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BTU 3101/BTE 5101- ENVIRONMENTAL AND APPLIED MICROBIOLOGY

DURATION – TWO AND A HALF HOURS (2 ½ HRS)

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> June 2008

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

Answer any four(04) questions.

01.
  - a. What is a mycorrhizal association?
  - b. With the help of suitable drawings, briefly explain the different types of mycorrhizal associations including their structural and functional features.
  - c. State how the knowledge of mycorrhiza can be used to increase yield in cultivation.
02. Discuss in detail how water can be polluted indicating sources, effects and possible changes.
03.
  - a. List the reasons for outbreaks of food-borne illnesses.
  - b. Explain two common food-borne illnesses giving their causative agents, how they are caused, symptoms and control.
04.
  - a. Distinguish between natural and acquired immunity.
  - b. What are the factors that contribute to natural immunity?
  - c. Explain the type of immunity that could develop
    - (i) after receiving rabies immunoglobulins
    - (ii) after having mumps
    - (iii) after getting oral polio vaccine
    - (iv) in two months old baby
05. “Biological Control in the broader sense, could be defined as the use of living agents to control pests, plant pathogens and weeds” Justify this statement with examples.
06. Write short notes on any two (02) of the following.
  - a. Effect of the environment and agricultural practices in the Nitrogen Cycle
  - b. Low temperature as a method of food preservation
  - c. Use of aeration and coagulation in treating potable water