

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

M.Sc IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE – LEVEL 7

1<sup>st</sup> ASSIGNMENT TEST 2016

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW – NEP 1201 / 1207

DURATION – 1 ½ HOURS



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Date: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Time: 1.30 – 3.00 pm

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Please make sure that your handwriting is legible.

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**This question has been given to you earlier to prepare for it.**

### **Question**

According to the National Environmental Policy and Strategies:

*“The guiding principles of environmental management will be “the polluter pays” and the need to reduce consumption, and recycle and reuse materials to the maximum extent possible.”*

- (a) Discuss whether the current laws, regulations and policies on pollution are sufficient to implement this principle. In your discussion you should consider both laws passed by Parliament and those enforced by courts of law.
- (b) What recommendations would you suggest to both laws and policies to minimise pollution from various sources?