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Appendixes: None

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Exam in 6044 Tourism and the Environment, spring 2012

The exam contains three parts. It is noted how much each task counts compared to the totality.

Part I (counts 40 %):

Holden (2008) chapter 6 describes following 4 scenarios for different views on what could be understood as sustainable tourism:

1. Comparative impact analysis
2. Product-led
3. Environmentally led
4. Neotenous (Retention to an early stage)

Explain what characterises each of these four scenarios and discuss how you perceive the four scenarios to represent “weaker” or “stronger” kinds of sustainable development.

Part II (counts 40 %):

Munch-Petersen (1995) refers to following five categories of touristic nature perceptions related to tourist activities:

- A. Holistic
- B. Fragmented
- C. Nature as an arena for (quite) physical activity
- D. Nature as a challenge – nature is to be conquered
- E. Nature as an object for technology protection

Explain what kinds of perceptions of nature these five categories represent.

Holden (2008) chapter 2 refers to following four modes of experiencing environment as:

- “a setting for action”
- “a social system”
- “emotional territory”
- “self”

Explain the meaning of these four modes

Discuss then how you think these four modes relate to the five categories A. to E. above. Focus primarily on similarities and differences.

Part III (counts 20 %):

Pleumarom (1996) claims that eco-tourism can be damaging due to following four issues:

1. Eco-tourism is an eco-facade
2. Environmentally risky
3. No local benefits
4. Romantic devastation

Describe and explain what she is addressing by these four claims and discuss shortly opinions you might have towards these claims. You may bring in some of the arguments McLaren (1998) addresses in chapter 5 “Rethinking ecotourism”.