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UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER

PROGRAMME:

DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURE I, DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURE EDUCATION YEAR I, REMEDIAL AGRICULTURE AND REMEDIAL AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

COURSE CODE:

APH 103

TITLE OF PAPER:

BIOCHEMISTRY

TIME ALLOWED:

TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

ANSWER ANY 4 QUESTIONS.

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QUESTION 1

a) Identify the biomolecule given below:

(2 Marks)

$$H - C = O$$
 $H - C - OH$
 $HO - C - H$
 $HO - C - H$
 $H - C - OH$
 CH_2OH

- b) Name and write a structure of an epimer of the biomolecule that can react with it to form a disaccharide. (8 Marks)
- c) Illustrate the condensation of the biomolecule (a) and its epimer
 to form an identified disaccharide and name the specific cells of
 the cow where this disaccharide is formed (15Marks)

QUESTION 2

- a) Discuss and illustrate hydrogen bonding of water molecules (10 Marks)
- b) Illustrate the structure of the Mitochondrion and list 4 metabolic processes that takes place in this organelle (8 Marks)
- c) Explain saturated fatty acids and give 2 examples. (7 Marks)

QUESTION 3

Using structures to illustrate your answers, describe the major differences between eicosanoids and phospholipids (25 Marks)

QUESTION 4

a) Describe the processes of transcription and translation in protein synthesis (15 Marks)

b) What are the major differences between DNA and RNA?

Present your answer in table format. (10 Marks)

QUESTION 5

 a) Identify and discuss THREE main factors that affect velocity of enzyme catalyzed reactions.

(15 Marks)

b) Briefly explain the FOUR different types of enzyme specificity.

(10 Marks)