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DEPARTMENT OF PLANT BIOLOGY  
SECOND SEMESTER BTECH. EXAMINATION, 2017/2018 SESSION

COURSE CODE: BIO 325  
COURSE TITLE: BIOTECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT  
COURSE UNIT: 3  
TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS IN ALL

- 1 a. Discuss in detail the production of methane from an organic material  
b. Write notes on the mechanism of metal-microorganism interaction of bioremediation
- 2 a. Discuss the importance of Biomass as the natural source of energy.  
b. State five importance of anaerobic digestion to man and his environment.  
c. Highlight the component of plant biomass
- 3 Write note on the following:
  - a. Bioaugmentation
  - b. Biomass
  - c. Biostimulation
  - d. Phytoremediation
  - e. Renewable Energy
- 4 a. What is Bioconversion?  
b. Enumerate the factors affecting methane formation.  
c. Using balance equations only, express the mechanism of methane formation.
- 5 a. Give a detailed explanation of *ex-situ* bioremediation base on the phases of contamination.  
b. State three (3) merits and demerits of *in-situ* bioremediation.
- 6 a. In details, discuss the bioremediation of contaminated site using the indigenous naturally occurring microorganism.  
b. Succinctly write on thermo-chemical conversion processes of biomass.