

University of Colombo - Sri Lanka

Faculty of Arts

First Year Examination in Arts
End of the Semester Examination
Semester I – 2017

GYG 1106 Principles of Geography

Time: Two (02) Hours

Answer **four (04)** questions only.

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1. “The human being in the present world cannot be totally free from environmental impact although environmental determinism was a highly criticised concept”. Would you agree with this statement? Examine above statement with examples.
(15 Marks)

2. Examine the salient characteristics of human cultural environment in stone ages.
(15 Marks)

3.
 - i. Explain briefly the causes of depletion of natural resources.
(05 Marks)
 - ii. Examine the strategies that would help to optimum utilisation of natural resources.
(15 Marks)

4.
 - i. Name the agricultural systems in the world.
(03 Marks)
 - ii. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of shifting cultivation with regard to tropical countries.
(12 Marks)

5. Examine with specific examples the trends in population growth in the world during the next three decades.
(15 Marks)

6.
 - i. Briefly explain the spatial disparities of development.
(05 Marks)
 - ii. Discuss with examples the potential of using modern Geographical techniques in development planning
(10 Marks)

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