EASTERN UNIVERSITY SRILANKA SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN AGRICULTURE -2009/2010 (Jan/Feb/March 2012)

AEN 2202 - POST HARVEST TECHNOLOGY (2:30/00)

Time allowed: 2 hours Answer all questions

- 01. (a) Briefly describe the different grading systems of paddy.
 - (b) Explain the drying mechanism of paddy
 - (c) List out the factors considered in quality control of paddy.

02. (a) Discuss the methods of parboiling.

- (b) Explain the advantages and disadvantages of parboiling
- (c) Briefly discuss about marketing of paddy in Sri Lanka
- 03. (a) Explain the factors affecting storage life of fresh produce(b) Briefly discuss the post harvest losses in fruits and vegetable
- 04. (a) Illustrate and describe the theory of grain mass drying process
 - (b) Comment on psychrometric chart and its use.

(c) An experiment was conducted to compare the drying performance of a dryer. The atmospheric air at 30° C (db) was heated to 35° C to dry 1 metric ton of grain with 25% moisture content(wet basis) and the moisture content of the paddy reduced to 14% (dry basis). The RH of atmospheric air was 40% and air flow rate was 45 m³/min. The drying was continued until the exit air reached 90% RH. Latent heat of vaporization (LH)=677kcal/kg). Find;

- (i) Amount of moisture removed per kg of dry air
- (ii) How much heat required for drying process?
- (iii) Duration of drying.

(Psychrometric chart is provided)

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