

2022

M.A.

4th Semester Examination

HISTORY

PAPER—HIS-402

ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY OF MODERN INDIA

Full Marks : 50

Time : 2 Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Illustrate the answers wherever necessary.

Group - A

Answer any four questions. 4×2

1. On which river was the silent valley hydro project planned ?
2. Name the dam of Mandya of which M. Visherwarviya was the chief architect.

(Turn Over)

3. What do you mean by the term landscape?
4. What chemically exclusive gas caused the Bhopal Gas tragedy?
5. What is the reason behind Medha Patkar's involvement in Narmada Banchao movement?
6. What is wildlife history?

Group - B

Answer any *four* questions.

4×4

7. Analyse the disputes one three rights in Jungle Mahal in late nineteenth century.
8. What was the role of M. Vesheswarenia in controlling the flood gate of Hyderabad and irrigation in Mysore?
9. Why did the Bhopal Gas Tragedy occur? What were its consequences?

10. Why was the silent valley project withdrawn? What was the role of the environment department in the process?
11. What was the cultural politics of natural resources in rural Gujrat as reflected on the scarcity of water and random construction of submergible wells in rural Gujrat as depicted by David Hardiman?
12. How does Amita Babisker analyse the problems of dams and distress in the Narmada movement?

Group - C

Answer any *two* questions. 2×8

13. Why was Rachell Carsen's "Silent Spring" a milestone in the discipline of environmental History?
14. How does Bandana Shiva delineate the importance of the Chipko Movement? What was the role of Chandi Charan Bhatt in the organisation?

15. Analyse the agrarian changes and ecological transformations of South West Bengal during the period between 1880s to 1920s.
16. How does Shivaramakrishnan analyse the environmental impact of British intervention in the South West Bengal during the early period of colonial rule?
17. What according to Elizabeth Whitcombe are the environmental costs of irrigation in colonial India in the Ganga-Yamuna Doab region?
18. What was the role of Sundarlal Bahuguna in the Tehri Dam movement?

[Internal Assessment – 10 Marks]
