

Minor I
HUL376. Political Ecology of Water
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Max Marks: 30 (10+10+10)

Duration: 1 hour

Section A: Long Essay (Attempt one question in about 250-300 words)

1x10 Marks

1. No community is a homogenous entity. As communities are differentiated, and diverse groups therein have divergent and competing economic relations, interests and cultural meanings attached to water. How do urban communities demonstrate differential access to and control over water locales in Varanasi?

Or

2. How is the SKM bringing modern scientific knowledge with concern for cultural heritage in lobbying and engaging in advocacy for cleaning the River Ganga? Discuss.

Section B: Short Notes (attempt two in about 100-125 words each)

5x2=10 Marks

3. Why is there is a conflict in interest in state being a promoter of development projects and owner of resources and state as a adjudicator in social conflicts and acting as a trustee of public interest? Explain.

4. Water is the confluence of several disciplines. Mention at least six themes identified by Jayant Bandyopadhyay for inter-disciplinary research in water systems (2+3= 5 Marks)

5. Explain the need for application of Sen's capability approach to water. How can water equity lead to human development in developing contexts such as India?

6. How do the diverse uses of a river communicate multiple meanings? Elaborate. Discuss the renaming of Ganga as Ganges. The shift in the name of a river communicates the differences in approaching a river as an economic resource and as symbol of Hindu socio-cultural identity. (2.5 + 2.5= 5 Marks)