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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL V
FINAL EXAMINATION - 2015/2016
SSU3201 - ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALISM

DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)

Date: 19th March 2016 **Time: 09.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.**

Instructions:

- **Answer only five (05) questions.**

01. Critically explain some of the key challenges faced in the context of environmental protection in Sri Lanka?

02. What are the major global environmental problems that have a direct impact on Sri Lanka? Critically discuss.

03. Write a short article with a clear structure on, "Environmental impacts of poor sewerage and water contamination in the Sri Lankan urban sector".(Word limit 750)

04. Critically discuss the factors that lead to the depletion of bio-diversity in Sri Lanka?

05. Critically examine the social responsibilities of environmental journalists with reference to Sri Lankan challenges.

06. EIAs with reference to major development projects in Sri Lanka should have been carried out with greater professional responsibility. Critically discuss.

07. What do we mean by renewable energy sources in Sri Lanka and what are the challenges faced in this sphere? Discuss with examples.

08. What factors lead to the decline of our hydraulic civilization after 12th century? Critically discuss.

09. Write short notes on any **four (04)** of the following:

(a) Environmental sustainability
(b) Importance of forest cover in Sri Lanka
(c) Environmental communication as a multifaceted discipline.
(d) The role of the Central Environmental Authority
(e) The significance of ecological balance

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