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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR**

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY

COURSE CODE: SBT 212 / SZL 123

COURSE TITLE: PRINCIPLES OF BACTERIOLOGY

DATE: 22ND JULY 2022

TIME: 2.00 - 4.00 PM

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) Distinguish between Gram positive and Gram negative bacterial cell walls. (4 Marks)
- b) Outline any four changes in cells during the stationary phase. (4 Marks)
- c) During Log phase growth of bacterial culture, a sample was taken at 8.00 a.m and found to contain 1,000 viable cells per ml. A second sample taken at 6.00 p.m. was found to contain 1,000,000 viable cells per ml. What is the generation time in hours? (4 Marks)
- d) Explain the principle of Ziehl Neelsen method of staining. (4 Marks)
- e) Describe the different bacterial types based on their temperature requirements. (3 Marks)
- f) Differentiate between batch culture and continuous culture. (4 Marks)
- g) Enumerate four physical conditions required by bacteria for growth. (2 Marks)
- h) What do you understand by the following terms:-
 - i. Sterilization (0.5 Mark)
 - ii. Bacteriostatic (0.5 Mark)
- i) Describe the steps involved in streak plate method of inoculation. (4 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) After collection of a specimen for Gram staining, clearly outline the steps involved in the procedure and the expected results. (10 Marks)
- b) Classify bacteria based on their oxygen requirement. (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Using an illustration, discuss the four main phases recognized the growth curve observed in a batch culture. (10 Marks)
- b) Describe inoculation techniques applied on a solid medium. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Discuss the methods of sterilization in a bacteriological laboratory. (15 Marks)
- b) State five reasons of growing micro-organisms outside the host. (5 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Discuss the different modes of classification in bacteriology. (20 Marks)