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2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER
MAIN EXAMINATIONS

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY

COURSE CODE: SZL 122/SZL 225

COURSE TITLE: VERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY

DATE: FRIDAY 29TH, JULY 2022. **TIME:** 8:00 – 10:00 A.M

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question one (1) and any other two (2) Questions. Question one is compulsory and carries 30 marks, the other Questions carry 20 marks each.

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE

- [a] Define the following terms
 - [i] Karyology
 - [ii] Anatomy
 - [iii] Ungulates
 - [iv] Viviparity
- [b] List four (4) molecular taxonomic attributes
- [c] State two (2) respiratory structures in fishes
- [d] Outline three [3] forms of physiological responses to adverse conditions.
- [e] Distinguish between monotremes and marsupials
- [f] Enumerate four [4] functions of systematics
- [g] List four [4] characteristics of bonny fishes
- [h] Account for occurrence of pouched mammals in Australia.
- [i] How does cryptic colouration provide defense in reptiles.
- [j] Differentiate between endotherms and ectotherms.

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QUESTION 2

Describe adaptations of Aves to their mode of life. (20 Marks)

QUESTION 3

Discuss the significance of Mammals to human economics (20 Marks)

QUESTION 4

Write an essay on class Amphibia. (20 Marks)

QUESTION 5

Describe reproduction in Pisces. (20 Marks)