

## Final Examination Format

The final examination in REN8101 Environment, Society & Sustainability is a CLOSED examination and of 2 hours duration (with 10 minutes reading time). You are permitted to write during the perusal time.

The exam is essentially divided into three 'questions'. You are provided with a choice from a number of essay topics within each question and you are required to answer **only one essay** from each (i.e. answer **three** essay questions in total). **Do not attempt more than one essay topic per question.**

Questions are of equal value (40 marks each) and you should allow about 40 minutes to answer each essay.

Your essays should be reasonably well structured and draw upon material encountered in the study book, book of readings, text and your broader readings associated with the topics and your assignment. It is important that you take some time (at least 5 minutes) to adequately plan your essay. You are permitted to use of figures, tables and diagrams and examples/case studies if they add to the development of your essay. However, we are not interested in exact facts and figures (we are not testing your ability to recall that level of detail). However, we will be looking for your level of integration and synthesis of material into reasoned arguments!

**Examples of these types of essay questions were given in the "Discussion Questions" at the end of each module in the Study Book.**

You can probably expect essay questions to be structured around some of the main themes that we have been exploring throughout the semester and may include something on:

- biodiversity, human population growth, demands of population growth on food production, health etc, rise of environmentalism;
- human activities leading to such problems as land degradation, water pollution and resource use, renewable/non-renewable energy, waste production;
- the incorporation of the environment into mainstream politics, sustainable development, approaches and developments in environmental planning.

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