



**NPTEL Online Certification Course**  
**<Environment and Development>**  
**<Assignment 12>: Detailed Solution**  
**Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati**

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**All questions are compulsory, and each question carries one (01) mark**

1. What distinguishes 'life projects' from 'development initiatives' in particular?
- a. Development projects takes into account the place perspectives and life projects are universal in nature
  - b. Life projects takes into account the place perspectives and development projects are universal in nature
  - c. Development projects takes into account the ecological perspectives and life projects are universal in nature
  - d. All of these

**Correct Answer: B**

**Detailed Answer: From the NPTEL lectures**

2. Who among the following argued that indigenous peoples of the Chaco display the moral ecology of hunter-gatherers?
- a. John Renshaw
  - b. Arturo Escobar
  - c. Deborah McGregor
  - d. Von Bremen

**Correct Answer: D**

**Detailed Answer: From the NPTEL lectures**

3. How does environmentalists often represented the indigenous groups?
- a. As ideal models, not only of 'harmony with human' but also of social and emotional coherence, and continuity
  - b. As ideal models, not only of 'harmony with human' but also of social and political coherence, and continuity

c. As ideal models, not only of 'harmony with nature' but also of social and emotional coherence, and continuity

d. As ideal models, not only of 'harmony with nature' but also of social and political coherence, and continuity

**Correct Answer:C**

**Detailed Answer: From the NPTEL lectures**

4. According to Ellen and Harris (2000), what does the term 'indigenous knowledge' mean?

a. The commonsensical knowledge of a group of people to a given situation, sometimes used interchangeably with commonsensical knowledge

b. The knowledge of a group of scientists to a given situation, sometimes used interchangeably with scientific knowledge

c. The knowledge of a group of people local to a given situation, sometimes used interchangeably with local knowledge

d. None of these

**Correct Answer:C**

**Detailed Answer: From the NPTEL lectures**

5. What is the 'life project' supposed to be?

a. Visions of the world and the future that are similar from those embodied by projects promoted by state and markets

b. Visions of the world and the future that are distinct from those embodied by projects promoted by state and markets

c. Visions of the world and the future that are similar from those embodied by projects promoted by indigenous people

d. Visions of the world and the future that are distinct from those embodied by projects promoted by indigenous people

**Correct Answer:B**

**Detailed Answer: From the NPTEL lectures**

6. What does the traditional environmental knowledge (TEK) refer?

a. The knowledge that Indigenous peoples have in relation to the society

b. The knowledge that Indigenous peoples have in relation to the universe

c. The knowledge that Indigenous peoples have in relation to the religion

d. The knowledge that Indigenous peoples have in relation to the environment

**Correct Answer:D**

**Detailed Answer: From the NPTEL lectures**

7. The term 'indigenous knowledge' as defined by Ellen and Harris (2000) mean

- a. The knowledge of a group of scientists to a given situation, sometimes used interchangeably with scientific knowledge
- b. The knowledge of a group of people local to a given situation, sometimes used interchangeably with local knowledge
- c. The commonsensical knowledge of a group of people to a given situation, sometimes used interchangeably with commonsensical knowledge
- d. All of these

**Correct Answer:B**

**Detailed Answer: From the NPTEL lectures**

8. What was the main objective of the World Commission on Environment and Development (WCED)?

- a. To enquire into environmental issues in developed countries
- b. To enquire into environmental issues in developing countries
- c. To enquire into environmental issues in developed and developing countries
- d. All of these

**Correct Answer:B**

**Detailed Answer: From the NPTEL lectures**

9. Sustainable development is a concept derived from

- a. Conventional Western ideology
- b. Non-conventional Western ideology
- c. Conventional Eastern ideology
- d. Non-conventional Eastern ideology

**Correct Answer:A**

**Detailed Answer: From the NPTEL lectures**

10. Indigenous views of 'sustainable development' are concerned with

- a. Taking rather than giving
- b. Giving rather than taking
- c. Giving and taking
- d. A balance between giving and taking

**Correct Answer: B**

**Detailed Answer: From the NPTEL lectures**

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