## ESTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

## SECOND YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN AGRICULTURE - 2005/2006

## ACH 2101: SOIL PHYSICAL PROPERTIES (3:30/30) - Repeat

Answ	er	all	ques	tions
Time	: 2	H	ours	

- 1. (a) Write the Stoke's law and its assumptions.
  - (b) A particle having the diameter of 6μm falling in a liquid having the density of 1g/cm³ and viscosity of 0.01 poise. Assume the particle density is 2.65g/cm³ and the gravitational acceleration is 980 cm/s². Calculate the followings:
    - (i) Settling velocity of the particle.
    - (ii) Time taken to travel a distance of 10cm in the liquid.
- 2. (a) Discuss the factors affecting the porosity of a soil.
  - (b) Briefly explain the significance of soil colour in relation to the productivity of soil.
- 3. (a) Explain the "Atterburg's limits" and their significance in soil physical fertility.
  - (b) Discuss the soil consistencies in wet and dry conditions.
- 4. Discuss the role of soil physical properties in maintaining the fertility of soils.

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