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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR:

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOCHEMISTRY

ABC 4401: REGULATION AND INTEGRATION OF
METABOLISM

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SERIES: DECEMBER 2024 SERIES

TIME: 2 HOURS

DATE: DECEMBER 2024

Instructions to Candidates

You should have the following for this examination

Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Attempt question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.

Do not write on the question paper.

Question One (30 Marks)

- i. Differentiate between positive and negative nitrogen balance (4 Marks)
- ii. Give the functions of any four metabolic pathways in mammalian body (4 Marks)
- iii. Name three metabolites that increase in the absorptive stage of catabolism (3 Marks)
- iv. Rate of metabolic processes in an organism depend on its stage. Explain (3 marks)
- v. List four benefits of representing metabolic pathways on a map (4 Marks)

- vi. Explain the effect of glucocorticoid on glycogen metabolism in different tissues (4 Marks)
- vii. Explain the function of epinephrine in the regulation of metabolism (5 Marks)
- viii. State any three signs of abundant energy which allosterically inhibit pyruvate kinase (3 Marks)

Question Two (20 Marks)

- (i) Discuss the functions of the major organs involved in the integration of metabolism (14 Marks)
- (ii) Discuss any two fates of pyruvate (6 Marks)

Question Three (20 Marks)

- (i) Discuss two methods used in the coarse control mechanism to tag enzymes before they undergo protease degradation (12 Marks)
- (ii) Explain the mechanism of metabolic regulation through regulation of enzyme activities (8 Marks)

Question Four (20 Marks)

Discuss the regulation of gluconeogenesis (20 Marks)

Question Five (20 Marks)

- (i) With an illustration explain phosphorylation in the control of glycogen synthase (10 Mark)
- (ii) Discuss how AMP affects pathways in different tissues (5 Marks)
- (iii) Explain how the regulation of cholesterol metabolism occurs (5 Marks)