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Degree Examination 2004

ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

MSc in Environmental Economics

MSc in Environmental Economics and Environmental Management

MRes in Ecology and Environmental Management

ECOLOGY, LAW AND POLICY

Time allowed: **two hours**

Answer **ONE** question out of **THREE**

Your answer must present arguments for and against the topic under discussion using basic principles.

The extracts from laws and conventions are for guidance only. They do not need to be part of your answer.

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

1. No single nation has sovereign rights over the Antarctic. The Antarctic has valuable mineral resources, but their exploitation is currently prevented by the 1991 Environmental Protection Protocol. Present the arguments for and against the commercial exploitation of these resources. (see Article 3 & 7 of the 1991 Protocol on Environmental Protection of the Antarctic).
2. Present the arguments for and against granting non-human animals legal rights that are similar to those granted to human animals. (see United Nations 1966 International Covenant On Civil And Political Rights)
3. Present the arguments for and against using markets to determine provision of environmental goods and services. (see Kyoto Protocol Articles 3 & 17).