

M.A. 3rd Semester Examination, December -2023

History

HST3.04: Ecology, Environment and Culture in India

Full Marks: 60

Time Allowed: 3 hours

All questions carry equal marks:

1. (a) What is resource utilization? Discuss the various modes of resource utilization in different phases of human civilization. 2 + 10 = 12
Or
(b) What are the basic characteristics of South Asian environment? Discuss the main causes of climate change. 6 + 6 = 12
2. (a) Discuss how the agricultural expansion caused deforestation in the Gangetic Valley. 12
Or
(b) What do you understand by “settlement pattern”? Critically examine the relation between forest and tribe. 4 + 8 = 12
3. (a) Discuss the commercial exploitation of forest products in India and its impact on forestry. 12
Or
(b) Discuss the impact of British Forest Policies among the tribes of different parts of India. 12
4. (a) Examine the different environmental movements of India with special mention of the Chipko Movement and the Narmada Bachao Andolan. 12
Or
(b) Examine Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru’s views on Environment. 6 + 6 = 12
5. (a) Discuss the environmental consequences of the British Forest Policies in North East India 12
Or
(b) “The forests were considered as an obstruction to agriculture rather than otherwise and consequently a bar to the prosperity of the Empire”. Examine the above statement. 12