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**HIGHER DIPLOMA IN BUILDING & CIVIL ENGINEERING (HDBCE 12S)**

EBC 3209: PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING II

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

SERIES: APRIL 2014

**TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS**

**Instructions to Candidates:**

You should have the following for this examination

- *Answer booklet*

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Answer any **THREE** questions of the **FIVE** questions

All questions carry equal marks  
Maximum marks for each part of a question are as shown  
This paper consists of **TWO** printed pages

### Question One

- a) (I) Define a combined sewerage system  
(II) State the:  
(i) Advantages  
(ii) Disadvantages of combined sewerage system. **(6 marks)**
- b) (i) Explain the necessity of man-holes in a sewer system.  
(ii) State FIVE factors that determine the location of man-holes. **(10 marks)**
- c) State FOUR factors that determine choice of sewer materials. **(4 marks)**

### Question Two

- a) Explain the following as used in flow of waste water sewers.  
(i) Dry weather flow  
(ii) Wet weather flow  
(iii) Peak flow  
(iv) Self cleansing velocity **(8 marks)**
- b) Briefly explain the THREE basic types of wastewater treatment processes. **(9 marks)**
- c) State THREE main objectives of waste water treatment. **(3 marks)**

### Question Three

- a) With the aid of a sketch, explain the working of a septic tank. **(10 marks)**
- b) Design a septic tank given the following data:  
(i) Water consumption 150 litres/hr/day  
(ii) Detention period 24 hours  
(iii) Depth of tank 1.5m up to free board  
(iv) Population 500 persons  
(v) Length to breadth ratio 2:5:1 **(10 marks)**

### Question Four

- a) With the aid of a sketch, explain the working of a biological filter (trickling filter) **(10 marks)**
- b) Briefly explain with the aid of sketch the following sewer tests:  
(i) Water tests  
(ii) Smoke tests **(10 marks)**

### Question Five

- a) Explain the operation/process in activated sludge. **(8 marks)**

b) With the aid of a sketch, explain the operation:

c) (i) Define a cess-pool

(ii) Explain the use and design requirement of a cess-pool.

**(4 marks)**