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COURSE CODE: ESM306
COURSE TITLE: Environmental Politics

Time: 2 hours

Instruction: Answer any four questions

1. The composition of the environment is broader and wider in scope than the mere simplicity of division into air, water, minerals, soil, and living organisms. Discuss
2. Deforestation as an environmental menace is a process caused by a host of factors within human comprehension, examine these factors in the light of their overwhelming negative effects of the environment generally.
3. List and explain the known types of pollution vis-à-vis their negative impacts on the general environment and nature.
4. Against the backdrop of the fact that the land as an aspect of the environment nourishes and provides for the whole of nature is the reality that a host of human and non-human factors have corrupted its innocence which now makes it detrimental to human existence and this in turn has continued to be a source of concern to its inhabitant. Discuss
5. “Vorsorgeprinzip” meaning "the precautionary principle" in English is a technical presentation for conserving the environment which is based on the idea of the carrying capacity of ecosystems, and the need to tread on the path of caution when determining the extent to which scarce environmental resources can be used for economic development and such is only achievable by applying certain known practical strategies. Discuss.
6. Write short notes on the following environmental concepts
 - a. Environment
 - b. Environmental Justice
 - c. Environmental asset
 - d. Management actions
 - e. Biodiversity