

**UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA**  
**FACULTY OF LAW**  
**DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS IN PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL LAW- 2023/24**  
**SEMESTER I END EXAMINATION**

**Environmental Law and Policy – TLLM 1138**  
(Three Hours)

Total number of questions: 04

Answer **THREE (03)** questions and **no more**  
(Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting)

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01. State sovereignty and state responsibility are two international environmental concepts that have played a significant role in protecting nature within and outside of a territory. However, as much as a state utilises its own natural resources, it is equally bound by responsibilities not to damage other states. How do you assess the above statement in light of how contemporary states are dealing with the challenges associated with global environmental threats? Support your answer at least with two global environmental issues.

(20 Marks)

02. Write reports on the followings:
- a) The effectiveness of the application of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in Sri Lanka?
  - b) The effectiveness of the applicability of the Environmental Protection License (EPL) in the prevention of pollution in Sri Lanka.

(20 Marks)

03. The rights-based approach in environmental protection has evolved from human rights to a clean and healthy environment to the rights of nature. How do you evaluate the application of the rights-based approach in safeguarding and conserving nature? Support your arguments with local and foreign case laws.

(20 Marks)

04. Critically analyse climate change regime as a legal framework set up to deal with one of the worst global issues that affect inter-generational equity. How do you assess the effectiveness of the climate regime from UNFCCC to post Paris Agreement period to COP 28 in 2023?

(20 Marks)

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