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SECOND YEAR, FIRST SEMSTER, EXAMINATIONS FOR DEGREE OF FOOD
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

AFS 2205: FOOD CHEMISTRY I

DATE: AUGUST 2013

TIME: 2 HOURS

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

QUESTION ONE – (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms;
 - i. Water binding or hydration
 - ii. Amorphous
 - iii. Molecular mobility
 - iv. Rancidity
 - v. Glass transition temperature

(5 Marks)
- b) Explain briefly the difference between water content of a food and water activity, and how this knowledge is applied in food science. (5 Marks)
- c) Briefly describe caramelization. (5 Marks)
- d) Describe non enzymatic browning (5 Marks)
- e) Briefly discuss protein gelation and how it is prepared. (5 Marks)
- f) Define digestibility and list factors that affect digestibility of proteins. (5 Marks)

QUESTION TWO – (20 MARKS)

- a) Define moisture sorption isotherm (MSI).
- b) Explain the usefulness of the information derived from MSI.
- c) List the factors that determine the shape and position of the isotherm of a food.

QUESTION THREE – (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss protein denaturation. (10 Marks)
- b) Discuss the chemical agents of protein denaturation (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR – (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss oxidation of lipids as influenced by the presence of non-lipid substances. (10 Marks)
- b) Discuss any five factors influencing rate of lipids oxidation in foods. (10Marks)

QUESTION FIVE – (10 MARKS)

- a) Discuss lipolysis and its importance in food science. Give examples of specific food effects positive or negative and how to encourage or prevent them respectively. (10 Marks)
- b) Discuss any five factors to consider when choosing antioxidant to be used for different types of oil/fat. (10 Marks)