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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2016/2017 ACADEMIC YEAR

SECOND YEAR 1ST SEMESTER SPECIAL/SUPPLIMENTARYEXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE BIORESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION

COURSE CODE:

SBC 212

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO SOIL SCIENCE

DATE:

11TH SEPT. 2016

TIME: 8AM - 10 AM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer all Questions in section A and any other two Questions in section B.

TIME: 2 Hours

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SECTION A = 30 MARKS

i) Soil from a Pedologist point ii) Soil texture iii) Soil structure iii) Soil structure iv) Soil profile v) Soil profile v) Soil horizon (2 Marks) d) Differentiate between Acidic and Basic rocks e) Explain the various types of weathering f) Identify any four rocks important in soil formation (2 Marks) f) Identify any four rocks important in soil formation (2 Marks) SECTION B = 40 MARKS 2. a) Describe how weathering controls soil erosion processes b) Describe various forms of soil erosion (12 Marks) c) Describe the diagnostic features of the following soil types i) Vertisols ii) Technosols iii) Nitisols (1 Mark) iii) Nitisols (1 Mark) 3. a) Describe the importance of soil b) Draw and describe the various types of soil structure (8 Marks) c) Write short notes on chemical weathering (4 Marks)	1. a) Define the following terms:	
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