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PG (CBCS) M.A. Semester- IV Examination, 2023 HISTORY

PAPER: HIS 403

(ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY OF MODERN 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:

 $2 \times 4 = 8$

- 1. What do you mean by 'Environmental History'?
- 2. What do you know about Madhav Gadgil as an ecologist?
- 3. On which river was the silent valley hydro project planned?
- 4. What do you mean by 'Holocene Age'?
- 5. What is wildlife history?
- 6. What do you mean by the term 'Landscape'?

GROUP-B

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

4×4=16

- 7. Why is Rachel Carson called as the mother of the 'Environmental Movement'?
- 8. How did David Hardiman describe the small-dam system of the Sahyadris?
- 9. Why was the silent valley project withdrawn? What was the role of the environment department in the process?
- 10. Write a short note on the Forest Act of 1865.
- 11. Briefly discuss how historian Sajal Nag explained groundwater crisis and environmental change in Cherrapunji.
- 12. Was the colonial Government was responsible for the famine of 1943 during the colonial period?

GROUP-C

Answer any TWO of the following questions:

 $8 \times 2 = 16$

- 13. Make an assessment of the contribution of Richard Grove to the development of ecological historiography in India.
- 14. What according to Elizabeth Whitcombe are the environmental costs of irrigation in colonial India in the Ganga-Yamuna Doab region?

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- 15. How did the 'Multipurpose River Valley Project' affect centre-state relations in India?
- 16. In what circumstances did the Chipko Movement occur? Do you think that it was a women's movement as well as an ecological movement?
