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# FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION SCIENCE AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

**BOTA 453: PLANT PATHOLOGY** 

STREAMS: BED (SCI) BSC Y4S1 TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 9/12/2014 8.30 A.M – 10.30 A.M.

# INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN SECTION A AND TWO QUESTIONS IN SECTION B

- 1. Highlight five mechanisms by which pathogens cause plant disease. [5 marks]
- (a) Indicate the roles of the following individuals in the development of plant
  pathology. [2 marks]
  - (i) Millardet
  - (ii) Theophrastus
  - (b) Differentiate between the following terms:
    - (i) Sign and symptoms
    - (ii) Infection and invasion
    - (iii) Virulence and tolerance
- 3. Outline the roles of KEPHIS in the management of plant pest and diseases in the country.

[5 marks]

- 4. (a) With the help of appropriate examples, explain three ways in which pathogens hinder water movement in plant. [8 marks]
  - (b) Explain why the respiration process is upset in infected plant. [2 marks]

- (a) Describe three types of plant resistance to pathogen. [3 marks]
   (b) Explain two methods of disease measurement. [2 marks]
- 6. Write short notes on *Citrus tristeza* disease.

## **SECTION B: ESSAY (40 MARKS)**

- 7. Describe the roles of various chemical in disease formation
- 8. Write an essay on southern Bacterial wilt of solanaceous plants.
- 9. Discuss the biological control of plant diseases.

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