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**POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**

**Tutor Marked Assignments
(July 2012 and January 2013 Session)**



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Dear Student,

As per laid down guidelines of the University, you have to complete one assignment for each course.

Each assignment has questions to be answered in about 200 words and 350 words -You will find that the questions in the assignments are analytical and descriptive so that you can better understand and comprehend the concepts.

It is important that you write the answers to all the questions in your own words. Your answers should be within the approximate range of the word-limit set for each question. Remember, writing answers to assignment questions will improve your writing skills and prepare you for the term-end research papers.

Submission

Online mode learners have to submit their assignments to **Ms. Mansi Sharma, Programme Coordinator, School of Law, Room No. 7, Block G, Academic Complex, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi - 110068**. It is desirable to keep with you a photocopy of the assignment/s submitted by you.

You need to submit the assignments by 31st March, 2013 (July 2012 batch)

You have to submit the assignments by 30th Sept 2013 (Jan 2013 batch)

Once evaluated, the Regional Centre will send the marks to the Student Evaluation Division at IGNOU, New Delhi.

Guidelines for Writing Assignments

We expect you to answer each question as per instructions in the assignment. You will find it useful to keep the following points in mind:

- 1) **Planning:** Read the assignment questions carefully; go through the Units on which they are based. Make some points regarding each question and then rearrange them in a logical order.
- 2) **Organising:** Be a little selective and analytical before drawing up a rough outline of your answer. Give adequate attention to question's introduction and conclusion.

Make sure that:

- a) The answer is logical and coherent.
 - b) It has clear connections between sentences and paragraphs.
 - c) The presentation is correct in your own expression and style.
- 3) **Presentation:** Once you are satisfied with your answer, you can write down the final version for submission. **It is mandatory to write all assignments neatly in your own handwriting and Write your Name, Course Code, Enrollment No. and Batch of admission on all the assignments in bold letters.**

If you so desire, you may underline the points you wish to emphasize. Make sure that the answer is within the stipulated word limit.

All the best!

Programme Coordinators
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MLE-021: INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENT

Tutor Marked Assignment (July 2012 and January 2013)

Course Code: MLE-021

Assignment Code: MLE-021 /July 2012 and January 2013

Total Marks: 100

Note: All questions are compulsory.

Section-I

Answer each question in about 200 words each. Each question carries 5 marks. (5x10 = 50)

1. How did the study of Environment emerge? Discuss in brief.
2. What is the Principle of 'Producing differently'. Comment in respect to need for sustainable development.
3. Draw linkages between Environment and Law.
4. List different National Acts which came into being for protection of environment?
5. What are the characteristics of Sustainable Development?
6. How are Environment and Science related? Discuss briefly.
7. What is the concept of specific elaborations? Discuss.
8. Define sustainable development? What are four key themes which emerged in twentieth century?
9. Explain Transition Management?
10. What is 'concept of Natural Environment'?

Section-II

Answer each question in about 350 words each. Each question carries 10 marks. (5x10 = 50)

11. Write briefly on
 - a) Social Forestry
 - b) Forest Management
12. State the powers and functions of the pollution control board set up in India.
13. 'The concept of sustainable Development is a novel step in the path of environmental law', discuss this statement.
14. What do you understand by Judicial Interpretation of forest, Discuss?
15. Explain Environment Management System? Support with examples.

MLE-022: INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY
Tutor Marked Assignment (July 2012 and January 2013)

Course Code: MLE-022
Assignment Code: MLE-022 /July2012 and January 2013
Total Marks: 100

Note: All questions are compulsory.

Section-I

Answer each question in about 200 words each. Each question carries 5 marks. (5x10 = 50)

1. Give a brief of the major International contributions on Environmental issues.
2. Explain the Provisions of the Constitution of India which aim to protect the Environment.
3. What are the different environmental doctrines?
4. "Stockholm conference and Rio conference created the ground for the emergence of the International Environmental Law" Justify.
5. Is the Right to Healthy Environment guaranteed or is it just an illusion? Discuss.
6. Write briefly on the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), 1994.
7. What are the different functions of the United Nations Commission on sustainable development (CSD)
8. Explain the idea behind organising UNGASS meeting?
9. Briefly summarise the concept of governance.
10. How would you explain activity after RIO?

Section-II

Answer each question in about 350 words each. Each question carries 10 marks. (5x10 = 50)

11. "Right to wholesome environment is a fundamental right", elucidate it with judicial pronouncement.
12. Explain how customs and social norms govern the process of law making.
13. What are the General Principles of International Environmental Law? Discuss.
14. "Narmada bachao Andolon is a milestone in the field of environmental Jurisprudence in India" Comment.
15. Explain through case studies the concept of Trade & Environment.

MLE-023: INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY
Tutor Marked Assignment (July 2012 and January 2013)

Course Code: MLE-023
Assignment Code: MLE-023 /July 2012 and January 2013
Total Marks: 100

Note: All questions are compulsory.

Section-I

Answer each question in about 200 words each. Each question carries 5 marks. (5x10 = 50)

1. What is the basic objective of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, 1982?
2. Explain in detail the adjudicatory mechanism of environmental conflict resolution?
3. Explain key features of Madrid Protocol.
4. What are the key features of Environmental Arbitration Rule?
5. What do you understand by continental shelf delineation?
6. Discuss briefly the convention on Conservation of Antarctic Seals.
7. Explain IPR's in context with Environment?
8. Write a note on Mahakali River Treaty.
9. Mention key principles of Cartagena Protocol.
10. What are the basic tenets of International Humanitarian law?

