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PUBLIC HEALTH
FINAL EXAMINATION**

ENVIRONMENTAL TOXICOLOGY: EPH 2009

December 2011

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Total marks:100

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer any **four** questions. Each question carries **25 marks**

Question 1

- a) Outline and discuss the primary steps included in making a risk assessment. **(13 marks)**
- b) Describe transmembrane transportation of xenobiotics and factors affecting their movement. **(12 marks)**

Question 2

- a) Describe the main factors affecting the toxicity of a chemical. **(15 marks)**

- b) Discuss the phases associated with the disposition of toxic compounds. **(10 marks)**

Question 3

- a) Describe the role of xenobiotic metabolizing enzymes in the biotransformation of the herbicide paraquat. **(15 marks)**

- b) Discuss the main professional categories of Toxicology . **(10 marks)**

Question 4

- a) Draw the structure of DDT and discuss its uses and effects on the environment. **(15 marks)**
- b) Identify the potential effluent producing points in beverage producing industry and describe the nature of the effluent produced from such an industry. **(10 marks)**

Question 5

- a) Describe the various tests done during product development to ensure safety of new products. **(13 marks)**
- b) Outline sources of endocrine disruptors that reach aquatic reservoirs and describe how they can be detected. **(12 marks)**

Question 6

a) Draw the general structure of an organophosphate and describe how this group of chemicals exert their toxicity in living organisms.

(15 marks)

b) Briefly describe the following;

- i) LD50 (4 marks)
- ii) LOAEL (3 marks)
- iii) NOEL (3 marks)

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