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(END SEMESTER EXAMINATION MO/SP20**)

CLASS: MUP
BRANCH: MUP

SEMESTER: I
SESSION: MO/2022

SUBJECT: AR605 - URBAN ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING
TIME: 03 Hours FULL MARKS: 50

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The question paper contains 5 questions each of 10 marks and total 50 marks.
2. Attempt all questions.
3. The missing data, if any, may be assumed suitably.
4. Tables/Data handbook/Graph paper etc., if applicable, will be supplied to the candidates

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- Q.1(a) Explain the landscape structure 'patch' with one example. [2]
Q.1(b) What kind of work is included in 'screening' in an environmental impact assessment (EIA)? [3]
Q.1(c) Describe the scale challenge 'mismatch' using an example of your choice. [5]
- Q.2(a) Explain with a diagram and an example, the difference between dissection and perforation as [2]
impacts to a landscape.
Q.2(b) Which type of species should we use in vegetation - native or exotic, and why? [3]
Q.2(c) You have studied that thematic maps are one of the ways to convey crucial information about a site. [5]
What is the usefulness of a buffer distance through a thematic map in the context of patches of
forested lands?
- Q.3(a) What are ecosystem services? [2]
Q.3(b) Explain how compact soil impacts hydrological behavior. [3]
Q.3(c) You are looking at a land use map of two neighbourhoods A and B. The distribution of land use is as [5]
follows: A - residential 30%; forest 50%; water 10%; agricultural 10%, and B - residential 70%; forest
10%; water 10%; agricultural 10%. Compare the urban heat island effects in these two neighbourhoods
with respect to their land use.
- Q.4(a) Name one indicator of air pollution. [2]
Q.4(b) What is NDVI and what is it used for? [3]
Q.4(c) What is robustness in a landscape? Explain with an example of an ecosystem service. [5]
- Q.5(a) Which act makes it mandatory to take insurance policies to help provide relief? [2]
Q.5(b) What is the purpose of the IUCN red list? [3]
Q.5(c) Identify one sustainable development goal (SDG) of the United Nations and provide an example of [5]
how it aligns with a project in your area of interest. This project may be your proposed thesis.

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