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SCIENCE**

SEMESTER II

EXAM

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TITLE OF PAPER: FOOD ANALYSIS

COURSE CODE: EHS344

DURATION: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. READ THE QUESTIONS CAREFULLY.
2. ANSWER ANY 4 QUESTIONS.
3. EACH QUESTION CARRIES 25 MARKS. WHERE A QUESTION IS SUBDIVIDED INTO PARTS, THE MARK FOR EACH PART IS SHOWN IN BRACKETS.
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SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: NONE

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QUESTION ONE

- a) State the factors one would need to consider when choosing a moisture analysis method for a specific food product. [5 marks]
- b) Discuss the principles involved in the following methods of moisture determination:
- i. Karl Fischer titration. [10 marks]
 - ii. Reflux distillation. [10 marks]

[TOTAL: 25 marks]

QUESTION TWO

- a) State the steps involved in fat autoxidation. [5 marks]
- b) Identify the method used in detecting fat autoxidation and explain what parameter it measures. [8 marks]
- c) In the determination of fatty acids in foods, it is necessary to convert them to esters. Explain why this is so. [12 marks]

[TOTAL: 25 marks]

QUESTION THREE

- a) Discuss the concept of column efficiency in chromatography. [15 marks]
- b) Explain the principle that leads to separation of solutes in Gas Chromatography. [5 marks]
- c) Distinguish an internal standard from external standard. [5 marks]

[TOTAL: 25 marks]

QUESTION FOUR

Discuss five specific interferences encountered in atomic absorption spectrophotometry and how these can be overcome. [25 marks]

QUESTION FIVE

- a) With aid of a labelled diagram, outline the Soxhlet method for fat determination, explaining the principles involved [15 marks].
- b) Outline the Gerber method for determining fat. State the functions of the ingredients used. [10 marks]

[TOTAL: 25 marks]

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