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## University Examinations 2012/2013

SECOND YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF  
SCIENCE IN FOOD SCIENCE AND NUTRITION

### AFN 2204: NUTRITION ASSESSMENT

DATE: DECEMBER 2012

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question *ONE* and any other *TWO* questions

#### QUESTION ONE – 30 MARKS

- (a) Define the following terms as used in nutrition assessment.
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| i) Community Nutrition     | (1Mark) |
| ii) Nutritional status     | (1Mark) |
| iii) Early warning systems | (1Mark) |
| iv) Malnutrition           | (1Mark) |
| v) Surveillance            | (1Mark) |
- (b) Nutrition information is critical during crisis and emergencies. Give five users of such information. (5Marks)
- (c) Describe five groups of people vulnerable to nutrition problems. (5Marks)
- (d) Explain five factors that could lead to an error when taking anthropometric measurements. (5Marks)
- (e) A person weighs 74kg and his height is 169cm. Calculate his body mass index and comment on his nutritional status. (5Marks)
- (f) Differentiate acute malnutrition and chronic malnutrition giving indices used to establish each. (5Marks)

#### QUESTION TWO - 20 MARKS

- (a) Discuss three forms of nutrition assessment. (15Marks)
- (b) Highlight five specific aims of the above named assessment forms. (5Marks)

**QUESTION THREE – 20 MARKS**

Describe biochemical assessment method and analyse its advantages and limitations. (20Marks)

**QUESTION FOUR – 20 MARKS**

- (a) The health status of an individual influences the food utilization in the body. Discuss. (10Marks)
- (b) Explain three common forms of protein energy malnutrition. (PEM) (10Marks)

**QUESTION FIVE – 20 MARKS**

Discuss the methods used in dietary assessment bringing out the possible limitation in carrying out each of them. (20Marks)