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END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

AAB 1201: BIOLOGICAL TECHNIQUES II (THEORY)

SERIES: AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2011

TIME: 3 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates:

You should have the following for this examination

- *Answer booklet*

This paper consists of two sections **A & B**.

Answer all questions in **SECTION A** and any **TWO** in **SECTION B**

This paper consists of **THREE** printed pages

SECTION A

(Answer all questions in this section)

1. (a) Define the term magnification (2 marks)
(b) If the objective lens is X40 and the eye-piece is X10. Calculate the final magnification (2 marks)
2. State one function for each of the following parts of a microscope:
 - a) Mirror
 - b) Diaphragm
 - c) Eye-piece lens
 - d) Limb (4 marks)
3. Differentiate between:
 - a) Cell
 - b) Cell organelle (4 marks)
4. Distinguish between diffusion and osmosis (4 marks)
5. List down **FOUR** properties of enzymes (4 marks)
6. Differentiate between:
 - a) Sterilization
 - b) Disinfection (4 marks)
7. Name **FOUR** methods of sterilization (4 marks)
8. State **FOUR** functions of blood (4 marks)
9. List the main steps in dissection procedure (4 marks)
10. (a) Give **TWO** uses of anaesthetics (2 marks)
(b) Name **TWO** ways of disposing carcasses (2 marks)
11. Name **FOUR** types of museum (4 marks)
12. (a) What is a herbarium? (2 marks)
(b) Give **TWO** uses of a herbarium (2 marks)
13. Give **FOUR** environmental conditions required in an animal house (4 marks)
14. List down **FOUR** animal house duties (4 marks)
15. Explain the importance of proper handling of animals (4 marks)

SECTION B

(Answer any **TWO** questions from this section)

16. Explain care and maintenance of a microscope (20 marks)

17. Outline the hot water maceration method of preparation of bone skeleton (20 marks)
18. What information should accompany a herbarium notebook (20 marks)
19. (a) Describe the Biuret test for proteins (5 marks)
- (b) Explain humane killing of the following animals
- (i) Mice (5 marks)
 - (ii) Small fish (5 marks)
- (c) Explain how carbon dioxide is used for humane killing of laboratory animals (5 marks)