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COURSE CODE: BSE 2202
NAME: ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND ETHICS

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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)

Question 2:

a) What is the role of courts in Environment management and law enforcement? (5 marks)

b) Identify the tools of enforcing environment law in Uganda. (5 marks)

c) Outline the environmental standards as identified by NEA in part VI. (5 marks)

d) What are the characteristics of environmental offences? (5 marks)

e) Identify a few cases of public interest litigation in environmental protection. (5 marks)

f) What are the commonest environmental crimes likely to feature in Ugandan courts? (5 marks)

g) Explain examples of environmental judicial remedies. (5 marks)

h) How can water pollution be controlled?? (5 marks)

SECTION B

Answer only three (3) questions from this section

Question 1:

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

Question 2:

a) Explain the sources of international environmental law. (10 marks)

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

Question 3:

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

Question 4:

a) There are lots of ethical issues encountered in the management and conservation of the environment. Identify and explain such issues. (20 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:

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

Question 7:

Write short notes on the following;

a) The national water policy,1995. (4 marks)

b) The wildlife policy,1999. (4 marks)

c) The Uganda fisheries policy,2004. (4 marks)

d) The Uganda forestry policy,2001. (4 marks)

e) The Uganda wildlife act. (4 marks)

Question 8:

a) Describe the environmental legislative framework in Uganda. (10 marks)

b) Explain the framework for environmental management in Uganda. (10 marks)

Question 9:

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 10:

a) Identify the limitations of common law actions in environmental protection. (10 marks)

b) Outline the objectives of national environment management policy. (10 marks)

Question 11:

a) Identify the sources of environmental law. (5 marks)

b) Why is environmental law important? (5 marks)

c) Describe the development of Environmental law at the international scene. (10 marks)

Question 12:

a) How did national environmental law develop? (5 mrks)

b) Describe the historical background of environmental law in Uganda. (10 marks)

c) Define the term" international environmental law". (5 marks)