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**Autumn Examinations 2011**

**Module Title: Quality Management Systems II (CA)**

**Module Code:** BIOT7004

**School:** Biological Science

**Programme Title:** Bachelor of Science in Food Science & Technology – Year 3  
Bachelor of Science in Applied Biosciences & Biotechnology – Year 3  
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**Instructions:** Answer TWQ questions from Section A and TWO question from Section B. Each question carries equal marks.

**Duration:** 2 Hours

**Sitting:** Autumn 2011

**Requirements for this examination:**

**Note to Candidates:** Please check the Programme Title and the Module Title to ensure that you have received the correct examination paper.  
If in doubt please contact an Invigilator.

## Section A

- Q1. (a) Write a brief overview of the eight principles of Quality Management (8 marks)
- (b) Outline the important elements of each of the following types of documentation:
- (i) Instructional documents (6 marks)
  - (ii) Records & Reports (5 marks)
- (c) Write a brief note on the importance of the process approach in a TQM system. (6 marks)
- (25 Marks)
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- Q2. Write short notes on each of the following:
- (a). The main regulators in the pharmaceutical & Medical Devices Industries in Ireland (10 marks)
- (b). General current Good Manufacturing Practice (cGMP) requirements (15 marks)
- (25 Marks)
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- Q3. (a) Write an overview of the six sigma system as an important quality improvement technique. (10 marks)
- (b) What type of wastes are associated with the lean manufacturing initiative in quality Improvement? (15 marks)
- (25 Marks)

## Section B

- Q4(a) Discuss the applications of a LIMS system in a Quality Control Laboratory of a food or pharmaceutical company. (8 marks)
- (b) Write a brief note on the risk control step/stage of the risk management process. (8 marks)
- (c) During the development of the HACCP plan in a food or pharmaceutical company, discuss the benefits of drawing up a flow diagram of the production of a product and describe how this flow diagram can be confirmed. (9 marks)
- (25 Marks)
- Q5(a) Write a brief note on Critical Limits in relation to HACCP to include:
- (i) A definition of Critical Limits
  - (ii) Difference between a critical limit and a target limit
  - (iii) Examples of critical limits for physical, chemical and microbiological hazards. (9 marks)
- (b) Discuss the functions of the World Trade Organisation in relation to Free Trade development world wide. (7 marks)
- (c) Describe how risks can be communicated effectively to stakeholders during the risk management process. (9 marks)
- (25 Marks)
- Q6(a) Describe how a commercial LIMS system such as Laura 4 or Debra 5 meets the requirements of a regulatory laboratory. (8 marks)
- (b) Discuss the importance of the HACCP team in developing an effective HACCP plan. (8 marks)
- (c) Define the term Risk. Distinguish between Qualitative Risk Assessment and Quantitative Risk Assessment and include an example of each type of assessment in answer. (9 marks)
- (25 Marks)