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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL 5
FINAL EXAMINATION – (2007)
SSU 3201 – ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALISM

DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 05th October 2007 **Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.**

Answer five questions only. Each question carries 20 marks.

1. Inappropriate use of technology could threaten life on earth. Discuss.

2. Explain what is meant by environmental pollution with special reference to land, water, air and noise pollution.

3. Is it right to assume that developing countries should not confer status to serious environmental effects of National Development since economic development is the highest priority. Discuss.

4. Explain how the early systems of irrigation and hydraulic engineering were more favourable to sustainable development.

5. Most of the environmental problems faced by Sri Lankan people are rooted in irresponsible thoughts and actions. Discuss.

6. Discuss the major issues and problems faced by energy planners in strengthening the energy sector in Sri Lanka.

7. Discuss the factors causing depletion of Sri Lanka's biodiversity.

8. Discuss what is meant by Sustainable Development and state how conducive our current Sri Lankan practices are in the context of this concept.

9. Write short notes on the following:
   (i) The Greenhouse Effect.
   (ii) Deforestation
   (iii) Effects of Chena Cultivation
   (iv) Sinharaja

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