## PENANG SANGAM HIGH SCHOOL P.O.BOX 44, RAKIRAKI <u>LESSON NOTES</u>

## Subject: <u>Basic Science</u>

Year/Level: 9

## Week 8

Strand	1 : LIVING THINGS AND THE ENVIRONMENT
Sub Strand	1.2 : LIVNG TOGETHER
Content	Discover and discuss the features of the environment in terrestrial and aquatic
Learning Outcome	ecosystems and account for organisms adaptability to such environment for survival.

# What is Environment?



- study of living things and the environment basically involves the study of the relationship between living things themselves and also with their environment that is shown by:
  - $\checkmark$  how they interact
  - $\checkmark$  how they depend on one another for survival
  - $\checkmark$  how they influence one another

#### Ecosystem

- are living systems which link together these five components (three of which are alive):
  - 1. energy
  - 2. chemicals
  - 3. producers
  - 4. consumers
  - 5. decomposers.

### • Examples of ecosystems:

- ✓ natural forest
- ✓ mangrove forest
- $\checkmark$  home garden
- 'mega life', made up of many kinds of plants, animals, decomposers, together with water, soil chemicals and all these energized by sunlight.
- Chemicals move from one life- form to another and are continuously recycled.
- Habitat : exact place where an animal or plant lives.
- If it is very small, like a damp area under some leaves, then it is called a micro-habitat.

<u>Terrestrial Ecosystems Examples</u>	Aquatic Ecosystems Examples
✓ Grassland	✓ Reef
✓ Forest	✓ creek
✓ Garden	✓ Coastal

### **ACTIVITY:**

- 1. Define and give an example on the two components mentioned below.
  - a) Producer
  - b) Consumer
- 2. Name the two types of Ecosystems and give two examples of the mentioned ecosystems.

