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ECONOMICS

(Major)

Course : 602

(Environmental Economics)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32/24

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Answer/Choose the correct answer from the following : 1×8=8

(a) Anthropogenic pollutants are those that are

- (i) nature-induced
- (ii) human-induced
- (iii) both nature- and human-induced
- (iv) None of the above

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- (b) Marginal External Cost is
- (i) MSC – MPC
 - (ii) MSC + MPC
 - (iii) MSC + MSB
 - (iv) MPB – MPC
- (c) Give one example of common property resource (CPR).
- (d) Command and control approach/ market-based approach is mostly used in solving the environmental problems of developing countries.
- (e) Sustainable development means the taking care of the development needs of
- (i) present generation
 - (ii) past generation
 - (iii) future generation
 - (iv) both present and future generation
- (f) Give two examples of non-renewable resources.
- (g) Major components of watershed management program include
- (i) soil conservation
 - (ii) water conservation
 - (iii) land improvement
 - (iv) All of the above
- (h) Name one naturally generated greenhouse gas.

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2. Write notes on any four of the following (within 150 words each) : $4 \times 4 = 16$
- (a) Environment as an economic asset
 - (b) Positive and negative externality
 - (c) Carbon trading
 - (d) Sustainable development
 - (e) Watershed management

Answer the following questions (within 500 words each) :

3. (a) Illustrate with the help of material balance model, the interdependence between economy and environment. 11
- Or
- (b) Define environmental economics. What are its objectives? Explain the relationship between resource economics and environmental economics. $2+4+5=11$
4. (a) What do you mean by market failure? What are the causes of market failure? Why does market fail for environmental quality? $2+3+6=11$
- Or
- (b) What are public goods? What are the characteristics of public goods? Do you consider environmental quality as public good? $2+4+5=11$

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5. (a) Explain critically different market-based instruments for pollution control. 11

Or

- (b) What is command and control approach in solving environmental problems? What are the advantages and disadvantages of this method? 6+5=11

6. (a) Define strong and weak sustainability. What are the indicators of sustainable development? 4+7=11

Or

- (b) What is Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)? Discuss the relevance of EIA in the context of sustainability. 7+4=11

7. (a) What are the major environmental problems of developed and developing countries? Discuss the environmental policy choices for the developing countries. 6+6=12

Or

- (b) What are the major environmental issues of Assam? Discuss the policy options to resolve these issues. 6+6=12

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