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SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION 2011/2012 SESSION

COURSE CODE: MET 322

COURSE TITLE: INT. ATMOSPHERIC THERMODYNAMICS & PRECIPITATION PROCESSES

INSTRUCTION: Answer any four questions      TIME: 2HOURS

- 1) Distinguish between any five of the following terms and processes :
  - a) Long wave and Short wave radiation
  - b) Kinetic energy and Momentum
  - c) Conduction and Convection
  - d) Stability and Instability of air parcel
  - e) Cloud droplet and Condensation nuclei
  - f) Riming and aggregation
  
- 2)
  - a) State the First and second Laws of Thermodynamics
  - b) Using clear illustrations, describe the following equations:
    - i)  $dE = dW$
    - ii)  $dE = dQ$
    - iii)  $dE = dQ + dW$
  - c) What are the implications of the above equations on stability and instability of air parcel
  
- 3)
  - a) Prepare a brief treatise on Bergeron's Precipitation processes
  - b) Why Cloud Droplet does not fall?
  - c) Distinguish between Collision and Coalescence Precipitation processes
  
- 4) Briefly provide Explanatory notes on any four of the following:
  - i) Concept of Internal Energy
  - ii) Orographic lifting
  - iii) Rain Showers
  - iv) Hail storm
  - v) Convergence lifting
  
- 5) using Specific examples, describe the processes and formation of Lightning and Thunderstorm in the Atmosphere
  
- 6) Discuss the relevance of lapse rates in the stability and instability of the atmosphere