

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA**M.Sc. In Environmental Sciences Level 07 (2018)****ZYP9506 NEP/1212 . Environmental policy Planning and Assessment****Final Examination**

Date: 01-December 2018**Time.13.30hrs -16.30 hrs**

Answer any **four (04)** questions

1. Write a detailed account on “Sustainable Development Goals” indicating how they have influenced recent policy development in the Sri Lankan context.
2. It is widely accepted that depletion of forest resources is one of the most critical problems Sri Lanka is facing today. Discuss this statement explaining the causes of forest depletion and the existing policy tools to mitigating the issue
3. Recently Ramsar Convention introduces the Wetland City Accreditation, which recognizes 18 cities including Colombo that have taken exceptional steps to safeguard their urban wetlands. Write an essay on Ramsar Conventions and how it had impacted wetland conservation in Sri Lanka.
4. Write short notes on any 3 of the following topics
 - a. Paris Agreement
 - b. Land degradation
 - c. CITES
 - d. Policy cycle
5. Explain five milestone events in the global environment policy making with details.
6. Provide a critical assessment of the general approach to assessing the significance of impacts during an EIA.