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| **End - Term Examinations – JANUARY 2025** |
| **Date:** 03 -01-2025 **Time:** 09:30 am – 12:30 pm |

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| **School:** SOL | **Program:** BA LL.B/BBA LL.B/B.Com LL.B (Hons.) | |
| **Course Code :** LAW2031 | **Course Name :** Environmental Law | |
| **Semester**: V | **Max Marks**:100 | **Weightage**:50% |

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**Instructions:**

1. *Read all questions carefully and answer accordingly.*
2. *Do not write anything on the question paper other than roll number.*

**Part A**

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| **Answer ALL the Questions. 10 x 2Marks=20 Marks** | | | | |
| **1** | Define the term "climate change" in environmental law. | **2 Marks** | **L2** | **CO1** |
| **2** | What is the significance of Agenda 21 in environmental protection? | **2 Marks** | **L2** | **CO1** |
| **3** | Briefly discuss two environmental principles recognized under international law. | **2 Marks** | **L3** | **CO2** |
| **4** | Briefly Analyze the role of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) in India? | **2 Marks** | **L3** | **CO2** |
| **5** | Define "carrying capacity" with reference to environmental sustainability. | **2 Marks** | **L3** | **CO3** |
| **6** | Briefly discuss the objectives of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, 1971. | **2 Marks** | **L3** | **CO3** |
| **7** | What is the importance of afforestation in combating environmental degradation? | **2 Marks** | **L3** | **CO4** |
| **8** | Define "hazardous waste" under the Environment Protection Act, 1986. | **2 Marks** | **L3** | **CO4** |
| **9** | What is the importance of public participation in environmental decision-making? | **2 Marks** | **L3** | **CO5** |
| **10** | Discuss in brief the principle of "strict liability”. | **2 Marks** | **L3** | **CO5** |

**Part B**

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| **Answer the Questions Total 80 Marks** | | | | | |
| **11.** | **a.** | Examine the impact of urbanization on environmental sustainability in India. | **10**  **Marks** | **L2** | **CO1** |
| **Or** | | | | | |
| **12.** | **a.** | Discuss the role of environmental education in promoting sustainable development and achieving sustainable development goals. | **10**  **Marks** | **L2** | **CO1** |
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| **13.** | **a.** | Analyze the impact of the "polluter pays principle" in controlling industrial pollution in India. | **10**  **Marks** | **L3** | **CO2** |
| **or** | | | | | |
| **14.** | **a.** | Examine the environmental governance framework in India. | **05**  **Marks** | **L3** | **CO2** |
| **b.** | Discuss the effectiveness of such governance framework in addressing the climate challenges. | **05**  **Marks** |

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| **15.** | **a.** | Discuss the challenges of balancing development and environmental conservation in India. | **10**  **Marks** | **L3** | **CO3** |
| **Or** | | | | | |
| **16.** | **a.** | Discuss in detail the impact of globalization on environmental policies in India. | **10**  **Marks** | **L3** | **CO3** |

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| **17.** | **a.** | A company discharges untreated industrial effluents into a nearby river, affecting aquatic life and local communities. Discuss the legal remedies available under Indian environmental law to address this issue, focusing on the relevant provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, the Environment Protection Act, 1986, and other applicable laws. | **15**  **Marks** | **L3** | **CO4** |
| **Or** | | | | | |
| **18.** | **a.** | A factory emitting excessive air pollutants is challenged by an NGO in court. Evaluate the legal principles and actions that can be taken under the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1981. | **15**  **Marks** | **L3** | **CO4** |

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| **19.** | **a.** | A state government grants permission for mining activities in a forested area, leading to deforestation and loss of wildlife. Discuss the legality of the permission granted by the State Government. | **15**  **Marks** | **L3** | **CO3** |
| **Or** | | | | | |
| **20.** | **a.** | A real estate developer is accused of encroaching on a wetland for a housing project. Discuss the legal framework for the protection of wetlands in India, and how do relevant laws regulate activities like encroachment by real estate developers. | **8**  **Marks** | **L3** | **CO3** |
| **b.** | Discuss the judicial remedies available under Indian environmental law to address encroachment on wetlands, and how have the courts enforced wetland protection in the past? | **7 Marks** |

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| **21.** | **a.** | A manufacturing plant releases untreated effluents into a river, severely impacting aquatic life and the livelihoods of fishermen in the area. Despite repeated warnings, the plant fails to comply with pollution control measures. Analyze the legal remedies available under Indian environmental law for addressing water pollution caused by industrial effluents. | **10**  **Marks** | **L4** | **CO5** |
| **b.** | How can the Environment Protection Act, 1986, and the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, be effectively enforced to compel compliance with pollution control measures by the manufacturing plant in this scenario? | **10 Marks** |
| **Or** | | | | | |
| **22.** | **a.** | A local government allows illegal sand mining in a riverbed, causing severe ecological damage and altering the river's flow. A public interest litigation (PIL) is filed to halt the activities. Discuss the role of the judiciary in addressing ecological damage caused by illegal sand mining. | **10**  **Marks** | **L4** | **CO5** |
| **b.** | How can the "public trust doctrine" and other environmental principles be applied in such cases? | **10**  **Marks** |

**\*\*\*\*\* BEST WISHES \*\*\*\*\***