



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 034

M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION – SOCIOLOGY

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PSO4MC03 – ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIOLOGY



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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 10:00 AM - 01:00 PM

SECTION A – K1 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions (5 x 1 = 5)

1	True or False
a)	Ulrich Beck holds the view that technologically induced risks of risk society are global.
b)	Nuclear power is an example of the anthropogenic struggle to capture and control bio-physical properties.
c)	Allan Schnaiberg described the dialectical dimensions of economic growth and environmental impacts.
d)	The first explicit use of 'Environmental Sociology' was by William Catton in his book 'On Man in His Environment.'
e)	Anthropocene narrative centers on transitioning from a broadly ecological perspective to one that defines thinking at the level of the entire earth system.

SECTION A – K2 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions (5 x 1 = 5)

2	Match the following
a)	Mangle - Environmental function
b)	Titanic risks - Anthropocentrism
c)	HEP - Study of environment-society interaction
d)	Living space - Resistance and accommodation
e)	Environmental Sociology - Social distribution

SECTION B – K3 (CO2)

Answer any THREE of the following in 400 words each. (3 x 10 = 30)

3	Explain the contribution of classical sociologists to Environmental Sociology.
4	Interpret the ideas of Amita Baviskar's ideas on non-place.
5	Illustrate your understanding of biophysical-material performativity.
6	Demonstrate your understanding of Titanic risks.
7	Interpret the ideas of Vandana Shiva on culturally perceived poverty.

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)

Answer any TWO of the following in 600 words each. (2 x 12.5 = 25)

8	Compare HEP and NEP with suitable examples.
9	Examine how culture is inscribed in animals through the process of domestication.
10	Contrast first world and third world environmentalism with suitable examples.
11	Analyse how the four distinct layers of anthropocene contribute to our understanding of human impact on earth.

SECTION D – K5 (CO4)

	Answer any ONE of the following in 800 words	(1 x 15 = 15)
12	Discuss the postulates that form the foundations of a co-constructionist Environmental Sociology.	
13	Critically analyse the political and ideological expressions of the Indian environmental debate.	

SECTION E – K6 (CO5)

	Answer any ONE of the following in 1000 words	(1 x 20 = 20)
14	Examine how the cases of Koodankulam and Kashmir illustrate the challenges of subaltern identity in media.	
15	Critically analyse how land pollution highlights the tension between environmental functions using the ideas of Riley Dunlap and William Catton.	
