



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

M.Sc. In Environmental Sciences Level 07 (2017)

NEP -1212 Environmental Policy planning and Assessment Final examination

Date: 25th November 2017

Time.09.30 hrs -12.30 hrs

Answer any four (04) questions

1. Write an essay on "Multilateral Environmental Agreements", highlighting how they had affected Sri Lanka's Environmental policy making.
2. It is widely accepted that land degradation is one of the most critical problems affecting the future economic development in Sri Lanka. Discuss this statement explaining the causes of land degradation and the existing policy tools to mitigating the issue.
3. "Environmental policy needs to be evidence based and adaptive to new learning and therefore is dynamic". Explain this statement citing a few examples from Sri Lanka.
4. Given the forecasts for sea level rise over the coming decades, and the increased risk from natural disasters this brings to our coastal communities, what would you have expect the government of Sri Lanka to do to assist the **cities** prepare for rising sea levels?
5. What is the purpose of the "Scoping" step of EIA? Critically analyze the current practices under National Environmental Act of Sri Lanka.
6. Write short notes on any of the following three (3) topics
 - i. Fauna and Flora Protection Ordinance
 - ii. Policy Elements
 - iii. Convention on Migratory Species
 - iv. Central Environment Authority
 - v. Agenda 21