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# CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

M.Sc. IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES- LEVEL 08 - 2016/17

# NEP2224-Environmental Geology and Health

NO BOOK TEST - 02

DATE: 5th August 2017

**DURATION: ONE HOUR** 

TIME: 1.00 pm - 2.00 pm

## Answer any of two (02) questions.

- 1. (a) What are the factors initiate landslides? Briefly explain causative factors (Terrain factors) and Triggering events and how they contribute to slope failures (Landslides).
  - (b) What are the imminent ground features one would observe in a potential Landslide area before a sliding occur?
  - (c) How many districts are named as landslide prone in Sri Lanka by NBRO and what are them?
  - 2. (a) Explain how do you measure the epicenter of the earthquakes.
    - (b) Explain the chemical behaviour of iodine deficiency disorders (IDD) in human body.
    - (c) What is dental fluorosis? What have been the trends in dental fluorosis in Sri Lanka?
  - 3. (a) What is asbestos?
    - (b) State the structure and composition of asbestos. Design a simple experiment to assess the possible environment impact based on asbestos products.

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