

EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

SECOND YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN AGRICULTURE – 2012/2013

AC 2101: PROPERTIES AND APPRAISAL OF SOIL (Mar/Apr 2015)

Time: 2 hours

Answer all questions

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- Q1) a. Illustrate the different types of soil structure. **(50 marks)**
- b. Explain the major groups of soil organism and its functions in soil. **(50 marks)**
- Q2) a. Write an account on soil water movement and factors influencing water retention. **(40 marks)**
- b. i. Classify crystalline clays with examples. **(30 marks)**
- ii. Explain the sources of negative charge on silicate clays. **(30 marks)**
- Q3) a. "Soil pH is very stable in the soils of high buffering capacity." Comment on the statement. And explain the factors affecting soil buffering capacity. **(60 marks)**
- b. Indicate the importance of soil cation exchange on Agriculture and Environmental quality. **(40 marks)**
- Q4) Write Short notes on the followings
- a. Factors affecting soil temperature. **(30 marks)**
- b. Properties of layer silicate clays. **(30 marks)**
- c. Soil Permeability. **(40 marks)**