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ESL 330: Energy, Ecology and Environment

Minor-I Examination
Duration: 60 minutes

Marks: 20
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Answer all questions

1. Answer the following in brief:
 - i. Define autecology and synecology.
 - ii. Describe four characteristics of a community ecology.
 - iii. Define cohorts and demography in population studies.
 - iv. Define eutrophication.
 - v. Explain r-K strategies in terms of survivorship curves.
 - vi. Explain the generation of photochemical smog.

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2. Draw the trophic level diagram and the role of energy flow in it. [3]
3. Estimate the %COHb expected for a one-hour exposure to 35 ppm. [2]
4. It took about 300 yrs for the world's population to increase from 0.5 billion to 4.0 billion. If we assume exponential growth at a constant rate over that period of time, what would that growth rate be? [2]
5. A lake with constant volume 10^7 m^3 is fed by a pollution free stream with a flow rate $5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$. A factory dumps $0.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ of a non-conservative waste with concentration 10 mg/l into the lake. The pollutant has a reaction rate coefficient of $0.20/\text{day}$. Assuming the pollutant is well mixed in the lake, find the steady state concentration in the lake? [3]

