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DIPLOMA IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER 2007/8

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| TITLE OF PAPER | : | ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH LAW |
| COURSE CODE | : | EHS 317 |
| DURATION | : | 2 HOURS |
| MARKS | : | 100 |
| INSTRUCTIONS | : | READ THE QUESTIONS & INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY |
| | : | ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS |
| | : | WRITE NEATLY & CLEARLY |
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Question 1

- (a) Define Environmental Health Law [3 Marks]
- (b) Explain the relationship between the state of the environment and human health. [3 Marks]
- (c) Discuss the factors in relation to environmental media, that adversity affect human health. In your discussion, explain how the quality of all environmental media impacts on human health, and explain how such factors are controlled, giving examples. [30 Marks]
- (d) Section 62(1) of the Water Act, 2003 requires an effluent control permit from any person who is using water for an industrial purpose or local authority purpose and any person who proposes to discharge or does discharge effluent directly into a water course or into a ditch or conduct where the effluent will or may reach a water course without further treatment.
- i. Why is it important to control effluent? [4 Marks]
 - ii. What is meant by the expression ‘use of water for a local authority purpose’? [4 Marks]
- (e) State the general prohibition regarding a nuisance as well as the penalty for a statutory nuisance, in terms of the Public health Act, 1969. [6 Marks]

Question 2

Discuss the provisions of the Public Health (Food Hygiene) Regulations, 1973 on adulterated food. [25 Marks]

Question 3

- (a) What are the obligations of local authorities relating to nuisances, in terms of the Public Health Act, 1969? [12 Marks]
- (b) What are the obligations of local authorities relating to unsuitable dwellings, in terms of the Public Health Act, 1969? [10 Marks]
- (c) State the general prohibitions in the importing of hazardous waste, in terms of the Waste regulations, 2000. [3 Marks]