

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES  
BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL V  
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SSU 3201 – ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALISM

DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS



Date: 11<sup>th</sup> October 2009

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Answer five questions only. Each question carries 20 marks.

1. Irresponsible human actions lead to environmental pollution both social and natural. Discuss (20 Marks)
2. What are the challenges that are confronted by authorities in the context of environmental management? Discuss (20 Marks)
3.
  - i. Hydropower is the most appropriate source of energy generation in Sri Lanka. Discuss (10 Marks)
  - ii. What are the most viable alternative resources that can be found in Sri Lanka. Explain. (10 Marks)
4.
  - i. Why is the concept of Sustainable Development important in the context of the environment. Explain. (10 Marks)
  - ii. How do we make sense of the above concept both with regard to the developing and the developed world? (10 Marks)
5.
  - i. "Most Environmental problems arise with urbanization and increasing population". Discuss (10 Marks)
  - ii. Explain what is meant by degradation of lands. (10 Marks)
6.
  - i. What is meant by depletion of Sri Lankan Bio-diversity. Explain. (10 Marks)
  - ii. What solutions can be proposed to minimize its effects? (10 Marks)
7.
  - i. Careful preparation leads to an effective interview. Explain (10 Marks)
  - ii. What type of professional mandate is carried by environmental journalists in a democracy? Explain (10 Marks)
8. "Sustainable hydro civilization started to decline after the 12<sup>th</sup> century". Discuss the reasons. (20 Marks)
9. Write short notes on any two of the following: (10 for each)
  - i. Importance of mineral resources in Sri Lanka
  - ii. The benefits of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
  - iii. Strengths and weaknesses of hydropower as a source of energy
  - iv. The Metropolitan Environmental Program (MEIP)
  - v. Depletion of the Ozone Layer