THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

B.Sc. DEGREE PROGRAMME - BOTANY - LEVEL 05

FINAL EXAMINATION - 2006/2007

BTU 3110 - PLANT PATHOLOGY II



DURATION: TWO AND A HALF (2 1/2) HOURS

DATE: 25th June 2007

TIME: 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

ANSWER ANY FOUR (04) OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

ILLUSTRATE YOUR ANSWERS WITH FULLY LABELLED DIAGRAMS WHEREVER NECESSARY.

- 01. Write short notes on:
 - a) Soil fungistasis.
 - b) Hypersensitive response.
 - c) Systemic fungicides.
- 02. Giving examples, outline the different types of defence mechanisms in plants against pathogens.
- 03. Compare the following:
 - a) Vertical disease resistance and horizontal disease resistance.
 - b) Control of monocyclic diseases and polycyclic diseases.
 - c) Roles of toxins and enzymes in pathogenesis.
- 04. Write a short essay on plant breeding for disease resistance.
- 05. Briefly describe the following:
 - a) Methods of application of chemicals in direct control of plant diseases.
 - b) Conditions under which crop rotation can be used/cannot be used as a disease control measure.
 - c) Commercially used microbes in biological control.
- 06. a) How are disease curves plotted and what information is revealed by these curves?
 - b) Draw two generalized disease curves for a monocyclic disease and a polycyclic disease and label the axes.
 - Label the three phases of the curve for the polycyclic disease and discuss the factor/s which limit the speed of increase in each phase.

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