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NEP 1210/MHP 9504:Environment, Society and Development

(Open Book Examination)

Date: 25th November 2018 (Sunday)

Time: 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

- *Please answer a total **FOUR** questions only from the seven questions given below.*
- *Questions belonging to sections **A, B, C, D and E** should be answered in separate booklets. Mark your index number and the question number you are answering clearly on each booklet. Make sure that you submit **FOUR** booklets.*
- *Please do not copy directly from the text. If you have to quote, do so in inverted commas.*

Section A

Q1.

“The gap between the intentions of development and reality can be filled with better policy initiatives”. Using the environment policy context as an example, discuss this statement. Examine whether it is lack of good policy that is causing development induced environmental issues or whether there are other factors as well. (100 marks)

Q2.

What are the Bretton Wood Institutions? How have they influenced the meaning of development? (100 marks)

Section B

Q3.

- i) Briefly discuss the common ethical principles in relation to environment. (30 marks)
- ii) “Knowledge on environmental ethics and aesthetics are essential for decision making towards environmental conservation”. Discuss. (70 marks)

Section C

Q4.

- i) “We should consume goods, without letting the goods consume us”. Discuss how consumerism or the consumerist culture has affected our everyday lives and our happiness. (50 marks)
- ii) Evaluate how the advertising industry has worsened the effects of consumerism. (50 marks)