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EFFECTS OF METEOROLOGICAL AND TOPOGRAPHICAL
CONDITIONS ON DISPERSION OF POLLUTANTS

O U T L I N E

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1. a. Constitution, physical and chemical properties of the atmosphere
b. Pressure, density, saturation and relative humidity
c. Variation of pressure and density with height
d. Variation of temperature with height - Lapse rate
2. a. Dependence of Vertical stability of atmosphere on lapse rate
b. Thermodynamic significance of changes in lapse rate - Dry adiabatic, moist adiabatic, unstable or superadiabatic, neutral, stable or inversion conditions
3. Dynamics of wind motion
 - a. Pressure gradient force
 - b. Circulation principle
 - c. Horizontal deflecting force due to earth's rotation
 - d. Geostrophic wind velocity - Gradient wind velocity
 - e. Effect of wind friction
 - f. Variation of gradient wind with height

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4. Topographical influences on atmospheric circulations
 - a. Distribution of continents and oceans
 - b. Cellular pattern of general circulation
 - c. Role of migratory low and high pressure fronts
 - d. Secondary and tertiary circulations - land and sea breezes, lake breezes, influence of valleys and mountains, air flow over undulating country

5. Atmospheric diffusion of matter
 - a. Behavior of smoke plumes
 - b. Turbulent flow
 - c. Measurement of atmospheric turbulence
 - d. Gaussian or probability distribution of airborne material
 - e. Diffusion coefficients and parameters
 - f. Statistical treatment of lateral and vertical distributions of concentrations of pollutants