

## RAJARATA UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

Bachelor of Science Honours in Applied Biology Fourth Year – Semester I Examination – July/August 2023

## **BDC 4202 – WETLAND CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMNET**

Time: Two (02) hours

## Answer ALL questions.

1. a) Discuss the significance of establishing a precise definition of the term "wetland".

(50 marks)

- b) Compare and contrast the properties of the organic and mineral soils of wetlands, citing suitable examples. (50 marks)
- 2. Give a detailed account of the Sulphur cycle in wetlands.

(100 marks)

- 3. Design a comprehensive wetland management plan for a specific degraded mangrove wetland, with special reference to following aspects:
  - a) Identify the key stakeholders.
  - b) Outline conservation objectives.
  - c) Propose feasible restoration strategies that consider ecological, social and economic aspects of wetland management. (100 marks)
- 4. Explain briefly the following topics relevant to wetlands:
  - a) Redoximorphic features

(50 marks)

b) Seed dormancy

(50 marks)