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#### **University Examinations 2012/2013**

#### THIRD YEAR, FIRST SEMSTER, EXAMINANATIONS FOR DEGREE OF FOOD SCIENCE AND POST HARVEST AND THIRD YEAR, FIRST SEMSTER DEGREE IN FOOD SCIENCE AND NUTRITION

#### **AFS 2312: FOOD PROCESSING AND PRESERVATION**

DATE: AUGUST 2013

**TIME: 2 HOURS** 

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Answer question **one** and any other **two** questions

#### **QUESTION ONE – (30 MARKS)**

- a) (i) Define commercial sterilization of foods
  - (ii) Discuss pasteurization of milk and pasteurization of fruit juice

(10 Marks)

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- b) Briefly explain the following terms;
  - i. D-Value
  - ii. Z- value
  - iii. F-Value
  - iv. Order of cooking
  - v. Botulinum cook
- c) A food containing target organism having Z- 18°C is commercially sterilized by thermal treatment equivalent to 12.8F<sub>o</sub>. The product is initially heated for 20min at 240°F. How long will it require at 249°F to achieve commercial sterility. (10 Marks)

#### **QUESTION TWO – (20 MARKS)**

- a) Briefly discuss why radiation sterilization of food has be categorized as a "food additive" (4 Marks)
  b) Discuss side effects of radiation treatment on foods and describe the ways to
- minimize them. (10 Marks)
- c) Explain the meaning of the following terms;
  - i. 'Photolectric' effect
  - ii. Coupon effect
  - iii. Indirect theory of destruction

(6 Marks)

## **QUESTION THREE – (20 MARKS)**

a)	Descri	be three factors that contribute to food spoilage	(6 Marks)	
b)	Discus	s briefly the following;	(9 Marks)	
	i.	Cooking		
	ii.	Pasteurization		
	iii.	Blanching		
c)	Outline the principle of freeze concentration of fruit juice and explain limitations of			
	such a	process.	(5 Marks)	

### **QUESTION FOUR- (20 MARKS)**

a)	Explain the differences in quality at thawing of plant food and anima	al foods preserved
	through slow freezing.	(8 Marks)
b)	Define chilling injury.	(2 Marks)
c)	Explain factors that influence chilling injury	(10 Marks)

## **QUESTION FIVE - (20 MARKS)**

a)	Why is it important to concentrate foods.	(3 Marks)
b)	List four ways that can be used to remove water from foods.	(4 Marks)
c)	Explain characteristics of instant powders	(5 Marks)
d)	Outline process steps in manufacture of instant powders.	(8 Marks)