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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES  
BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL 5  
FINAL EXAMINATION –2011  
SSU 3201 – ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALISM



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

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Date: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2011

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

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Answer five questions only. Each question carries 20 marks.

1. “Environmental sustainability is fundamentally important for the future of mankind”. Write a short article (approximately 250 words) with an attractive heading.
2. Environmental mismanagement remains in spite of institutions dedicated to protect related issues. Discuss.
3. Take an environmental problem that is prevailing in your area. What are the factors that you would consider in writing an investigative report?
4. What is the lesson that we can learn from ancient Sri Lankan society in the context of environmental management?
5. What are the forms of pollution that seriously affect the environment? Discuss.
6. (a) Explain the significance of Bio diversity .  
(b) Discuss threats that affect bio-diversity resources in Sri Lanka.
7. What are the major factors that have to be considered by the energy planners in optimizing alternative energy sources in Sri Lanka?
8. Inappropriate use of technology could threaten life on earth. Discuss with examples.
9. Write short notes on any **two (02)** of the following.
  - (i) Mineral resources in Sri Lanka
  - (ii) Land degradation
  - (iii) Importance of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA)
  - (iv) Ozone Layer depletion