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Instructions:

ANSWER ANY THREE (3) QUESTIONS  
ALL QUESTIONS ARE EQUAL IN VALUE

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1. Fig (2013) argues that the debate on hydraulic fracturing ('fracking') in South Africa reveals a deficit in the current democratic order, while Mnwana (2015) criticises the post-apartheid policy for failing to protect communal land rights and to ensure tangible benefits for rural communities where mining occurs. Provide a cogent response to these arguments, focusing on the socioeconomic and environmental impacts of mining and fracking in South Africa.
2. Compare and contrast the four world views on the global political economy and the current environmental crisis. Provide relevant examples.
3. Did Karl Marx have a promethean attitude towards the environment? Critically discuss, with reference to different viewpoints on Marxism and the environment.
4. Why do humans continue to consume even when basic needs are already met? How does the never-ending consumption affect the environment? Critically discuss, drawing on different theoretical perspectives, including the 'hierarchy of needs' (Maslow, 1943), 'the original affluent society' (Sahlins, 1972) and 'theory of the leisure class' (Veblen 1899).
5. According to Michael Bell (2012), three Western intellectual traditions are largely responsible providing the rationale for environmental domination, namely Christianity, Individualism, and Patriarchy. Critically discuss the influence of these intellectual traditions on the current environmental crisis.
6. According to Jacklyn Cock (2007:24) "... there is no consensus on how to understand and value nature". Discuss how this lack of consensus generates diverse practices towards nature and the ways in which it has contributed towards the escalating ecological crisis. Provide relevant examples.

**End of the examination**