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ASSIGNMENT 3

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Based on Module Part – III, 30 Marks

Answer any 7 from the following in 2000 words:-

1. Trace the evolution of the Environmental Clearance process in India. What are the major differences between the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notifications of 1994 and 2006?
2. Which is the authority responsible for assessing the environmental impact of a proposed project or development? Mention the powers and functions of the authority. Also enumerate the role of the Environment Appraisal Committees in environmental Clearance in India?
3. How has Public Interest Litigation (PIL) helped in strengthening the environmental governance in India? What is the significance of relaxation of the rule of *locus standi* in the promotion of PIL?
4. 'Writ jurisdiction' is an extraordinary power vested in some specific courts as per the Constitution of India. Is this statement true or false? What is a writ jurisdiction? Which courts are authorized to issue a writ and in what circumstances can these writs be issued? Substantiate your answer by giving relevant environmental cases where courts have exercised such jurisdiction.
5. What are the powers and functions of the Tribunals set up for resolving Inter-State water disputes? Enumerate the recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission with respect to such Tribunals? How are these Tribunals different from the River Boards set up under the River Boards Act of 1956?



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6. 'Agriculture's impact on natural resources and, thereby, on the environment is significant.' Examine the provisions incorporated in the National Agriculture Policy, 2002 that provide for the protection and promotion of the environment and facilitate in combating environmental concerns?

7. 'The percentage of urban population to the total population of the country stands at 27.8. However, India is yet to evolve a National Urban Policy.' Comment.

Or

If you were to formulate a policy for urban development, what all provisions would you envisage in the policy for a sustainable urban development in the country?

8 What are the various categories of hazardous wastes? Outline the provisions pertaining to management of hazardous wastes.

9 What are the legal provisions for abatement of automobile pollution in India? Outline both legislative as well as judicial interventions for the prevention and control of automobile pollution. Are there any restrictions imposed by the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, on the courts while taking cognizance for any offence under the Act?