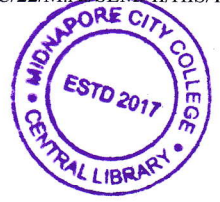


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PG (CBCS)
M.A. Semester- II Examination, 2023
HISTORY
PAPER: HIS 202
(RELIGION AND ECOLOGY IN EARLY INDIA)

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

Answer any **FOUR** of the following questions:

5×4=20

1. Explain why the earth is addressed as mother in the religious literature of ancient India?
2. Discuss briefly how the importance of nature is highlighted in the Vedas?
3. Briefly discuss how environmental ethics are reflected in Jataka's story?
4. What is the relationship between water and fire as the important elements of nature described in Mahabharata's Khāndba-dahan episode?
5. Examine the features of the literature on environment focusing on the early India.
6. Write a short note about some tribal festivals which are related to environmental protection?

GROUP-B

Answer any **TWO** of the following questions:

10×2=20

7. Discuss the descriptions of Chitrakut mountain and its surrounding forest ecosystem in Valmiki's Rāmāyana?
8. Discuss in detail how environmental thought of ancient India is reflected in Buddhist philosophy?
9. Write an essay on environmental worldview in Jainism?
10. Briefly discuss the main points of Sāri Dharma? Do you think the religious ideas of the Adivasi follow the principles of environmental conservation?
