

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO – SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF ARTS

Examination in Master of Arts in Sociology (Two years) – 2016/2018
& Masters in Sociology (One year) – 2016/2017

2nd Semester

MAS 611 – Society and Environment

Answer four (04) questions only

Time : Three (03) hours only

1. Define what is cultural ecology and explain with examples the impact of environment on the human behavior.
2. ‘The concept of political ecology plays an important role in understanding the relationship between society and environment.’ Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer.
3. (i) Explain with examples what is meant by the term natural disaster?
(ii) Discuss the socio-cultural and political aspects of landslides in Sri Lanka.
4. 4.1 Explain what is environmentalism?
4.2 Discuss the special characteristics of Sri Lankan civil society with reference to grassroots environmental actions.
5. “Population growth creates environmental problems.” Do you agree with this statement? Critically discuss using relevant theoretical arguments.

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6. Do you agree with the view that the human wild life conflict needs to be understood within a sociological framework? Discuss taking examples from contemporary Sri Lankan Society.
7. Sustainable solid waste management does not depend merely on engineering or technical solutions but also on socio-economic and political factors? Critically discuss this statement.
8. Write short essays on any **two (02)** of the following topics.
- (i) Environmental risk
 - (ii) Ecofeminism
 - (iii) Ethnobiology
 - (iv) Urban political ecology
