

**B.Tech. Civil (Water Resources Engineering)**

**Term-End Examination**

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**December, 2017**

**ET-537(A) : SOIL CONSERVATION AND AGRONOMY**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 70*

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**Note :** Answer any *seven* questions. All questions carry equal marks. Use of non-programmable scientific calculator is allowed.

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1. Explain the mechanism of raindrop erosion. What are the different causative factors of water erosion ? Explain. 10
2. Describe the advantages and limitations of drop spillways. Briefly explain the function of different components of a drop spillway. 10
3. Describe nutrient and weed management in rice crops. Also, briefly explain different diseases of rice and their control measures. 10
4. Explain different temporary structures for erosion control. Enlist their merits and demerits. 10

5. "Irrigation and drainage are two faces of the same coin." Explain. Explain different types of drainage systems suitable for our farming conditions. 10
6. Derive Hooghoudt's equation for determining the spacing of file drainage. Also state the assumptions made. 10
7. What are the challenges in cotton cultivation ? Explain water management and disease control measures in cotton crops. 10
8. What are the factors responsible for causing salinity in certain areas ? Describe saline soil reclamation methods. 10
9. What are the traditional rainfall farming practices ? What improvements have been suggested in this regard ? 10
10. Write short notes on any **four** of the following :  $4 \times 2 \frac{1}{2} = 10$
- (a) Measures to Control Wind Erosion
  - (b) Design of Bench Terrace
  - (c) Importance of Drainage Coefficient
  - (d) Integrated Pest Management
  - (e) Drought Management
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