



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 034

B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY

FIFTH SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2024

USO 5602 – ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY



Date: 21-11-2024

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 am-12:00 pm

SECTION A - K1 (CO1)

	Answer ALL the Questions	(10 x 1 = 10)
1.	Define	
a)	Environmental Sociology	
b)	Human Exceptionalism Paradigm	
c)	Consumerism	
d)	Solid waste management	
e)	Genetically Modified Organisms	
2.	True or False	
a)	An ecosystem is a community of organisms and their physical environments interacting together.	
b)	Ecological modernisation works towards invention and delivery of sustainable technologies.	
c)	The Chipko movement was against the construction of a large number of dams across River Narmada.	
d)	Oceans, forests and soil are natural carbon sinks.	
e)	Dr. Vandana Shiva is one of the leading proponents of genetically modified food crops.	

SECTION A - K2 (CO1)

	Answer ALL the Questions	(10 x 1 = 10)
3.	Match the following	
a)	Ulrich Beck - Brundtland Commission	
b)	New Ecological Paradigm - Risk Society	
c)	Our Common future - Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)	
d)	Narmada Bachao Andolan - Riley Dunlap	
e)	Climate change - Medha Patkar	
4.	Define	
a)	Ecology	
b)	Ecological citizenship	
c)	Sustainable development	
d)	Desertification	
e)	Ecofeminism	

SECTION B - K3 (CO2)

	Answer any TWO of the following in 600 words each.	(2 x 10 = 20)
5.	Elucidate the emergence of Environmental Sociology.	
6.	Explain how Ulrich Beck's risk society takes account of environmental issues.	
7.	Explicate the need and importance of sustainable development.	
8.	Interpret the significance of ecological modernisation.	

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)

	Answer any TWO of the following in 600 words each.	(2 x 10 = 20)
9.	Critically evaluate the New Ecological Paradigm.	
10.	Elaborate on your understanding of eco-feminism.	
11.	Analyse the principles of environmental justice.	

12.	Examine the potential consequences of global warming.
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SECTION D – K5 (CO4)

Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words (1 x 20 = 20)

13.	Analyse the contributions of Marx, Durkheim and Weber towards Environmental Sociology.
14.	Explain the causes and consequences of environmental degradation and the ways to mitigate them.

SECTION E – K6 (CO5)

Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words (1 x 20 = 20)

15.	Summarise the arguments of social constructionism and realism in understanding environmental problems.
16.	Critically evaluate the contributions of environmental movements in safeguarding the ecosystem.
