

2520014

THE UNIVERSITY *of York*

Degree Examination 2004

ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

BSc in Environment, Economics and Ecology, Part 1b

INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

The questions will be given to the class on Friday 30 April 2004
The answers must be handed in by noon on Friday 7 May 2004.

The examination paper consists of three questions. You should answer **ONE** of these
with a 3000 word long essay.

In answering the question you **MUST** present both sides of the argument.

*Pay adequate attention to spelling, punctuation and grammar, so that your
answers can be readily understood*

1. The UK government is proposing to allow commercial planting of genetically modified crops. Will the use of civil disobedience by groups opposed to planting of genetically modified crops be justified?
2. Should sport fishing be banned in the UK?
3. There are about 25 terrestrial biodiversity "hotspots" on the planet. These 25 biodiversity hotspots contain 44 percent of all plant species and 35 percent of all terrestrial vertebrate species in only 1.4 percent of the planet's land area. Many of them are in developing countries. Should these hotspots be given over entirely to conservation with all human economic activity that might affect biodiversity banned?