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(7th Semester)

SOCIOLOGY

(MINOR)

Paper Code : SOC/H/M–7

(Environmental Sociology)

Full Marks : 75
Pass Marks : 40%

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(*Marks* : 25)

Choose the correct option : 1×15=15

1. 22nd April, 1970 was celebrated as the 'Earth Day 1970' a debut of the modern

(a) environmental conservation

(b) environmental movement

(c) environmental degradation

(d) environmental pollution

2. Which among the following was identified as the 'Environmental Decade'?

   (a) 1960s

   (b) 1970s

   (c) 1980s

   (d) 1990s

3. Some of the glaring environmental concerns are

   (a) global climate change

   (b) solid waste problem

   (c) pollution

   (d) All of the above

4. Who among the following propounded the ecological modernization as a theory?

   (a) Joseph Huber and Arthur Mol

   (b) F. H. Buttel

   (c) Spaargaren

   (d) York and Rosa

5. Ecological modernization emerged in the West in the

   (a) mid–1950s

   (b) mid–1960s

   (c) mid–1970s

   (d) mid–1980s

6. _____ in his article, *Ecological Modernization and the Global Economy* attempts to understand environmental reform in the context of globalization.

(a) Arthur Mol

(b) Joseph Huber

(c) F. H. Buttel

(d) York and Rosa

7. The first major explorations of oil fields in India began at

(a) Naharkatiya

(b) Odisha

(c) Lakhanpur

(d) Bihar

8. The first furious protests for the refinery in Assam took place on

(a) 10th August, 1956

(b) 20th August, 1956

(c) 25th August, 1956

(d) 28th August, 1956

9. The term 'ecofeminism' was coined in 1974 by the French feminist

(a) Francoise d'Eaubonne

(b) Julia Kristeva

(c) Christine Delphy

(d) Hélène Cixous

10. _____ is the most common cause of water pollution.

(a) Mining

(b) Industry

(c) Urbanization

(d) Agriculture

11. The sources of air pollution are

(a) waste treatment

(b) industries

(c) biomass burning

(d) All of the above

12. Some of the causes of soil pollution are

(a) pesticides

(b) chemical fertilizers

(c) contaminated water

(d) All of the above

13. Technology is seen as

(a) both a primary cause of environmental degradation and a potential pathway to sustainability

(b) an unsustainability

(c) None of the above

(d) All of the above

14. Geographic Information System (GIS) helps in

(a) monitoring environmental change

(b) managing resources

(c) facilitating policy responses to environmental crisis

(d) All of the above

15. Nagaland is biologically a rich region, but habitat destruction from deforestation and land use threatens its diverse

(a) flora and fauna

(b) agriculture

(c) None of the above

(d) All of the above

Answer any *five* of the following questions : 2×5=10

1. Explain briefly the subject matter of environmental sociology.

2. How did environmental sociology develop?

3. Define ecological modernization.

4. What is risk society?

5. Who is Medha Patkar? How is she associated with NBA?

6. What is pollution? What are the major forms of pollution?

7. List down some of the major environmental challenges faced in Nagaland.

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(*Marks* : 50)

Answer the following questions : 10×5=50

1. *(a)* Discuss the historical background of environmental sociology. 10

Or

(b) What is environmental sociology? Discuss its significance. 2+8=10

2. (a) Discuss treadmill of production in the globalized world and its consequences. 10

Or

(b) What is political ecology? Discuss the main concerns of political ecology. 2+8=10

3. (a) What is the Chipko Movement? What is its significance? 5+5=10

Or

(b) Discuss the Narmada Bachao Andolan as an environmental and human rights in the Narmada Movement. 10

4. (a) What is soil pollution? What are the factors responsible for soil pollution? 2+8=10

Or

(b) What is E-waste pollution? What are the major causes of environmental pollution caused by E-waste? 2+8=10

5. *(a)* What is environmental justice? Discuss the contemporary concerns in environmental justice. 2+8=10

Or

(b) What are the legislative measures taken to address environmental concerns? Explain. 10

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