**BDC334 Prof AJ Smit Class Test 1 (b), Term 3, 2025**

**1.** Write an essay about the ***threats to global biodiversity***. In your essay, elaborate on ***your thinking of how various socio-economic influences*** (such as economic status and aspirations, political systems, developmental status, *etc.*) ***might affect these trends/patterns of threats*** experienced around the globe.

In other words, provide an explanation for the global patterns in biodiversity loss as seen through the view of socio-economics, and highlight any regional patterns that are present.

[**20 marks**]

**2.** Please discuss community formation according to views and insights offered by Robert H. Whittaker since his seminal work published in 1967.

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