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**M.A. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, MARCH 2026**

**Third Semester**

**M.A. History**

**M21HS01DE – Environmental History of India**

**(2024 July admissions)**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Max Marks: 70**

**Section A**

**Answer any ten of the following questions in a word or sentence each. Each question carries 1 mark.**

1. Which academic debate in Indian environmental history focuses on the colonial state's conservation motives versus its exploitation of resources?
2. Who authored the book "The Tropics and the Traveling Gaze: India, Landscape, and Science, 1800-1856"?
3. Fernand Braudel, associated with the Annales School, emphasised the influence of environmental trends in his historical study of which region?
4. Which type of environmental history specifically considers law and state policy as they relate to the natural world?
5. Which principle, central to both Buddhism and Jainism, discouraged the exploitation of natural resources and promoted a deep respect for nature in Early India?
6. Which activity connected with forest was considered an elite pastime in Medieval India and served to reinforce royal authority?
7. The first significant environmental protest the Bishnoi movement in Khejarli, occurred in which year?
8. The Appiko Movement, which aimed to oppose deforestation, was launched in which state?
9. Which term best describes the distinct landscapes described in ancient Tamil literature?
10. Which British policy introduced in 1813 opened India to Europeans, intensifying the exploitation of natural resources?
11. Which Legislation Act was used to further marginalise tribal communities by stripping them of their traditional rights and branding them as "born criminals."
12. The Indian Forest Act of 1878 is significant because it: .
13. The Tehri Dam Conflict is associated with the resistance against large dams in which region?
14. One of the key texts on "Ecological conflicts and the environmental movement in India" is co-authored by Madhav Gadgil and:
15. Which movement is historically linked to a community's sacrifice to protect Khejri trees?

**(1X10=10)**

## Section B

**Answer any five of the following questions in two or three sentences each. Each question carries 2 marks.**

16. Neytal.
17. Ecological Imperialism.
18. Scientific Forestry.
19. Chipko Movement.
20. Kunthipuzha River.
21. Vedanta Resources.
22. Qamargah.
23. Dadabai Naoroji.
24. Environmental history.
25. The Epidemic Diseases Act of 1897.

**(2X5=10)**

## Section C

**Answer any five of the following questions in a paragraph each. Each question carries 4 marks.**

26. Explain the concept of 'Ecological Imperialism' as proposed by Alfred Crosby.
27. Differentiate between 'Materialist' and 'Cultural' perspectives in environmental history
28. Examine Richard Grove's argument regarding forest exploitation in pre-colonial states.
29. What does the concept of 'Vanjati' refer to in the context of Indian environmental history?
30. Explain the ecological dimensions of the 'Drain of Wealth' theory.
31. Analyse the relationship between colonial policies and the frequency of famines in India
32. Discuss the objectives and strategies of the 'Appiko Movement'
33. Examine the role of the 'Narmada Bachao Andolan' (NBA) in the debate over large dams

**(4X5=20)**

## Section D

**Answer any three of the following questions in two pages each. Each question carries 10 marks.**

34. Discuss the various methodological approaches to environmental history.
35. Examine the ecological factors that influenced the rise and decline of the Indus Valley Civilization.
36. Examine the environmental transformations in pre-colonial and medieval India.
37. Critically evaluate the environmental impact of plantation agriculture in colonial India.
38. Analyse the role of women in Indian environmental movements.
39. Examine the various strategies employed by the Narmada Bachao Andolan and how they facilitated mass mobilisation.

**(10X3=30)**