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UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER

PROGRAMME:

B.SC AG.ED YEAR IV, B.SC LWM YEAR IV & B.SC AN.SCI

YEAR IV

COURSE CODE: APH 401

TITLE OF PAPER: APICULTURE

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS

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QUESTION 1

Honeybees are able to direct other bees to food sources.

A) Write a short note about how the honeybees communicate themselves.

(20.0 points)

B) Bees have memories. Give some evidence on bee's memory.

(5.0 points)

QUESTION 2

Theft of honey and vandalism of hives usually go hand-in-hand, and are amongst the commercial beekeeper's greatest problems.

A) Describe methods that can be used to secure hives.

(6X3=18.0points)

B) Mention the traditional hives that you know.

(7.0 points)

QUESTION 3

Hive components.

A) List the hive components that you know.

(12.5 points)

B) Describe the queen excluder devise.

(12.5 points)

QUESTION 4

Beekeeping management. Write a short note on:

A) Causes of absconding

(12.5 points)

B) Bee swam

(12.5 points)

QUESTION 5

Re-queening.

A) Explain the queen rearing process.

(25.0 points)