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SZL 415: ECOLOGY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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DATE: Sunday, 25th October 2020

TIME: 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer all questions in section A and any ONE (1) question in section B. Within a section questions carry equal marks. Illustrate your answer with diagrams and give examples where appropriate.

SECTION A: Answer ALL questions (40 Marks)

- 1. Explain the main outcomes of the United Nations (U.N) Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) or Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992.
- 2. Explain briefly some of the effects of development activities on biodiversity.
- Explain briefly the main ecological services provided by biodiversity.
- 4. Explain the application of ecological principles to ensure sustainable agriculture.
- Describe briefly the main approaches used in conservation of biodiversity.
- Explain briefly the causes of desertification.
- Explain briefly the environmental sustainability pre-requisite.
- 8. Describe briefly the main negative effects currently being experienced as a result of modern agriculture.

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY ONE QUESTION (30 MARKS)

- 9. Give a detailed account of an environmental impact assessment.
- 10. Describe in detail how conventional livestock production can be made more environmentally friendly.