

Post Graduate Diploma in Urban Environmental Management and Law
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Total Marks: 50

The word limits and marks allocated to each question are mentioned after the question

Course 1: Introduction to Urban Governance: Concepts and Practices

Assignment 1

Question 1

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) are interlinked global goals with the idea of achieving a more sustainable future by 2030. SDG 11 discusses the goal of Sustainable Cities and Communities.

The SDG Report, 2022 finds that for the second year in a row, the world has stopped progressing on the SDGs. India has ranked extremely low at 121 out of 163 countries and has performed poorly when it comes to SDG 11.

Identify and discuss in detail the causes for India's lacklustre performance in SDG 11 while providing recommendations and a way forward.

SDG Report, 2022:

<http://www.indiaenvironmentportal.org.in/files/file/sustainable%20development%20report%202022.pdf>

(15 marks, 1000-1200 words)

Question 2

“The vision of sustainable and equitable urban futures will not be guaranteed unless cities and subnational governments take bold and decisive actions to address both chronic and emerging urban challenges.” – World Cities Report, 2022.

In light of the above report answer the following questions:

a) Has COVID-19 slowed down the shift towards urbanisation? If not, what steps must be taken to build resilience for present and future cities?

(10 marks, 800-1000 words)

b) What role does technology and digitalisation play in present and future urbanisation?

(10 marks, 800-1000 words)

Furthermore, the International Institute for Environment and Development in their ‘Better cities are possible: responding to the twin crises of climate change and inequality’ report also discussed the issue of urban climate justice along the lines of decarbonisation. *“To achieve sustainable urbanisation, cities must build inclusive systems that reduce inequality while enabling pathways to net zero.”*

c) How can sustainable urbanisation promote achieving net-zero targets?

(15 marks, 1000-1200 words)

World Cities Report, 2022: https://unhabitat.org/sites/default/files/2022/06/wcr_2022.pdf

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Report:

<http://www.indiaenvironmentportal.org.in/files/file/better%20cities%20are%20possible.pdf>