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 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES  
 BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL 5  
 FINAL EXAMINATION – 2010  
 SSU 3201 – ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALISM



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Answer five questions only. Each question carries 20 marks.

1. Degradation of the social and natural environment is caused by irresponsible human actions. Discuss with examples.
2. In spite of specialized institutions with laws and regulations to support them, environmental management still remains a complex task. Discuss
3. Hydropower is the most appropriate source of energy generation in Sri Lanka. Justify this statement.
4. Sustainable Development is important globally when we consider environmental concerns as well. Explain.
5. Environmental journalism is a specialized professional field. Explain
6. (a) Explain what is meant by bio-diversity.  
 (b) Explain how threats to Sri Lankan bio-diversity could be minimized.
7. Explain what factors should be taken into consideration, if you are assigned to investigate into an environmental problem in your area.
8. Our ancestors considered environmental management as part of their 'way of life'. Discuss.
9. Write short notes on any **two (02)** of the following:
  - (i) Importance of mineral resources in Sri Lanka
  - (ii) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
  - (iii) Alternative energy resources in Sri Lanka
  - (iv) Key considerations within an Environmental Policy
  - (v) Ozone layer depletion