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THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

M.Sc IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE – LEVEL 7

2ND ASSIGNMENT TEST 2016

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW – NEP 1201 / 1207

DURATION – 1 ½ HOURS



Date: 9th July 2016

Time: 1.30 – 3.00 pm

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

The Vision Statement in the National Strategy for Sri Lanka Tourism is as follows:

To establish and position Sri Lanka as Asia's most treasured and greenest island, with its beautiful beaches, warm and friendly people, with a strong, nature, culture and adventure offering, raising its profile to that of an Asian tourism icon and make it the largest foreign exchange earner benefiting the stakeholders of tourism and the peoples of Sri Lanka.

The following principles have been identified as the basis of eco-tourism:

- 1) Involves travel to natural destinations
- 2) Minimizes Impacts
- 3) Builds environmental awareness
- 4) Provides direct financial benefits for conservation
- 5) Provides financial benefits and empowerment for local people
- 6) Respects local culture
- 7) Supports human rights and democratic movements

(<http://www.untamedpath.com/Ecotourism/defining.html>)

In the light of the Vision Statement and the principles of eco-tourism cited above,

1. Discuss the current trends in tourism development projects in Sri Lanka and their impacts on cultural sites, the environment and on communities. You are required to cite examples of recent trends in tourism development in your answer.
2. Explain whether you think that tourism will ultimately benefit “the stakeholders of tourism and the peoples of Sri Lanka” as stated in the Vision Statement and whether it is being carried out in an environmentally and socially sustainable manner.
3. You should discuss the impacts of tourism on cultural and natural sites citing international and national laws. These laws have been uploaded to the Moodle site.