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2020 /2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER MAIN EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION SCIENCE

COURSE CODE: ZOO 100E

COURSE TITLE: CELL BIOLOGY

DATE: 15TH FEBRUARY 2021

TIME: 2.00 P.M -5.00 P.M

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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REGULAR – MAIN EXAM
ZOO 100E: CELL BIOLOGY

STREAM: BED (SCIENCE)

DURATION: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- i. Answer ALL questions from section A and any THREE from section B.*
- ii. Diagrams should be used whenever they serve to illustrate the answer.*
- iii. Do not write on the question paper.*

SECTION A (24 MARKS)

Question One

- a) Explain how a student can focus on a specimen under a microscope. (3 Marks)
- b) Outline four main features of cell theory. (2 Marks)
- c) Give an account of the three forms of passive transport. (3 Marks)
- d) Describe the structural composition of the cell membrane. (4 Marks)

Question Two

- a) Distinguish between rough and smooth endoplasmic reticulum. (2 Marks)
- b) Describe the events that occur during metaphase of mitosis of a plant cell. (3 Marks)
- c) Draw a well labeled diagram of a prokaryotic cell using a bacterial cell as an example. (4 Marks)
- d) State any three differences between an animal and a plant cell. (3 Marks)

SECTION B (36 MARKS)

Question Three

- a) Define the term cell cycle. (2 Marks)
- b) Discuss the events that occur during the interphase. (6 Marks)
- c) Tabulate four differences between mitosis and meiosis. (4 Marks)

Question Four

- a). Define the term osmosis. (2 Marks)
- b). Explain five roles of osmosis in plants (10 Marks)

Question Five

- a). Explain how glucose enters the human biceps muscle cell after digestion. (4 Marks)
- b). Differentiate between resolution and magnification of a microscope (3 Marks)
- c). Work out how you would prepare 1% sodium chloride solution for use in physiological experiment given the following atomic masses (sodium=23, chlorine=35.5) (5 Marks)

Question Six

- a). Outline the process of cell fractionation. (4 Marks)
- b). Eukaryotes are believed to have arose from Prokaryotes. Explain (4 Marks)
- c). Explain how diffusion gradient affect the rate of diffusion. (4 Marks)

Question Seven

- a) State the importance of the following process during preparation of slides for view under a light microscope.
 - i) Staining (3 Marks)
 - ii) Fixation (3 Marks)
- b) Describe the gastrulation process (6 Marks)
