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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF PEACE STUDIES AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION
2021_1 POP QUESTIONS

COURSE CODE: PCR851

COURSE TITLE: Environmental Security and Conflict Resolution

TIME ALLOWED: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTION: Answer any 4 questions. Each question carries an allocation of 17.5 marks. Total score is 70.

- (1)(a) Describe comprehensively what you understand by the term ‘Environment’ as encapsulated in the definitions of the following:
- (i) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
 - (ii) 1991 Beijing Declaration on Environment and Development
 - (iii) Senator Al Gore, in his 1992 book *Earth in the Balance* **(15 marks)**
- (b) Briefly explain ‘Environmental Impact Assessment’ **(2.5 marks)**
2. (a) Explain the term ‘climate change.’ **(2.5 marks)**
(b) State three major reasons why climate change is receiving global attention **(15 marks)**
- 3.(a) Mention Five (5) major human activities driving global change stated as stated by Okali (2004) **(10 marks)**
(b) Mention the major physical impacts of human activities in the earth’s environment which interact with the socioeconomic systems to define the human environment **(4 marks)**
(c) State the origin of International Environmental Law **(3.5 marks)**
4. (a) Discuss the impacts of climate change on the environment **(15 marks)**
(b) Briefly explain the Precautionary Approach Concepts as used in International Environmental Law **(2.5 marks)**
- (5)(a) Discuss how environmental security emerged as an important concept in security studies **(15 marks)**
(b) Explain briefly the term ‘Polluter Pays Principle’ **(2.5 marks)**