

2018

(May)

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) Name an environmental historian of India.
- (b) Which region of India is known as the Great Indian Desert?
- (c) What is 'Ayas' as mentioned in the Rig Veda?

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- (d) Write the name of a pastoral community of Gujarat.
- (e) Who authored the book named *Indian Forestry*?
- (f) Write the full form of UNEP.
- (g) In which year was the Central Board of Forestry formed?
- (h) Who are called 'Zhumia'?
2. Write short notes on any three of the following : $4 \times 3 = 12$
- (a) The Brahmaputra river
- (b) The decline of the Indus Civilization
- (c) The Forest Act of 1927
- (d) The Chipko Movement
- (e) The environmental problems of Majuli

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3. Discuss the evolution of environmental history as a branch of history. 12

Or

Write a brief essay on the flora and fauna of Indian subcontinent according to its biological diversity.

4. Write a note on the ecological mapping of the Indus Civilization. 12

Or

Trace out how the use of iron implements caused deforestation in the Gangetic valley.

5. Why was the colonial government keen for a separate forest policy in India? Briefly discuss the main features of the Forest Act, 1878. $6+6=12$

Or

What is commercial exploitation of forest products? Analyze the impact of railway construction on forestry during colonial period. $6+6=12$

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6. Write a note on the 'Narmada Bachao Andolan'.

Or

Discuss the problems caused by the big dams.

7. Describe the flood problems of Assam. How to control this natural disaster?

Or

What is shifting cultivation? Write its impact on environment.

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