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B.Sc. (General) Degree in Applied Sciences Third year – Semester I Examination – October/November 2015

BIO 3201 – BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION I

Time: Two (02) hours

Answer any four (04) of the following questions

- 1. a) Describe the concept of ecosystem diversity.
 - b) Outline the major services provided by the ecosystems. Provide examples for the services you indicated. Explain how these services are/will be impacted due to given human behavior.

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- 2. a) List the benefits of biodiversity.
 - b) How do you assign values to these benefits of biological diversity?
- 3. a) Explain the term "Biogeography"
 - b) List the factors used in categorizing different biogeography regions in the world.
 - c) Using suitable evidences explain how flora and fauna distributes in different zones.
- 4. "Forest fragmentation directly affects the distribution of fauna and flora species." Discuss this statement citing examples from Knuckles forest.
- 5. Write short notes on any two (2) of the following.
 - a) Processes that shrink the genetic diversity in a population.
 - b) Positive and negative impacts of the of formation of edge habitats on biodiversity.
 - c) IUCN categories of threat.