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NANE 403: MANAGEMENT OF DRAINAGE BASINS AND WATER RESOURCES

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DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Answer ANY FIVE questions.
- 2) ALL questions carry 20 marks
- 3) Clearly show all your calculations.

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Question 1

- a) A key issue in sustainable ground water management is balancing the increasing demands of water users with the available resource.
Explain two ways in which this can be achieved. [4 marks]
- b) Explain some of the interactions between ground water and surface water which makes it a critical resource to be managed conjunctively. [8 marks]
- c) Explain four key issues involved in ground water characterization. [4 marks]

Question 2

- a) Explain the role of trans-boundary organization in river basin management. [8 marks]
- b) Explain two types of information that you should be communicated to stakeholders participating in a river basin management. [4 marks]
- c) Explain the need for a stakeholder advisory group in river basin management. [8 marks]

Question 3

- a) Explain the objectives of the following water tariff structures and highlighting the various problems associated with these tariff structures in achieving water pricing objectives:
 - i. Fixed charge structure, [5 marks]
 - ii. Increasing by volume structure. [5 marks]
- b) The table below shows an increasing block water tariff structure for the City of Harare in 2012.

Harare 2012 Consumption (m ³ /month)	Tariff	Unit
Fixed charge	0.68	US\$/m ³
0-14	0.11	US\$/m ³
14-40	0.20	US\$/m ³
40-70	0.28	US\$/m ³
70-300	0.42	US\$/m ³
>300	0.50	US\$/m ³

During the month of May 2012, two households A and B consumed 6 m³ and 25.2 m³ of water respectively. Household A has two occupants and household B has 7 occupants.

- i. Calculate the water consumption per person/day for household A and B respectively. [2 marks]
- ii. Calculate the monthly bill for household A. [3 marks]

- iii. Calculate the monthly bill for household B [3 marks]
- iv. Give one disadvantage of the increasing block tariff. [2 marks]

Question 4

- a) State FIVE reasons for the increasing pollution of most water resources. [5 marks]
- b) Explain some of the upstream activities that will have an effect on downstream hydrological processes. [5 marks]
- c) Discuss some of the appropriate technologies and methodologies at hand to enable a development towards improved soil and water productivity. [10 marks]

Question 5

- a) Define water governance. [5 marks]
- b) Discuss the key indicators for a successful implementation of water resources management governance in a country in Africa. [10 marks]
- c) Highlight some of the opportunities in implementing water governance reforms in a country. [5 marks]

Question 6

- a) Distinguish between the following:
 - i. Aquifer and aquitard, [3 marks]
 - ii. Aquiclude and aquifuge, and [3 marks]
 - iii. Unconfined aquifer and confined aquifer. [3 marks]
- b) Explain some critical issues that make groundwater complex and difficult to manage. [5 marks]
- c) Discuss the beneficial characteristics of groundwater resources. [6 marks]

Question 7

- a) For a named city of your choice.
 - i. State the sources non-revenue water losses. [5 marks]
 - ii. Advise the city utility responsible for water allocation on how they can minimize non-revenue water losses. [15 marks]

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