

## ELIZADE UNIVERSITY

## FACULTY OF BASIC AND APPLIED SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT: PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL SCIENCES

PROGRAMME: APPLIED GEOPHYSICS EXAM TITLE: DEGREE EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE & TITLE: AGP 423 – ENVIRONMENTAL GEOPHYSICS TIME ALLOWED: 2 ½ hrs SEMESTER/SESSION: FIRST / 2018/2019

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTIONS 3 AND 5, and any other TWO questions.

Write your matriculation number only on your answer script(s) and NOT your name

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1. (a) Discuss the impact of human upon the environment.

- (b) (i) Discuss the application of Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) in environmental geophysics.
  - (ii) Mention three (3) limitations of GPR in environmental geophysics?

(12 marks)

- 2. (a) What are the relevance and implications of Longitudinal Conductance and Transverse Resistance in groundwater vulnerability studies. State their empirical formulae and define all terms.
  - (b) The greatest single environmental problem connected with petroleum production is oil spillage. List and discuss five (5) environmental impacts often associated with oil spillage on the ecosystem.

(12 marks)

- 3. (a) Corroded steel drums containing toxic chemicals were buried at depth at various unidentified locations within an environment. A proposed construction activities involving excavation activities at the site is likely to pose the risk of puncturing these drums; which may result in serious threat to lives.
  - (i) What geophysical method would be the best choice to be used in locating the drums?
  - (ii) Briefly explain the principle of the method.
  - (iii) Show a typical profile over the steel drums based on the method you considered most appropriate.
  - (b) Highlight three advantages derivable from adopting geophysical methods in environmental impact investigation.

(18 marks)

- 4. (a) Briefly discuss the electrical resistivity method as applied in solving the following environmental problems:
  - (i) Delineation of contamination plume from waste dumps.
  - (ii) Mapping of salinity in farmlands.
  - (iii) Mapping of landfill site prior to establishment of landfill.

- (b) Outline **three (3)** groundwater remediation and **three (3)** soil remediation technologies. (12 marks)
- 5. (a) An abandoned landfill in Ilara-Mokin town is suspected to constitute health hazard to inhabitants around the area. State the objectives of an environmental geophysicist in the investigation of the landfill.
  - (b) Discuss the environmental impacts of the under listed in a community:
    - (i) Agricultural practices
    - (ii) Dumpsites/Landfills
    - (iii) Mining activities.

(18 marks)