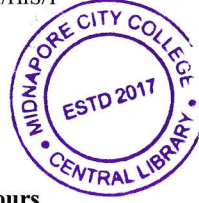


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**M.A. Semester-II Examination, 2022**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**  
**PAPER: HIS 202**



**(RELIGION AND ECOLOGY IN EARLY INDIA)**

**Full Marks: 40**

**Time: 2 Hours**

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.  
 Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

**GROUP – A**

**1. Answer any two from the following questions. 2 X 8 = 16**

- a) Review the elements of environmental consciousness embedded in ancient Indian culture as found in early Indian literary and archaeological sources.
- b) What do the Vedas say about the environment? What was the ancient Indian approach to environment?
- c) Do you think Mahavira's religious ideas were useful in protecting biodiversity? Discuss.
- d) What do you mean by the term 'Adivasi'? What was the role of nature in their religious beliefs?

**GROUP – B**

**2. Answer any four from the following questions. 4 X 4 = 16**

- a) How would you explain the elements for the preservation of as found in the ancient Indian religious literature?
- b) Discuss the importance of forests as explored from the Indian Classical literature.
- c) Briefly discuss the early Indian concept of Mother Earth.
- d) What do you know about Jain environmental ethics?
- e) Briefly discuss the early Buddhist view on nature
- f) Write a note on environmental ethics of the Adivasi society.

**GROUP – C**

**3. Answer any four from the following questions. 4 X 2 = 8**

- a) What is the relation between ecology and religion? Write in brief.
- b) How would you explain the connection between Mahavir Jain's idea on 'Ahimsa' and environmental consciousness?
- c) Make a brief comment on two particular sources from early India offering relevant connection between ecology and religion.
- d) Write a brief note on 'Adidharma'.
- e) What is the nature according to Chan and Zen tradition of Buddhism?
- f) Make a brief comment on the environment related religious practices of the tribal people in India.

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