

University of London

**EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS**

For The Following Qualifications:-

*Grad Dip M.Sc.*

**ESGY1: The Sustainable Development Problematic**

COURSE CODE : ENVSGY01

DATE : 15-DEC-03

TIME : 14.30

TIME ALLOWED : 3 Hours

**PAPER ENVSGY01: The 'Sustainable Development' Problematic**

**DURATION: 3 Hours**

**This paper consists of ten questions. Answer TWO questions only. All questions carry equal marks.**

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1. Assess the relevance of the concept of the 'Death of Nature' as a contribution to understanding the environmental implications of the rise of industrial society.
2. Critically examine the role, within environmental debates, of the Malthusian discourse on population.
3. Assess the relationship between the large-scale ecosystem dimension of sustainability and the problem of preserving the immediate living environment.
4. "Closing the North-South gap would require the South to replicate the stages of takeoff to industrial development, thereby placing intolerable burdens on the earth's carrying capacity." To what extent is this statement valid, and if so is there a way out of the problem?
5. Critically assess the assumption that 'corporate responsibility' can serve as a pathway to sustainable development.
6. What role is played by the issue of poverty within the debate on the causes of, and solutions to, environmental degradation?
7. Assess the economic alternatives to 'command and control' as a way of counteracting the environmentally harmful consequences of industrial decisions.
8. Examine the environmental implications of **EITHER** Structural Adjustment policies **OR** the agenda promoted by the WTO since the mid 1990s.
9. What environmental problems have been raised by attempts to increase the productivity of agriculture, and how might these be solved?
10. "In envisaging a sustainable future, the most difficult problem is to identify the change agents which can operate the transition". Discuss.
11. In what ways, and how successfully, has the United Nations responded to the environmental challenge?

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