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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) Name the wettest place in the world.
  - (b) What is our national bird?
  - (c) Name the city of Indus Valley Civilization where 'Great Bath' has been found.
  - (d) When was the railways introduced in India?

- (e) What does the word 'Chipko' mean?
- (f) Name the famous woman social activist associated with Narmada Bachao Andolan.
- (g) Who was the popular ecoactivist who took active role in anti-Tehri Dam Movement?
- (h) Why is the Pani-Dihing Sanctuary famous?

2. Write short notes on any *three* of the following : 4×3=12

- (a) Importance of environmental studies
- (b) Deforestation of the gangetic valley
- (c) Basic objectives of the Forest Act of 1878
- (d) Adverse effects of mine
- (e) Shifting cultivation

3. Give a brief description of the basic physiographic divisions in India. 12

Or

What do you understand by resource utilization? How did utilization of agriculture mode affect the environment?

4. Do you think that the environmental factors alone were responsible for the decline of Indus Valley Civilization? Give reasons for your answer.

12

*Or*

Give a brief account of the main pastoral communities of India in the Medieval period.

5. What is commercial exploitation of forest product? State how the development of railways had an adverse effect on forestry during the Colonial period.

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*Or*

What were the main features of the Indian Forest Act, 1927?

6. Discuss the measures taken by the Government of India for conservation and protection of forest in post-Independence period with special reference to social forestry.

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*Or*

Write a detailed note on the basic objectives of the National Forest Policy of 1988.

7. Discuss the impact of tea industry on ecology and environment in Assam. 12

Or

How far is deforestation responsible for the social erosion and flood in Assam? Give reasons for your answer.

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