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The exam text is given in English, but can be answered in either English or Norwegian.

Both questions answered must receive a grade of E or higher in order to pass the examination.

Question 1 is to be answered by all candidates (counts 50%)

1.

Nature management and planning can be demanding processes. Important elements are both view on rationality and how on communicate in planning and management. Discuss the following management issues

- a) Define short the concept of co-management.
- b) Rational planning is often described as the Root Method of planning. As the label “rational planning” imply, instrumental rationality is important in this planning tradition. Discuss how this tradition relate to rationality, both on the positive side and the shortcomings of instrumental rationality. How much emphasis should be placed on instrumental rationality?

In addition, answer either question 2. or question 3. (counts 50%):

2.

Political ecology is a field of research with relevance to conflicts over natural resource management. When describing political ecology one often talks about the contrast between political ecology and “apolitical” ecology.

- a) Discuss the field of political ecology in terms of this contrast.
- b) In the paper of Flyvbjerg & Richardson (2002) they use the ideas of Foucault to discuss power in planning. Power is also important in political ecology.

Take this commonalty as your point of departure, and reflect on the relationship between those two different approaches, and with a special look on power.

3.

Select a development project of your own choice. This could be a real case you know, or a hypothetical case you construct as part of your answer. The case could be to establish a mine, establish a wind park, or for that matter property development in a valuable and historic built up environment. Making decisions on starting the project need planning and professional work.

Discuss then how would carry out the process ending in a planning proposal on the table of the politicians. In this discussion try to relate this to different planning ideals, different methods and approaches as AEAM and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). Even try to include issues as communication and power.

This is a comprehensive question, but use your answer to describe how you would develop such a plan, but based on a theoretical argumentation.

BEST OF LUCK!