



FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS - MAY 2024/2025

PROGRAMME: BSEM

YEAR/SEM: YEAR 2/SEMESTER 2

COURSE CODE: BSE 2202

NAME: ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND ETHICS

DATE: 2025-08-04

TIME: 9:00AM-12:00PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Read the instructions very carefully
2. The time allowed for this examination is STRICTLY three hours
3. Read each question carefully before you attempt and allocate your time equally between all the Sections
4. Write clearly and legibly. Illegible handwriting cannot be marked
5. Number the questions you have attempted
6. Use of appropriate workplace examples to illustrate your answers will earn you bonus marks
7. Any examination malpractice detected will lead to automatic disqualification.

DO NOT WRITE ANYTHING ON THE QUESTION PAPER

Section A Answer all questions in this section (compulsory)

Question 1:

- a) Define environmental ethics and explain its relevance in environmental conservation. (5 marks) b) Briefly explain the term intergenerational equity and how it applies to environmental protection. (5 marks) c) What is the precautionary principle? Provide an example of its application in environmental policy. (5 marks) d) State any four principles of environmental ethics and briefly explain each. (5 marks) e) Explain the concept of sustainable development from an ethical standpoint. (5 marks) f) Outline the key components of environmental justice. (5 marks) g) Discuss the role of environmental ethics education in promoting sustainable behavior. (5 marks) h) State three moral responsibilities humans have towards non-human species and ecosystems. (5 marks)

Section B Answer only three (3) questions from this section

Question 1:

Uganda has signed and ratified many international conventions and agreements. Identify and write short notes on any examples. (20 marks)

Question 2:

- a) Explain how environmental ethics relates to biodiversity conservation. (10 marks)
b) Evaluate ethical dilemmas in wildlife protection in Uganda. (10 marks)

Question 3:

Explain the institutional and legal environmental framework in your country. (20 marks)

Question 4:

1. Identify the functions of the following a. NEMA (5 marks) b. NFA (5 marks) c. Wetland Management Department (5 marks) d. Directorate of water Development (5 marks)

Question 5:

Identify and explain the different environmental standards that an environmental officer in your area should be looking out for in his/her area of jurisdiction in order to protect and conserve the environment. (20 marks)

Question 6:

- a) Explain the sources of international environmental law. (10 marks) b) Explain the different environmental law instruments of Africa and East Africa. (10 marks)