EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN AGRICULTURE - 2007/2008

ACH 1101 - Principles of Soil Science (3:30/30)

External Degree

Time: 2 Hours

Answer All the Questions

- 1. a) Draw an ideal soil profile and characterize the horizons.
 - b) Briefly describe the climatic factors in soil formation.
- 2. a) Compare and Contrast the following:
 - i. Detailed soil survey and Reconnaissance soil survey.
 - ii. Intrusive rocks and Extrusive rocks.
 - b) Classify the sedimentary rocks based on the particle size distribution.
- 3. a) Briefly discuss the fertility characteristics of Non-Calçic Brown soils in the dry zone of Sri Lanka.
 - b) Write an account on the importance of aerial photography in soil studies.
- 4. Write short notes on the followings:
 - a) Mineral fracture.
 - b) Soil orders.
 - c) Biological weathering of rocks.
