

BOWEN UNIVERSITY, IWO, OSUN STATE
COLLEGE OF LAW
2023/2024 SESSION
SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION
COURSE TITLE: ENVIRONMENTAL LAW II **COURSE CODE: PIL 314**
ATTEMPT TWO (2) QUESTIONS FROM EACH SESSION
EACH QUESTION CARRIES 17^{1/2} MARKS **TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS**

SECTION A

1. Development, despite the pathway through which it is pursued, cannot be sustained without an obvious consideration of its environmental impact as such impact could disrupt the processes of development itself. There is need therefore, to secure development but at the same time sustaining a healthy and productive environment. The foregoing can only be achieved through the adoption of sustainable development - a concept that has been expanded to encompass a number of principles. **Discuss.**
2. Solid waste, which is tangible and non-free flowing waste can constitute environmental, economic and health problems when not handled properly. Since waste is unavoidable in the life of man, it must be accommodated in our daily activities through careful planning of our course of action, choice of what to acquire and provision for handling of spoilt or disused materials and possessions. **In the light of the foregoing assertions, discuss the sources and principles of solid waste management.**
3. The environment has become an issue of international concern since environmental problems are fundamentally global in character and affect every nation on Earth. Current developments in scientific knowledge have exposed forms of pollution that have an impact far beyond the limits of national boundary areas, global catchment regions and regional seas. Therefore, the nation-state level is no longer essentially the most suitable level to tackle these types of problems. This has necessitated public involvement in international environmental governance through access to environmental information, participation in environmental decision-making processes and access to justice in environmental matters. **Identify and discuss an international declaration, treaty and guidelines that advocates for public involvement in international environmental governance.**

SECTION B

4. (a) Discuss the sources of international environmental law and state why it is important that the environment should be protected by international legal regime.
(b) Though international law has continued to chart the course of environmental protection across the globe, it is not without its own challenges. **Discuss.**
5. (a) Examine the legacies of the *Trail Smelter Arbitration Case* to the development of International environmental law.

- (b) Explain the fundamental environmental law principle enunciated in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and examine how this principle is reflected and implemented in the Paris Agreement.
6. (a) Explain the concept and causes of climate change as well as ozone layer depletion.
- (b) Articulate the factors responsible for biodiversity loss and obligations of states on biodiversity protection under the applicable international environmental law regime.