threatens balance of nature and the resources on which human depend.

Biodiversity is life's web - Protect it, or risk unraveling the planet's balance.

II: DEFINITION OF BIODIVERSITY

The variability among living organisms from all sources, including terrestrial, marine, and other aquatic ecosystems, and the ecological complexes of which they are part.

CBD 1992

III: BIODIVERSITY LOSS

The decline or disappearance of species, genes, and ecosystems threatening ecological balance and life on Earth.

III: CAUSES OF BIODIVERSITY LOSS

(a) Habitat Destruction: Deforestation, urbanization, and wetland drainage reduce natural habitats.

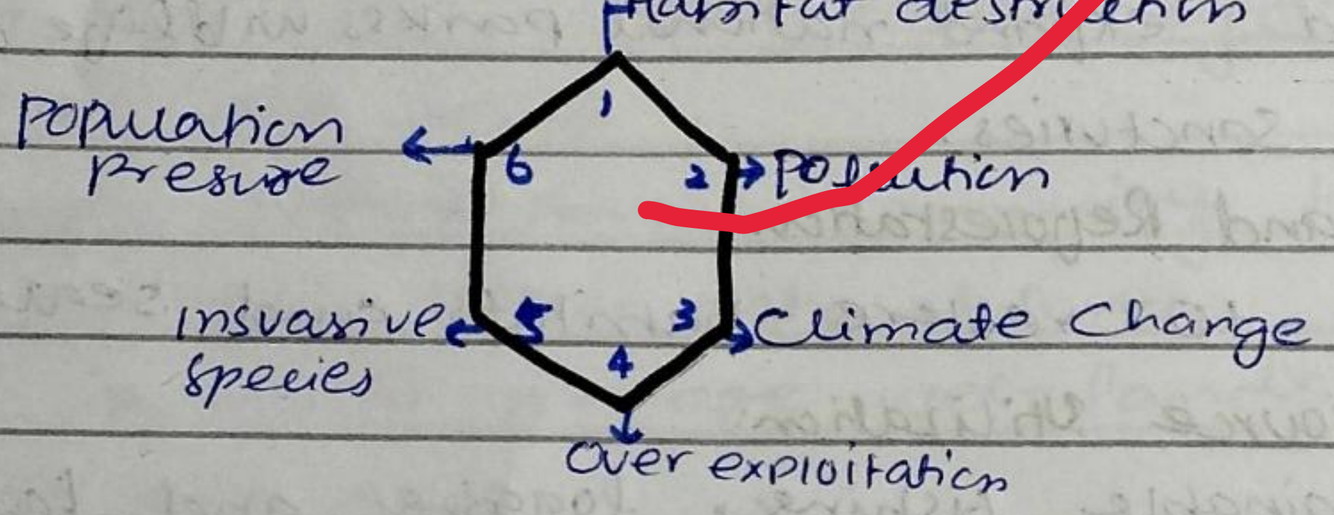
(b) Pollution: Air, water, and soil pollution harm flora and fauna

(c) Climate change: Rising temprature and changing rainfall patterns disrupt ecosystems.

(d) over exploitation: overfishing, hunting, and logging reduce species population.

(e) Invasive species: Non-native species outcompete local species for resources

(f) Population pressure: Expanding human populations increase land use and resource demand.



Causes of Biodiversity loss.

(V) EFFECTS OF BIODIVERSITY LOSS

(i) Ecosystem Imbalance: Loss of species disrupts food chains and ecosystem services.

