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2020_2 EXAMINATION ...

COURSE CODE: SLM 504

COURSE TITLE: Anthropogenic Impact of Land

INSTRUCTION:

Answer questions one (1) and any other three (3) questions.

1.

- a. Explain the concept Soil from the perspectives of the different categories of different land users as given in the text. (15marks)
- b. Outline any five (5) benefits derived from soil organic matter as a property of soil. (10 Marks)
- 2. Describe extensively the elements improving land usage and cover changes. (15 Marks)

3.

- a. Broadly discuss Soil nutrients as an important factor for crop development and growth. (5 Marks)
- b. Write short notes in difference between Soil Flora and Soil Fauna. (10 Marks)
- 4. Describe elaborately all the factors participating in the improving of land use and land cover changes. (15 Marks)

5.

- a. Highlight the useful characteristics of soil micro-organisms? (5 Marks)
- b. Explain the process used in correcting Salt-affected Soils (10 Marks)

6.

- a. Describe the techniques used in studying microbial communities groups based. (11 Marks)
- b. State the four (4) factors that promote the characteristics of root substance secretion known also as exudates. (4 Marks)