

2021

(August/ September)

**HISTORY**

**Paper: 601 (Major)**

**(History of Ecology and Environment: India)**

Full Marks: 40

Pass Marks: 12

Time: 2 hours

*All questions carry equal marks*

Answer each question within 800 words

Answer **any four** questions:

(4x10=40)

1. Trace the development of Environmental History as a distinct branch of historical research in South Asia.
2. What do you mean by mode of resource use pattern? What were the different modes of resource use pattern in India since the early period?
3. Do you think environmental factors were directly responsible for the decline of the Indus valley civilization? Explain.
4. Examine the impact of iron use in the extension of agrarian production in the 6<sup>th</sup> century B C.
5. Examine the impact of the British forest policies in India on the tribal population. Do you think that the forest policies were responsible for the emergence of tribal revolts in the 19<sup>th</sup> century?
6. Trace the process of commercial exploitation of forest resources by the colonial state in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. How extension of railways was responsible for the deforestation of vast areas since the late 19<sup>th</sup> century?
7. Explain the impact of Gandhian ideology in the development of the environmental movements in India in the post independent period with special reference to the Chipko movement.
8. Do you think shifting cultivation is responsible for large scale deforestation in North East India? Explain.

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