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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For the following qualifications :-

M. Sc.

ESGY3: Urban and Regional Political Ecology

COURSE CODE : ENVSGY03

DATE : 26-MAR-02

TIME : 10.00

TIME ALLOWED : 3 hours

PAPER ENVSGY03: Urban and Regional Political Ecology (2001/02 Session)

DURATION: 3 hrs.

**Please answer TWO questions only, ONE from Part A, and one from Part B.
All questions carry equal marks**

SECTION A

1. The nature of environmental problems is not merely technical or ecological as they are primarily the outcome of socio-economic and political processes. Discuss this assertion.
2. "Risks are man-made hybrids. They include and combine politics, ethics, mathematics, mass media, technologies, cultural definitions, and precepts" (Ulrich Beck). Discuss this claim in relation to environmental risks and hazards.
3. Governance refers to "the processes through which collective affairs are managed [and] involves the articulation of rules of behaviour with respect to the collective affairs of a political community; and of principles for allocating resources among community members" (Healey). Explore this definition in relation to "environmental governance" focusing on the role of different actors, institutions, and the processes involved.

SECTION B

4. Analyze some of the contradictions arising from the principles of "sustainable development" and "environmental justice" in relation to a specific example of your choice.
5. "A exercises power over B when A affects B in a manner contrary to B's interests" (Lukes). Elaborate on this assumption by exploring the different forms in which power can be exercised focusing on examples of your own choice.
6. Social movements are "sequences of contentious politics that are based on underlying social networks and resonant collective action frames, and which develop the capacity to maintain sustained challenges against powerful opponents" (Tarrow). Examine this claim in relation to specific examples of your choice.
7. Compare and evaluate two or more policy mechanisms that can be applied to foster sustainable development in relation to specific environmental problems of your choice.
8. Compare and evaluate two or more policy mechanisms that can be applied to the resolution of environmental conflicts in relation to specific examples of your choice.

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