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HISTORY

(Major)

Course : 601

(History of Ecology and Environment in India)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32/24

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 authored the book, *Silent Spring*?
- (b) Name one tropical rainforest of India.
- (c) Name the historic river of Harappa
which has been identified as the
Saraswati river of the Rig Vedic period.
- (d) Who are Changpa and Charan?

(e) In which year the Imperial Forest Research Institute at Dehra Dun was founded?

(f) Write the full form of VFC.

(g) Name the movement which was launched as a protest against the construction of Sardar Sarobar Dam and Narmada Sagar Dam.

(h) Which Forest Act of Assam was enacted in 1891 by the colonial government?

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

(a) Importance of environmental history

(b) Life of pastoral communities

(c) The Forest Act of 1878

(d) Social forestry programme

(e) Adverse affects of shifting cultivation

3. Give a pen picture of the physical divisions of Indian subcontinent. 12

Or

Discuss the various modes of resource utilization in different phases of human civilization. 12

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4. Give an account of the environmental factors responsible for the decline of the Indus Valley Civilization. 12

Or

Discuss how the agricultural expansion caused deforestation in the Gangetic Valley. 12

5. Write briefly how the British forest policy led to deforestation and ecological changes in India. 12

Or

Analyze the impact of railway construction on forestry during the colonial period. 12

6. Highlight the Wildlife Protection Act (1972) and the Environmental Protection Act (1986) as conservation policies in post-Independence period. 6+6=12

Or

Write briefly about the main characteristics of the Chipko Movement and its impact on the environmental history of India. 6+6=12

(Turn Over)

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7. Discuss the impact of plantation economy on the environment of Assam.

Or

Explain the causes and consequences of soil erosion problem in the Brahmaputra Valley.

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