8. Discuss the role of the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change in environmental law and policy-making in India. What role do central and state pollution control boards play in environmental law and policy formulation? (15)

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## Instructions for Candidates

- 1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
- 2. Attempt any five questions.
- All questions carry equal marks.
- 1. Critically evaluate the roles of the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, and the state pollution control boards. How do their responsibilities complement each other in environmental policymaking? (15)

- 2. Write explanatory notes on the following (any three):  $(5\times3=15)$ 
  - (i) Article 51 A and environmental protection
  - (ii) Provisions of The Environment (Protection) Act 1986
  - (iii) The National Green Tribunal Act 2010
  - (iv) Environmental education case (M.C. Mehta vs. Union of India, WP 860/1991)
- 3. Write down the difference between the following (any three):  $(5\times3=15)$ 
  - (i) Forest Act 1865 and the Indian Forest Act 1927
  - (ii) Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972 and The Biological Diversity Act 2002
  - (iii) Stockholm Conference 1972 and the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development 1992
  - (iv) Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Duties in the Indian Constitution

- 4. What environmental practices were prevalent during the Mauryan period? How have environmental practices and policies shifted from the ancient to Mauryan periods? What factors do you think contributed to such changes? (15)
- 5. What is the legal definition of 'forest' in India?
  Compare and contrast the legal definition of forest
  with the everyday understanding of what constitutes
  a forest. Do you think that this discrepancy
  has affected the implementation of environmental
  laws? (15)
- 6. Elaborate upon the roles of worship and reverence of natural elements such as trees, rocks, mountains, water, soil, and air in conservation and environmental protection in ancient India. Do you think these practices contributed to environmental sustainability? If yes, how? (15)
- 7. How do definitions of pollution, natural resources, biodiversity, and sustainable development influence how we approach environmental policy and legislation?

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