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Time: 02 hours

Answer all questions on this paper itself.

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	Question Number	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained
Part - A	I	25
	II	10
	III	15
Part – B	I	10
	II	15
	III	25
	Total	<u>100</u>

Examiner's Name :

Examiner's Signature :

Date :

Part – A:

Question: I

Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

Water Engineering was in existence for centuries. Especially our irrigation system shows our knowledge and abilities in this field to the outside world. But piped drinking water supplies started to expand recently.

There was only one subject called Public Health Engineering in “B” course in the engineering Faculty in the past. Only few considered this subject as an important one to follow. Today the situation has been changed. There are several Masters Courses in Campuses. In the last 2 decades the coverage in drinking water supplies has expanded rapidly.

The National Water Supply & Drainage Board is the only organization implementing major portable water supplies in Sri Lanka. During the last three years annual fund allocation to this organization has increased from 2.5 billion rupees to 5 billion rupees. We can understand the priority given to this sector in recent times.

Before discussing much on future trends it is worthwhile to look briefly at the development happened in the past in this sector and also in this key organization. Till 1975 the water works was a small sub department with few Engineers in Public Works Department. It was upgraded to a semi government organization called National Water Supply & Drainage Board by an Act passed by the Parliament Act No. 2 of 1974 giving wider powers including declaring administrative boundaries for implementation of new water supply schemes and taking over of any water supply schemes maintained by local authorities. It has been given authority for hiring and firing of staff without going through all Public Service Commission procedures. Later this Act was amended for charging for water and imposing penalties to its consumers.

The main objective of conversion to the Board from Department was to implement the first World Bank funded project for provision of water supplies to five coastal towns namely Negombo, Kalutara, Ambalangoda, Galle and expansion of Colombo water supply scheme.

a) Are the following statements “TRUE” or “FALSE”. Write “T” or “F” respectively in the blank space provided.

01. Water Engineering in Sri Lanka is not new. []
02. We cannot be proud of our irrigation system. []
03. In the past, everyone considered public health Engineering as an important subject. []
04. Universities conduct various Master Courses in “Drinking Water Supplies”. []
05. The NWS & DB is one of the organizations that implements major portable water supplies, in Sri Lanka. []

b) Answer the following question.

01. What does our irrigation system show?

02. What has increased during a last three years?

03. By which act was NWS & DB upgraded?

04. What authority has been given to the NWS & DB?

05. Give a suitable title to the above passage?

c) Match the word in Column A with the synonym in Column B.
Write the number within the brackets.

Column A

- 1. system
- 2. expand
- 3. important
- 4. rapid
- 5. ability

Column B

- | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|
| (A) paramount | [|] |
| (B) quick movement | [|] |
| (C) skill | [|] |
| (D) magnify | [|] |
| (E) method | [|] |

[25 marks]

Question: II

Fill in the gaps using the words given below.

demand,	major,	Japan,	diabetic,	an
it,	schools,	Mushroom,	for,	occupation

Mushroom cultivation is a profitable opportunity to the rural people and unemployed in urban areas. This can be a subsidiary (01) or a source of extra income (02) educated high income group and agriculturists. (03) cultivation can be easily introduced to (04) and farms in Sri Lanka.

Mushroom consists of rich protein and (05) is a nutritive food. Mushroom is (06) ideal food to people suffering from (07) and cholesterol problems. In countries like (08), China and Thailand it is a (09) food and in Europe and USA (10) for mushroom is on the increasing trend. China and Thailand are the biggest exporters of mushroom and Mexico and Indonesia are also thriving well in global mushroom market.

[10 marks]

Question: III

Fill the gaps with the correct form of the verb given in the brackets.

01. The Annual Research session which is a significant academic programme _____ [hold] at the Trincomalee campus last year.
02. Faculty of Agriculture _____ [get] a new organizational structure with effect from November 2007.
03. In the Semester system, every student _____ [get] the chance to make presentations to develop his or her personality skills.
04. The Faculty of Agriculture _____ [conduct] a one year Diploma in Sustainable Development in order to give awareness in the new concept.
05. ELTU _____ [introduce] a new examination for school students to motivate them _____ [learn] English.

Question: II

Imagine that you are the organiser of the English Club for Agriculture 2007 Program.

Design an invitation that you would send to the invitees.

Provide date, time, agenda and other details.

Question: III

Write a composition on any one of the topics.

- a) The Field Day you celebrated last year at EUSL.
- b) English Club programmes for undergraduates initiated by the IRQUE Project.
- c) Agriculture and Animal Farm in the EUSL.

[250 words]

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