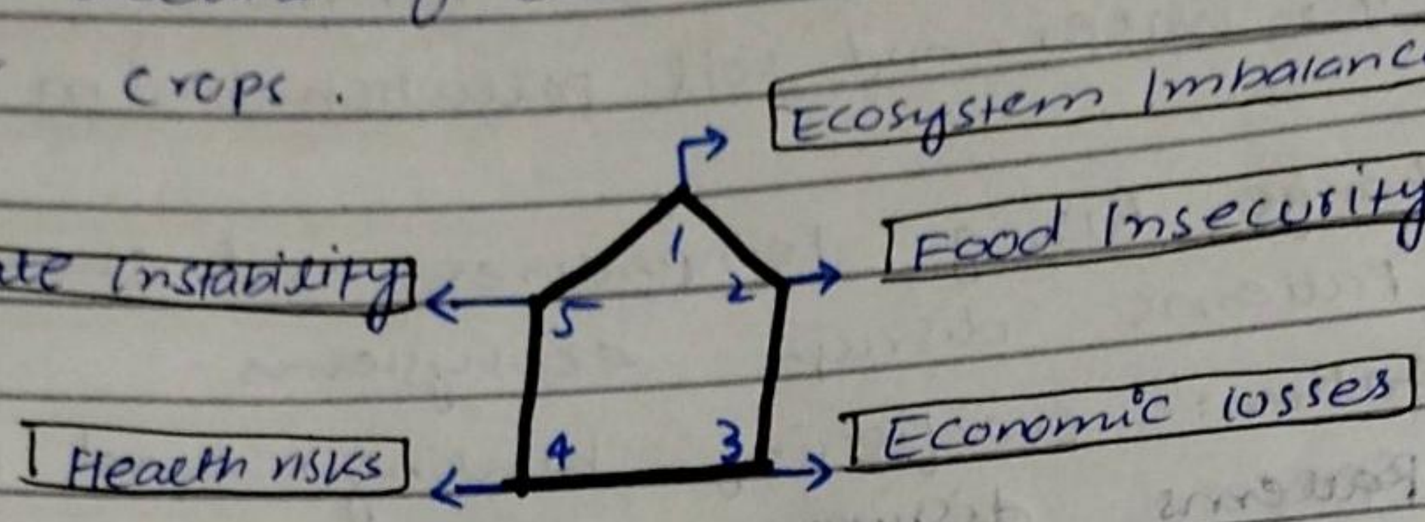
(ii) Food Insecurity: Decline in pollinators and fisheries affects agriculture and nutrition

(iii) Economic Losses: Industries like agriculture, fishries, and tourism suffer.

(iv) Health Risks: Reduced biodiversity increases vulnerability to diseases.

(v) Climate Instability: Forest and wetland loss decrease carbon sequestration.

The decline of bees globally threaten Pollination for crops.



Effects of Biodiversity Loss.

(VI) Suggestions to Counter Biodiversity Loss.

) Protected Areas:
Establish and expand national parks, wildlife reserves, and marine sanctuaries.

') Afforestation and Reforestation:
Plant trees to restore habitats and sequester carbon.

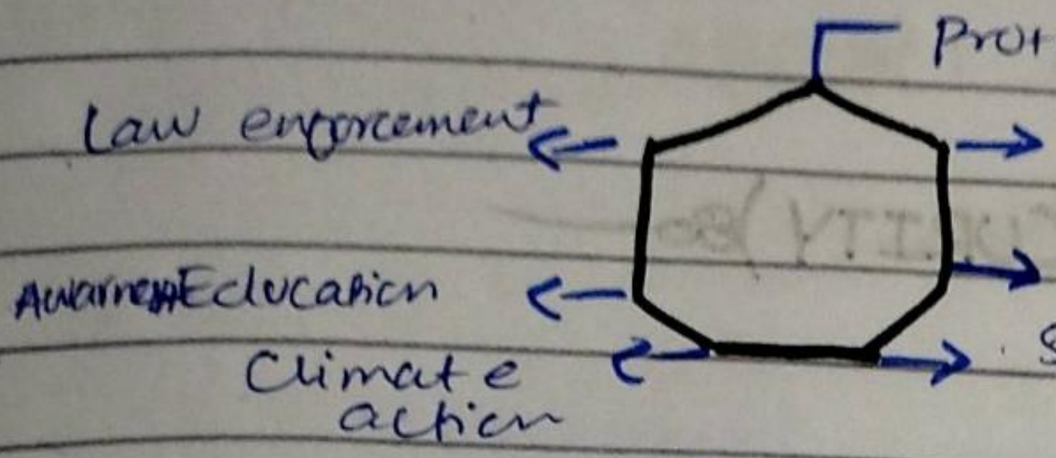
i) Sustainable Resource Utilization:
Promote sustainable fishing, logging, and farming practices.

Pollution Control:
Reduce industrial, agricultural, and plastic pollution

Climate Action:
Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adopt renewable energy.

Education & Awareness:
Encourage community involvement in conservation efforts.

Law and Enforcement and Regulations.
make hunting and fishing laws and regulations, deforestation and enforce them strictly.



