

Access to Higher Education Unit

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Unit Title: Sociology of the Environment

Graded Unit Reference Number: GA33SOC27

Ungraded Unit Reference Number: UA33SOC27

Module: Geography and Environmental Studies; Sociology

Level: Three (3)

Credit Value: Three (3)

Minimum Guided Learning Hours: 30

Learning Outcome (The Learner will):	Assessment Criterion (The Learner can):
1. Understand the role of sociology in society	1.1 Discuss the role of sociology as an academic discipline
	1.2 Analyse the difference between the sociology of the environment and environmental sociology
2. Understand the realist and constructionist approaches to the environment	2.1 Describe the social constructionist approach to the environment
	2.2 Evaluate the differences within the realist approach in terms of the reformist and radical schools of thought
3. Understand the differences between the various paradigms in environmental sociology	3.1 Explain the Human Exemptionalism (HEP) and the New Ecological Paradigms (NEP) in the field of environmental sociology