Section-II

Answer each question in about 350 words each. Each question carries 10 marks. (5x10 = 50)

11. What is Territorial Sovereignty Theory? Discuss.
12. Why should Nations Abide Convention on Biological Diversity? Discuss.
13. What is the importance of 'Access & Benefit Sharing? Explain in context to COP 10 meeting of CBD.
14. Explain the process involving Carbon Disclosure Projects?
15. How can companies go for Carbon off Setting? What are its benefits?

MLE-024: NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY
Tutor Marked Assignment (July 2012 and January 2013)

Course Code: MLE-024
Assignment Code: MLE-024/July 2012 and January 2013
Total Marks: 100

Note: All questions are compulsory.

Section-I

Answer each question in about 200 words each. Each question carries 5 marks. (5x10 = 50)

1. What are Customary Rights?
2. What are key features of the Panchayats (extension to the scheduled areas) Act, 1996?
3. Explain how forest rights as given under the Scheduled tribes and other traditional forest dwellers (recognition of forest rights) act, 2006, are recognized and restored.
4. What are the different provisions related to “hunting” in the wildlife (protection) Act, 1972?
5. What are the various categories of protected areas in India as per the wildlife (protection) Act, 1972?
6. Describe the role of National Tiger Conservation Authority.
7. Explain the provisions related to ‘trade’ in the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
8. What does ‘non-forest purpose’ mean in the context of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980?
9. What does National rehabilitation and resettlement policy, 2007 explain?
10. Environmental refugees are a growing concern of our country, Explain?

Section-II

Answer each question in about 350 words each. Each question carries 10 marks. (5x10 = 50)

11. Why was the Amendment to Land Acquisition Act proposed? Discuss.
12. What recommendations did National Commission on Agriculture come up with? Comment.
13. Land is a major source of living! How is this statement explained in Land Acquisition (amendment) Act, 2007?
14. Discuss the historical background of The Forest Conservation Act (1980).
15. What are scheduled species, how does the Act pertaining to such species protects them?

MLE-025 NATIONAL LEGAL FRAMEWORKS AND PROCESSES
Tutor Marked Assignment (July 2012 and January 2013)

Course Code: MLE-025
Assignment Code: MLE-025/July2012 and January 2013
Total Marks: 100

Note: All questions are compulsory.

Section-I

Answer each question in about 200 words each. Each question carries 5 marks. (5x10 = 50)

1. What do you understand by the term Coastal Regulation Zone? How important is the notification for coasts?
2. What do you understand by sustainable development? Give examples to support your answer.
3. Explain role of Civil Society as laid down in Municipal Solid Waste (management and handling) Rules, 2000.
4. Explain role of 'Public Opinion' in EIA process?
5. Explain Concept of Waste Management. What mechanisms are drawn for electronic waste management?
6. What is Environment Impact Assessment? Under what projects is it carried out?
7. Explain the difference between Man made and Natural Environmental Disaster with relevant examples.
8. Do you agree with the statement, "Urban policies, both at national and state levels, concentrate more on reactive measures when faced with an acute environmental damage, instead of pursuing proactive strategies for a sustainable urban habitat"? Give reasons for your opinion.
9. What are the Merits and Demerits of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification?
10. What is going wrong with Coral Reefs? How can they be protected?

Section-II

Answer each question in about 350 words each. Each question carries 10 marks. (5x10 = 50)

11. Write briefly on:- (5x2)
 - (a) Basel Convention.
 - (b) Industrial accidents and Environment Concerns.
12. Explain oil spills? How are they caused and what remedies are provided to prevent oil spills?
13. Explain the legal and regulatory framework for environmental protection in India.
14. List few environmental disasters? What according to you should be the measure taken to eradicate such disasters.
15. Explain about 'Turtle Conservation' in context of marine pollution

MLE-026: ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION MECHANISMS
Tutor Marked Assignment (July 2012 and January 2013)

Course Code: MLE-026
Assignment Code: MLE-026/July 2012 and January 2013
Total Marks: 100

Note: All questions are compulsory.

Section-I

Answer each question in about 200 words each. Each question carries 5 marks. (5x10 = 50)

1. What are the formal and Non-formal provisions for Public Participation? How does States incorporate it in policy making?
2. Describe filing of RTI application under the Right to Information Act, 2005.
3. What is National Environment Appellate Authority? Why it did not succeed.
4. Explain observation of the Supreme Court in APPCB V. Prof. M.V. Nayudu's case.
5. Why has RTI become an important tool for elucidating information from Government Departments?
6. Discuss few case studies pertaining to mining.
7. What is the procedure for environmental clearance in India?
8. State few projects where Ministry of Environment and Forest rejected the permission based on EIA report?
9. What is NGT? Under which Act this was established and how is it different from National Environmental Tribunal and NEAA?
10. To what extent principle 10 and 13 of Rio are relevant so far as specialised tribunals are concerned.

Section-II

Answer each question in about 350 words each. Each question carries 10 marks. (5x10 = 50)

11. Write a note on (5x2)
 - (a) Sethusamudram Canal Project
 - (b) Tehri Hydro Development Project.
12. The Godavarman case occupies a special place as far as Forest Conservation is concerned, explain.
13. Explain two PIL's filed for Conservation and protection of Environment. What role has Judiciary played in such cases.
14. Write briefly about POSCO project? Present detailed analysis of National Green Tribunal order on POSCO?
15. State role of National Green Tribunal. How useful it will be for expediting environmental matters?