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M.A./P-II/Hist-VIII/DODL/13

2013

HISTORY

Paper : VIII

Full Marks : 90

Time : 4 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Answer any six questions.

1. Was the Buddhist and Jain philosophy of environment influenced by pre-Brahminical and Brahminical ideas in ancient India? 15
2. Determine the nature of 'settlement archaeology' in India till 1500 B.C. Did the Indus Valley settlement affect the environment of that site? 10+5
3. What kinds of environmentalism do you find in the Ramayana and the Mahabharata? 15
4. Was Indian agriculture supported by an eco-friendly irrigation network till the Maurya period? 15

[Turn over]

5. Did the Gupta land system affect social management of environment? 15
6. Did urbanisation in ancient India affect environmental balance? 15
7. Did colonial pressure in India destroy socio-economic structure of environment? 15
8. Explain the concept of tribalism. Discuss the process of transformation from tribalisation to re-tribalisation. 5+10
9. Do you think that indigenous knowledge system was important in protecting environmental balance even in "European India"? 15
10. Analyse the colonial policy of water management. Was it really effective in Indian situation? 15
11. Was industrialisation the main cause of pollution in modern India? 15
12. What role can the non-governmental organisations play in environmental preservation? 15

2014

HISTORY**Paper : VIII**

Full Marks : 90

Time : 4 Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.***Answer any six questions.**

1. Was the ancient Indian philosophy of environment completely different from that of pre-modern Europe? 15
2. To what extent did tribal or folk culture of India contribute towards ideas of environmental management? 15
3. Was any ecological and climatic crisis responsible for the decline of archaeological settlements of Harappa? 15
4. What kinds of environmentalism do you find in the Aryan literature of ancient India? 15

[Turn over]

5. Did the expansion of agriculture in India during the post-Vedic period disturb ecological balance? 15
6. How was environment managed in the Gupta period? 15
7. Did the colonial rulers adjust their policy of governance with the indigenous knowledge of environment? 15
8. Explain the concept of tribalisation of communities in the colonial context. 15
9. Did the Railways obstruct natural water management of rural India? Was it responsible for seasonal floods? 10+5
10. To what extent was the deltaic river system of Bengal disturbed by the colonial land policy? 15
11. Write an essay on the colonial forest-policy in India. How did it destroy balance of Indian ecology? 10+5
12. Do you think that climate is a crucial factor for evolution of societies? 15

2015

HISTORY**Paper : VIII**

Full Marks : 90

Time : 4 Hours

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Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Answer any six questions.

1. How were environmental ideas reflected in the ancient Indian text, particularly in the epics?
15
2. Determine the nature of "settlement archaeology" in India till 1500 BC. Did the Indus Valley settlement affect the environment of the site?
10+5
3. Write an essay on the development of agriculture in the pre-historic and historic age of Indian History.
15
4. What do you understand by 'geographical zone'? How could it affect the living pattern of men?
10+5

[Turn over]

5. Did the Gupta Land System affect social management of environment? 15
6. What do you understand by 'nature based society'? What were the differences between European environmentalism and their Indian counterpart? 5+10
7. Discuss the importance of Indigenous Knowledge System of India in the preservation of ecological balance. 15
8. What do you mean by Environmental Management? Discuss its salient features. 10+5
9. Explain the concept of Tribalism. Discuss the process of transition from tribalism to retribalism. 5+10
10. Write an essay on the role of NGOs in the context of environmental preservation. 15
11. Determine the relation between environment and development in the Indian context. 15
12. Point out the features of oriental system of development alternatives. 15

2016

HISTORY**Paper : VIII**

Full Marks : 90

Time : 4 Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.***Answer any six questions.**

1. Analyse the concept of environment and ecology as you find it in ancient Indian ethos and philosophy. 15
2. Explain the Marxist interpretation of environment. 15
3. Do you think that climatic factors are crucial in the evolution of human societies? 15
4. How do social formations depend on nature-based activities of different human groups? 15
5. Did the expansion of agriculture in ancient India affect the balance of environment? 15
6. Identify the major forest zones of India in historical chronology. 15

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7. Would you agree that religious rituals and cultural exercise of traditional India largely contributed to the growth of symbiotic relations between man and nature? 15
8. Write an essay on the hydraulic management in pre-modern India. How were the river-systems used in this respect? 10+5
9. How did the colonial rulers exploit Indian nature for their imperial interests? How did it destroy the ecological balance? 10+5
10. Do you think that the tribals of India were the worst affected by the forest policy of the colonial rulers? 15
11. Is the modern industry mainly responsible for pollution of environment in India? 15
12. Do the environmental movements in contemporary India suggest any developmental alternatives for management of nature? 15

2017

HISTORY**Paper : VIII**

Full Marks : 90

Time : 4 Hours

*The questions are of equal value.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*Answer any **six** questions.

1. How do you find environmental consciousness in the Ramayana and the Mahabharata?
2. Can you explain the causes for decline of Indus Valley Civilisation in the light of environment?
3. Trace the development of agriculture in the pre-historic and historic age of Indian history.
4. What is meant by 'geographical zone'? Discuss the salient features of at least three components of a geographical zone.
5. How did climatic change affect the human settlements? Argue your case with historical sources.
6. Write an essay on nature-based activities in India.

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7. How significant is the indigenous knowledge in protecting environment?
8. What do you understand by forest management? Discuss its basic tenets.
9. Critically analyse the forest policy in colonial India.
10. Write an essay on some grass root environmental movements in India.
11. Narrate the process of transition from tribalism to retribalism.
12. Comment on the rift between development and environment in post-colonial India. Assess the significance of sustainable development in this respect.