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VII: EFFORTS TO CONSERVE BIODIVERSITY

(a) Global:

- Convention on Biodiversity CBD (1992): Treaty to Protect Species, ecosystems, and genetic divesity.
- CITES 1975 Regulates international trade in endangered species.

UNSDG (14, 15): Focus on life below water and on land.

(b) Regional:

Natura 2000 (EU), ASEAN Biodiversity centre Protect habitat and species

(C) National: National parks, Community forestry

e.g:- Hingol, Deosai National Parks.

Local community manage wet-lands. sustainbility.

Habitat restoration:

wet land revival, mangrove Planting, Plantation drives.

VIII: CONCLUSION.

Biodiversity is the foundation of life on Earth its loss threatens ecosystems, food security and human well-being. conseving biodiversity is not optional - it is essential for our survival.

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INTRODUCTION

Food insecurity is a major global challenge, increasingly aggravated by climate change and global warming. Rising temperatures, erratic rainfall, floods, and droughts disrupt agricultural systems already stressed by population growth. As agriculture is highly climate-sensitive- especially in developing countries- global warming undermines food availability, affordability, and stability, making climate-induced agricultural losses, a key driver of hunger and malnutrition worldwide.

FOOD INSECURITY

Food insecurity means lack of physical, social, and economic access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food.

- 2.4 billion people experienced moderate to severe food insecurity in 2023 (FAO)

Food insecurity is not only hunger - it is uncertainity of survival.

Global Scale Food Insecurity

- 735 million people globally suffered from hunger in 2023 (FAO)
- Climate shocks accounts for 80% of hunger-affected regions (WFP)

Climate change is turning hunger into a global norm rather than an exception.

Rising Temprature and Crop Yield Decline

- Every 1°C rise reducos wheat yield by 6% (IPCC)
- Global Cereal yields may fall by 20-30% by 2050 (IPCC)
- Example: Heatwaves damaging wheat output in India and Pakistan
  Hotter climates means poorer harvests

Erratic Rainfall and Agricultural Instability

- Rainfall varaibility has increased by 30% since 1980 (World Bank)
- Irregular monsoons delay sowing and damage crops.
- Unpredictable rains equals unpredictable food supply

Extreme Weather Events: Floods and Droughts

- Climate disasters have increased five fold since 1970 (UNDRR)
- Floods and droughts destroy crops, storage, and infrastructure
- Examples Pakistan's 2022 floods caused Billions $USD losses
  One climate disaster can erase years of agricultural progress.

Water Scarcity and Glaciers Melting

- Over 2 billion people live in water-stressed countries.
- Himalayan glaciers may lose one-third of ice by 2100.
- Example: Reduced Indus river flows threatening Pakistan's irrigation.
- Melting glaciers today mean dry fields tomorrow.

Soil Degradation and Desertification

- According to FAO 33% of global soils are degraded.
- Rising temprature accelerate erosion and nutrient loss.

Without fertile soil, food security collapses.

Impacts on Livestock and Fishries

- Heat stress reduces Milk production by 15-20%. (FAO)
- ocean warming reduces fish stocks by 4% per decade (IPBES)

Climate change attacks both land and sea food sources.

Economic Impact on Farmers and Food Prices

- Climate shocks Push 100M people into poverty annually (world Bank)
- Crop losses raises food prices by 30-50% in developing countries. (WB)

Climate change turns farmers into victims and consumers into sufferers.

MEASURES TO COUNTER CLIMATE THREATS

1: Climate - Resilient Crop Varities

- Heat-and drought-tolerant seeds can increase yields by 20% under stress conditions (FAO)

Efficient water Resource Management

- Modern irrigation techniques save 30-40% water while maintaining productivity (WB)
- Drip irrigation and sprinklers systems helps in water-efficient use. (Rainwater Harvesting also helps)

Saving water today ensures food tomorrow.

Disaster Risk Reduction and Early warning system

- Early warning mechanisms reduce agricultural losses by 20-30%. (UNDRR)
- Example: Flood forecasting systems in Bangladesh Preparedness transforms disasters into manageable risks.

Sustainable and climate Smart Agriculture

- Sustainable Practices improve yield by 10-15% and restore Soil health. FAO
- Example: Conservation agriculture and zero tillage farming.

