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**DEPARTMENT OF FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

**2019/2020** Harmattan Semester Examination

**Course Title :** Organoleptic Factors of Food      **Course Code: FST 533**

**Instructions:** Answer any five questions with atleast two from each section. **Time: 3hours**

**SECTION A**

**QUESTION ONE**

- a. Define and differentiate organoleptic factors from sensory evaluation of food. Which factors do the sensory analysis of food lay emphasis on and why?. **10 marks**
- b. How do the organoleptic factors of food play vital role in product acceptability and production expansion? **10 marks**

**QUESTION TWO**

- a. Explain the meaning of the term connoisseurs in the context of food organoleptic evaluation. How would you distinguish between extrinsic and intrinsic organoleptic factors of food. **10 marks**
- b. Explain the importance of food colour to a consumer during food selection. And how can these roles be incorporated in food product development. **10 marks**

**QUESTION THREE**

- a. What is your justification on the ground that manufactures can use the textural characteristics of the products to attract consumers. **10 marks**
- b. Express clearly the relationship between quality of food taste, palatability and the product's acceptability. **10 marks**

**SECTION B**

**QUESTION ONE**

- a. Considering other hydrogen compounds with similar molecular mass, discuss any four (4) properties of water. (10 marks)
- b. Explain two (2) different forms of water in foods (4 marks)
- c. State three (3) economic importance of low moisture content in foods (3 marks)
- d. What are humectants? Give two (2) examples of humectants (3 marks)

**QUESTION TWO**

- a. i.) Define moisture content of food (2 marks)  
ii.) Explain three (3) relevance of moisture content in foods (6 marks)
- b. i) Define water sorption isotherm (2 marks)  
ii.) Explain the two (2) pathways of water sorption isotherm (4 marks)
- c. i) Discuss two (2) is relevant of Sorption isotherm in food processing. (4 marks)  
ii.) Mention four (4) properties of humectants (2 marks)

**QUESTION THREE**

- a. Discuss five (5) factors that determine the choice of suitable method for moisture estimation in a food. (10 marks)
- b. Using a sketch, explain the drying curve (6 marks)
- c. Define water activity ( $a_w$ ) (2 marks)
- d. Mention four (4) methods of controlling water activity (2 marks)