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## University Examinations 2012/2013

THIRD YEAR, FIRST SEMSTER, EXAMINATIONS FOR DEGREE OF FOOD  
SCIENCE AND NUTRITION

### AFS 2316: FOOD ENGINEERING

**DATE: AUGUST 2013**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

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

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#### QUESTION ONE – (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the law of conservation of energy and mass ( 1 Mark)
- b) What is the mode of heat transfer during baking ( 1 Mark)
- c) Name the main component in foods that influence thermal conductivity? And how does the thermal conductivity of frozen foods and unfrozen food compare? ( 3 Marks)
- d) During microwaving of food it is not advisable to use metallic utensils. Discuss (3 Marks)
- e) Explain the cause surface of hardening in dried foods. ( 3 Marks)
- f) Calculate the quality of heat required to raise the temperature of 10Kg of orange juice from 20<sup>o</sup>c to 70<sup>o</sup>c? The mean heat capacity of orange juice is 3.8 KJ/Kg<sup>-1</sup>k<sup>-1</sup> (3 Marks)
- g) How much dry sugar must be added in 200kg of aqueous sugar solution in order to increase the concentration from 20 to 50%. ( 4 Marks)
- h) Discuss the principle of operation of:
  - i. Microwave oven ( 5 Marks)
  - ii. Reverse osmosis ( 5 Marks)
- e) Briefly discuss factors to consider when choosing an equipment for size reduction. ( 4 Marks)

### QUESTION TWO– (20 MARKS)

- a) A student had two samples of foods A and B. Both foods were subjected to the same amount of heat on a hot plate. Food A heated faster to higher temperature than B. Discuss what could be the cause, ( 3 Marks)
- b) A cold room has a wall comprising of 3 components; 10cm of brick to the outside, 7cm of concrete and 8cm of cork. The inside temperature of the stone is  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$  and the outside surface temperature of the wall is  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$  thermal conductivity of brick concrete and cork are 0.69, 0.76 and  $0.043 \text{ JM}^{-1}\text{S}^{-1}\text{c}^{-1}$
- Calculate the rate of heat transfer through the wall
  - Calculate the temperature at the interfaces between the concrete and cork layers, and the brick and concrete walls. ( 17Marks)

### QUESTION THREE – (20 MARKS)

- a) Frozen meat was thawed in a refrigerator for 10 hours. After the thawing process there were pools of blood on the refrigerator shelf. Discuss (4 Marks)
- b) A drier at  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$  was used to dry food containing 75% water to a moisture content of 10% the initial temperature of food was  $200^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Calculate the quantity of heat energy required per unit weight of the original material to dry under atmospheric pressure Latent heat of vaporization of water at  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$  and at standard atmospheric pressure is  $2257 \text{ KJ}^{-1}\text{Kg}^{-1}$  and that heat capacity of food is  $3.8 \text{ KJ kg}^{-1}\text{c}^{-1}$  and that of water is  $4.2 \text{ KJ/Kg}^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Also calculate the energy requirement per kg of water removed. (8 Marks)

### QUESTION FOUR – (20 MARKS)

- a) Differentiate between pasteurization and sterilization. ( 4 Marks)
- b) Differentiate between D- value and Z-value ( 4 Marks)
- c) The following data was recorded during cooking of a food sample at constant temperature. Calculate the decimal reduction time. (4 Marks)

Time (min)	Number of micro-organisms
1	$2.0 \times 10^5$
2.0	$4.31 \times 10^4$
4.5	$6.32 \times 10^3$
6.0	$2.0 \times 10^3$
7.5	$6.32 \times 10^2$

- d) Discuss the mechanism of operation of a refrigerator (8 Marks)