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MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER, MAY 2016

TITLE OF PAPER : SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
COURSE CODE : EHM 210
DURATION : 2 HOURS
MARKS : 100

INSTRUCTIONS :

- : READ THE QUESTIONS & INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY
- : ANSWER **ANY FOUR** QUESTIONS
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QUESTION 1

- i) What is solid waste from the legal perspective and from a practical perspective? (10)
- ii) List and describe major the health hazards associated with solid waste (15)

TOTAL MARKS (25)

QUESTION 2

- i) What is sustainable development in relation to Solid Waste Management? (5)
- ii) Sustainable development seeks to reconcile economic and environmental objectives including reduction of waste at source reuse and recovery governs by five (5) principles. Discuss four of the principles in relation to Sanitary Landfill. (20)

TOTAL MARKS (25)

QUESTION 3

- i) Describe with examples the stages of evolution of Solid Waste Management (Waste Hierarchy) (10)
- ii) Discuss the design requirements of a fully engineered landfill (15)

TOTAL MARKS (25)

QUESTION 4

- i) What is composting in waste management? (5)
- ii) Why is composting important? (10)
- iii) Discuss the two types of composting (10)

TOTAL MARKS (25)

QUESTION 5

As a Waste Management consulting Company, you have been given a task of developing a comprehensive solid waste system for Manzini City Council which is interested in achieving greater recovery and re-use of its solid waste. Two of the possible alternatives are separation at home or separation at a recovery facility.

What important factors must be considered in evaluating these two alternatives? (25)