

Tutorial letter 201/1/2018

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS PUB2606

Semester 1

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
AND MANAGEMENT**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

This tutorial letter contains important information
about your module.

Dear Student,

Congratulations on having come this far with your studies. We trust that you have commenced with your preparation for the examination. The purpose of this tutorial letter is to:

- provide feedback on the assignments that you should have submitted during the course of the semester; and
- provide an indication of the format of the examination paper.

1 GENERAL COMMENTS

Thank you for the assignments that we received from you during the course of the semester. We appreciate your interest in the module and trust that the contents and presentation thereof met with your expectations.

The answers to the assignments are provided at item 4 of this tutorial letter.

1.1 Tutorial letter PUB2606/101

When you registered for this module, an important tutorial letter (PUB2606/101/3/2018) was issued to you. The purpose of this tutorial letter is, among other things, to assist you with the completion of your assignments. It contains general guidelines as well as important information with regard to your assignment due dates and was issued to you in order to help you to complete the assignments successfully.

2 EXAMINATION TIPS

We would like to draw your attention to your preparation for the May/June 2018 examination and we offer the following tips:

Examination writing tip 1: Read and understand the instructions

ALWAYS read the instructions carefully. Many students do not take the time to do this and then discover that they did the examination incorrectly. Are you required to select a certain number of questions to answer, or do you have to answer all of them?

Examination writing tip 2: Preview the examination and budget your time accordingly

Note the number of questions and how many marks each is worth. Quickly reading over the questions will assist in activating your memory. Decide which questions will be easier to do and which ones will take longer and budget your time accordingly. Allocate time to review the examination and make corrections. If you think of something while you are previewing the examination, write it down immediately.

Examination writing tip 3: Tackle each question systematically

Read each question carefully, and underline key words. Is it a one-part or two-part question? What are you being asked to do? Identify what you have and what you need. Decide how you plan to get to the answer and make a few notes on the steps you will take. This will provide you with some guidelines – and the person marking the examination with an idea of how you attempted to answer the question. This will also assist you with finding and correcting mistakes.

Examination writing tip 4: Write something down for every question

If all you can do is to provide a definition, then do so. Write down anything you know that is related to the question, especially if you do not know the answer. Do not leave a question unanswered. Try to answer it.

Examination writing tip 5: If you “draw a blank”

First, do not panic and allow anxiety to take control of how you are going to do on the examination. Ask yourself, “What do I need to know to answer this question?” and start writing down your thoughts. Avoid negative self-talk – focus on the task instead of on yourself.

Examination writing tip 6: Review and make corrections

Take the time to go over the examination and check your answers. Do not change anything unless you are 100% sure it is correct.

Examination writing tip 7: Remain in the venue

Do not leave the venue until the examination invigilators throw you out! Sometimes, it takes a little more time for information in your memory to “surface”, so use all the time you are given.

3 EXAMINATION PAPER

A few guidelines regarding the May/June 2018 examination appear in the following paragraphs.

3.1 Preparing for the examination

The revision questions which appear at the end of each study unit are examples of the type of questions which could be posed in the examination. This should give you an indication of what is required. You should, however, not restrict your preparation to these questions.

For your convenience, the *Official Study Material* folder on myUnisa contains copies of previous examination papers.

3.2 Format of the examination paper

Please note that the questions in the examination paper will not include multiple-choice questions. The examination paper is worth a total of **100 marks**. **The examination paper consists of four (4) essay-type questions**. Each question counts 25 marks, BUT may be subdivided, for example, 15 marks + 10 marks = 25 marks.

The duration of the examination is **2 hours**.

3.3 Possible examination questions

To assist you further in your preparation for the coming examination we are providing a number of typical questions.

Please bear in mind that this is not intended to be an exhaustive list, but the questions only serve as examples of possible examination questions:

- 1 The South African national government plays a leading role in environmental management. Analyse the role played by Parliament as well as the executive authority in environmental affairs at the national sphere of government.

- 2 Define the meaning of following concepts:
 - (a) Environment.
 - (b) Developing countries.
 - (c) Trans-border parks.
 - (d) Urbanisation.
 - (e) Ecotourism.

