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HISTORY

(Major)

Course : 601

(History of Ecology and Environment in India)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Answer the following questions in *one* word
or in *one* sentence each : 1×8=8
- (a) Who first coined the term
'environmental history'?
- (b) Which is the national river of India?
- (c) In which year, the Criminal Tribes Act
was passed by the colonial government?

- (d) Name the famous book written by Sir Dietrich Brandeis.
- (e) Which two places of Assam were first connected by the railways?
- (f) Write the full form of UNEP.
- (g) "Ecology is permanent economy." Who made this slogan?
- (h) In which State, the Waste Land Grants Rules, 1838 was introduced by the colonial government?

2. Write short notes on any *three* of the following : 4×3=12
- (a) Resource utilization in industrial mode
 - (b) Environmental factors of the decline of Indus civilization
 - (c) Indian Forest Act, 1927
 - (d) Narmada Bachao Andolan
 - (e) Soil erosion problem of Assam

3. Discuss the evolution of environmental history as a branch of history. State its importance in the present-day world. 8+4=12

Or

Give a pen picture of the flora and fauna of Indian subcontinent with special reference to their ecological importances.

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- 4. Trace out how the use of iron implements and agricultural expansion caused deforestation in the Gangetic valley. 6+6=12

Or

Give a brief introduction of the forest and pastoral communities of medieval India. Mention their dependence on nature and the adversities they had to face in the subsequent period. 6+6=12

- 5. Why were the Britishers keen for a separate forest policy in India? Critically analyze the Forest Act of 1878. 6+6=12

Or

What is commercial exploitation of forest products? Write about the impact of railway construction on forestry during colonial period. 4+8=12

- 6. What were the objectives of the social forestry programme as a conservation policy in post-Independent period? How far was it successful? 8+4=12

Or

Highlight how the big dams and mines create problems of displacement, loss of livelihood and problems of rehabilitation. 4+4+4=12

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7. Write a short essay on the flood problem of Assam. 12

Or

Give a brief description of the practice of shifting cultivation in different parts of the North-East India and also mention its affect on environment. 12
