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AFO 4202: COMPARATIVE ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY OF FISH

SPECIAL/ SUPPLIMENTARY EXAMINATIONS

SERIES: SEPTEMBER 2018

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates

This paper consists of FIVE questions

Answer question ONE (COMPULSORY) and any other TWO questions.

This paper consists of two printed pages.

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QUESTION ONE. (30 MARKS)

- a) i) Define the following terms: [3mks]
- a) Osmoregulation
 - b) Fish anatomy
 - c) Fish physiology
- ii) State the function of the following organs: [2mks]
- a) Lateral line
 - b) Dorsal fin
- b) i) Distinguish between external and internal respiration [4mks]
- ii) How do fish excrete? [1mk]
- c) i) Outline two functions of the gills in fish [2mks]
- ii) State two organs present in fish but absent in humans [1mk]
- iii) Name two types of muscle tissues in fish [2mks]

d) Explain the functions of the following endocrine glands in fish [5mks]

- i. Pituitary gland
- ii. Thyroid gland
- iii. Pineal gland
- iv. Ultimobranchial Glands
- v. Adrenal gland

e) i) Enumerate three core functions of the skeletal system in fishes [3mks]

ii) Explain the following terms: [2mks]

- a) Posterior (caudal)
- b) Cranial

f) i) Outline three ways in which fish accomplishes sensory perception: [3mks]

ii) Distinguish between cranial and spinal nerves in terms of their location and function [2mks]

QUESTION TWO. (20 MARKS)

Describe any four fish body forms highlighting the importance for each form.

QUESTION THREE. (20 MARKS)

Describe the process of food digestion in fish from the time it enters the mouth until when part of it is eliminated as waste product.

QUESTION FOUR. (20 MARKS)

Describe the structure and function of the following internal organs of fish

a) The heart [10mks]

b) The kidneys [10mks]

QUESTION FIVE. (20 MARKS)

Describe the importance of any five external anatomical features in estuarine fishes