- 3 Describe the actions taken by the international community to prevent the further depletion of the ozone layer.

- 4 Discuss the use of nuclear power as a source of energy.

- 5 Analyse the meaning and objectives of sustainable development and the link between sustainable development and the Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP).

- 6 The size of a population and the population density have a definite impact on both the natural and manmade environment. Explain this statement in detail and use examples to substantiate your answer.

- 7 Describe the role of the following spheres (levels) of government in environmental management in South Africa:
 - (a) National government sphere.
 - (b) Provincial government sphere.

3.4 Relevant sections of the study guide for examination purposes

You have to study the study guide in its entirety.

3.5 Examination paper October/November 2017

Attached please find the October/November 2017 examination paper that serves as an example of the types of questions that may be asked.

4 COMMENTS ON ASSIGNMENTS

One compulsory multiple-choice questions (MCQs) assignment and one compulsory essay-type assignment were set for this module.

4.1 Assignment 01 (compulsory): Multiple-choice questions

Assignment 01 consisted of twenty (20) questions with multiple-choice answers out of which you had to choose the correct answer.

The correct options are indicated below in brackets ():

QUESTION NUMBER	CORRECT OPTION
1	(1)
2	(4)
3	(1)
4	(2)
5	(3)
6	(4)
7	(2)
8	(3)
9	(2)
10	(1)
11	(1)
12	(4)
13	(1)
14	(2)
15	(1)
16	(1)
17	(4)
18	(3)
19	(2)
20	(4)

Because all the questions were derived from the study guide, we hope that you were able to easily find the answers and were able to obtain good marks.

4.2 Assignment 02 (compulsory): Essay-type

Assignment 02 consisted of an essay-type question. As the purpose of the assignment was to prepare you to answer typical examination questions, you were not required to include a title page, table of contents, introduction, headings, conclusion or a list of sources when answering the essay-type assignment questions.

MEMORANDUM FOR ASSIGNMENT 02

Reference to the relevant section(s) in the study guide follows below:

QUESTION	REFERENCE
There are many factors that are linked to the global environmental dilemma. Describe the “loss of soil”, “deforestation”, “water scarcity” and “pollution” as some of those factors.	Learning Unit 2 Section 2.6 Section 2.7 Section 2.8 Section 2.10

The global environmental dilemma cannot be reduced to merely a few issues. The problem is far more complex. You were expected to briefly describe the following factors that are linked to the global environmental dilemma:

- Loss of soil.
- Deforestation.
- Water scarcity.
- Pollution.

5 CONCLUDING REMARKS ON THE EXAMINATION

The activities and self-assessment questions included in the study material are important because they facilitate your understanding of the work. The student who understands the work should pass easily in the examination. It is, therefore, very important that you ensure that you understand the different themes and learning units so that you can comprehend the so-called "bigger picture."

Do not hesitate to contact your lecturers if you experience problems with the content of this tutorial letter or any aspect of the module.

We wish you the best with the rest of the semester and trust that you will be successful in the examination.

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October/November 2017

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Duration : 2 Hours

100 Marks

EXAMINERS :

FIRST :

MS C ALERS

SECOND :

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Closed book examination.**This examination question paper remains the property of the University of South Africa and may not be removed from the examination venue.****ANSWER ALL FOUR (4) QUESTIONS.****QUESTION 1**

- 1.1 Explain the relationship between the environment and public administration. (10)
- 1.2 Provide a historical overview of how the relationship between people and nature changed over the last few centuries. In your answer, distinguish between the following historical periods:
- (a) The pre-industrial period. (5)
 - (b) The industrial period. (5)
 - (c) The post-industrial period. (5)
- [25]**

QUESTION 2

Describe the following obstacles which hinder optimal international environmental management:

- 2.1 North-South polarisation. (15)
- 2.2 Sovereignty of states. (10)
- [25]**

QUESTION 3

Evaluate the role of government on the following government levels/spheres in environmental management in South Africa:

- 3.1 National government sphere. (15)
 - 3.2 Provincial government sphere. (10)
- [25]**

QUESTION 4

Analyse the development of environmental management in South Africa by pointing out the most important dates and events.

[25]

TOTAL: [100]