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MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER DEC 2015

TITLE OF PAPER: ON SITE SANITATION

COURSE CODE : EHM 202

DURATION

: 2 HOURS

MARKS

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INSTRUCTIONS :

ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS

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QUESTION ONE

- a) Describe the ECOSAN Waterless Dry Sanitation Toilet in terms of its importance, construction, advantages and disadvantages.
- b) Which do you prefer between the Enviro Loo and the ECOSAN Waterless Dry Sanitation Toilets? Give five valid reasons. [10]

QUESTION TWO

- a) What are the seven requirements for a properly functioning excreta disposal system as proposed by Wagner and Lainox?
- b) Explain the linkage between health, nuisance and excreta disposal. [9]
- c) Outline the processes in the decomposition of excreta and briefly discuss how this helps in the design of sanitation systems [6]
- d) Drain inspection is an important principle in drainage pipes. Differentiate between rodding eye, inspection chambers and a manhole
 [3]

QUESTION THREE

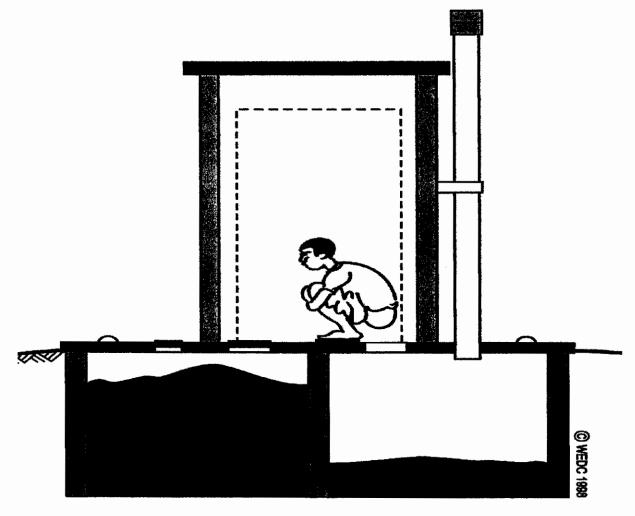
- a) Why are Septic Tanks classified under the non sewered systems of sanitation? Describe the design and the biological processes involved in septic tanks [13]
- b) Consider the following factors that a country may use in order to choose a particular sanitation method. Write short notes explaining how each can influence choice of sanitation systems:

 [12]
 - i. Capital and operation cost.
 - ii. Custom and culture pattern.
 - iii. Local material available.
 - iv. Availability of water.
 - v. Type of soil and water table.
 - vi. Existing local authority regulations.

QUESTION FOUR

a) With regards to domestic houses, springs, wells and rivers, state the standard location parameters for privy systems of excreta disposal. [4]

b) Examine the diagram below and identify the system with reference to the type of ecreta disposal method. [1]



c) What would be the main points of discussion when giving a talk on the septic tank care and maintenance? [11]

d) Define Sanitation [2]

e) Describe the seven steps to community planning for the prevention of diarrhoeal disease as given in the PHAST methodology [7]

QUESTION FIVE

a)	What are the four factors that influence the transmission of diseases by the excreta?	[4]
b)	Explain at least eight principles of drain construction that must be fulfilled at all cost	[16]
c)	Give the three weaknesses of concrete as a drain pipe material	[3]
d)	Give three types of drainage pipe joints and their relative materials	[2]