Sustainability is the backbone of food security

Global Emission Reduction and International cooperation.

- Limited global warming to 1.5°C can prevent Severe crop yield decline
- Paris climate Agreement and climate finance initiatives are examples of international cooperation. Global problems demands collective global solutions.

CONCLUSION

Global warming intensifying food insecurity by undermining agricultural systems. Urgent climate actions is essential to safeguard global food Security and human survival.

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Explain EIA? Process, Difference b/w EIA & SEA

EIA:

It is a formal process to identify, to evaluate Predict, avoid or reduce environmental effects caused by any project or activity.

Objectives:

- To Promote the effective use of natural resources
- To Promote Sustainable development
- To integerate enviromental consideration into the planning Process

Efficient use of natural resources | Promote Sustainable development | Integration of enviromet into Planning making.

Process of EIA

(i) Project Screening

Location, Type, cost, Duration ⇒ General information of project.

(ii) Project scoping

Benefits, lifestyle, economic gains. (socio-economics.

(iii) Baseline Data:

Presence of Plantation, waterbodies, aquaticlife, Population, Topography., air quality, Temprature, Noise Archeological site.

(iv) Impacts Identification on the basis of collected data

- Deforestation, Noise pollution, Air, water level Pollution, urbanization, biodiversity loss.

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v) Impact ~~mitigation~~ Prediction
   severity of the impacts.
vi) Impact mitigation / measures.
vii) Public participation
viii) Environmental monitoring.
   During Project
ix) Enviromental Acudit
   After completing project.

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Importance / advantages / significances of EIA

→ EIA helps in problem identification due to the proposed projects.

→ It helps in predicting in severity of env. effects/impacts

⇒ it offers an opportunity to findout and propose the reliable solutions to cut the environmental loss

⇒ It helps in avoiding violations of Nat and intel env. Standards.

⇒ It helps in promoting env. awarness / education

→ Helps in counting the environmental pollution (air, water, land, Noise).

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→ it ensures the participation of potentially affected communities.
→ It helps in maintaining Biodiversity.
→. It helps in countering gl. warming and cl. change.
→ It helps in promoting

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AGENDA-21

INTRODUCTION

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MEANING AND PURPOSE

Agenda 21 aims to promote development that meets present neeels without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It provides a blue Print for governments, international organizations, anel local authorities to address pressing global challenges such as poverty, environmeks degradation, anel unsustainable consumption.

MAIN AREAS OF AGENDA-21

1: Social anel Economic Dimensions

- Combating poverty (SDG 2)
- Changing unsustainable Consumption Patterns (SDG 11)
- Improving human health (SDG 3).
- Promoting Sustainable Poppulation growth (SDG 12)

2: Conservation and Management of Resources for Development

- Protection of the atmosphere (13)
- Conservation of forests (15)

- Protection of oceans and marine resources (14)
- Sustainable mangemed of ~~wee~~ fresh water resources (6) SDG
- Conservation of biodiversity (SDG 14, 15)
- Sustainable land use (SDGs, 11)
- Environmentally sound Managemet of waste.

3: Strengthening the Role of Major Groups

- Participation of women (SDG 5)
- Involvemet of children & youth (SDG 10)
- Role of indeginous peoples
- Contribution of NGOs (SDG 17)
- Participation of workers and trade union (17)
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4: Means of Implementation

- Financial resources and funding mechanism
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- Training programs.
- Capacity building for sosteinable development

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Nutrient load

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Release ← toxic chemicals ← Algal Bloom → sunlight blockage

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Increase Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD)

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↑ Zooplankton ↓ Phytoplankton

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Death of zooplankton

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Increase of Decomposers

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Depletion of oxygen

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Suffocation → aquatic life death.

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Ecological Imbalance

VII: EFFECTS OF EUTROPHICATION

(a): Environmental Effects

- Formation of algal blooms and scum on water surfaces.
- Depletion of dissolved O_2 causing fish killing
- loss of biodiversity in aquatic ecosystem.
- Water becomes turbid & foul smelling.
- Disruption of food chain and aquatic habitat.

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(b) Economic Effects

- Decline in the fisheries and aquaculture productivity
- Increased cost of water purification and treatment.
- Reduced recreational value of lakes & rivers.

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- Some algal species produce toxins that can contaminate drinking water
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