

Ex/SOC/PG/3.3/2024

MASTER OF ARTS EXAMINATION, 2024

(2nd Year, 3rd Semester)

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

PAPER : PG/3.3

(Sociology of Environment)

Time : Two Hours

Full Marks : 30

Answer *either* in English *or* in Bengali.

All questions carry equal marks.

Answer *any two* of the following questions : 15×2=30

1. How does John Barry's account represent nature, environment and social theory as interrelated entities? 15
2. Why does Debjani Bhattacharya coin the story of land-making in the Bengal delta as that of forgetting (*a collective amnesia*)? Analyse in this context how her *Empire and Ecology* connects the 'ecological' with the 'legal' in explaining the birth of the city of Calcutta. 15

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3. "Anyone who travels to Dehradun in India and visits the forestry campus will understand that the weight of the imperial past is omnipresent" — Reflect critically, in the light of M. Buchy's understanding of the Indian forestry's colonial or imperial past, on conservation biologists' authoritarianism and anti-humanism with reference to the Nagarhole National Park in southern Karnataka. 15
4. How do you assess Annu Jalais' argument about humans and tigers sharing the similar histories of fleeing and migrating, when talking about human-tiger relations in the Sundarbans? Does this kind of argument come close to what Philippe Descola depicts as a general tendency of humankind to anthropocentric projection? Analyse. 8+7=15

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