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UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER

PROGRAMME : FOOD SCIENCE, NUTRITION AND TECHNOLOGY YEAR III

COURSE CODE : FSNT 307

TITLE OF PAPER : FOOD NUTRIENT ANALYSIS

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER QUESTION ONE (1) AND ANY OTHER TWO (2) QUESTIONS.

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QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY)

- (a) Discuss the **three (3)** forms of water and indicate which form is not determined by the oven drying method. (8 Marks)
- (b) A soy bean sample has a moisture content of 8% and a crude fat content of 30%. Calculate the percentage fat content on dry weight basis. (4 Marks)
- (c) Explain how you would conduct the following procedures:-
- i. Random sampling (3 Marks)
 - ii. Systematic sampling (3 Marks)
 - iii. Composite sampling (3 Marks)
 - iv. Stratified sampling (3 Marks)
- (d) Explain the following fat characteristics:- (12 Marks)
- i. Iodine number
 - ii. Peroxide value
 - iii. Solid fat index
 - iv. Acid value
- (e) The equation of a standard calibration curve (protein concentration ($\mu\text{g/ml}$) on x-axis vs absorbance at 650 nm on y-axis) is $y = 0.0061x + 0.0048$. Calculate the concentration of a sample with a mean absorbance value of 0.38. (4 Marks)

[TOTAL MARKS = 40]

QUESTION 2

- (a) Explain the principles of the following methods for moisture content determination:-
- i. Distillation method (4 Marks)
 - ii. Gas production method (4 Marks)
- (b) Describe the equipment in high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) system and its function. (12 Marks)
- (c) Explain the following terms in column chromatography:-
- i. Stationary phase (2 Marks)
 - ii. Mobile phase (2 Marks)
- (d) Give **three (3)** sources of organic nitrogen sources other than protein that contribute to the crude protein content of food as determined by the Kjeldahl nitrogen determination method. (6 Marks)

[TOTAL MARKS = 30]

QUESTION 3

- (a) Explain the following:-
- i. Consumers risk in sampling (3 Marks)
 - ii. Vendors risk in sampling (3 Marks)
 - iii. Continuous sampling (3 Marks)
 - iv. Manual sampling (3 Marks)
- (b) What is an outlier? (4 Marks)
- (c) List the **four (4)** types of liquid chromatography. (8 Marks)
- (d) Explain the principles of the Geber method for fat content determination in milk. (6 Marks)

[TOTAL MARKS = 30]**QUESTION 4**

- (a) Give **four (4)** examples where pH measurement is an important aspect of analysis in the food industry. (8 Marks)
- (b) Differentiate between strong and weak acids. (6 Marks)
- (c) Explain the following indirect protein determination methods:-
- i. Biuret method (5 Marks)
 - ii. Dye binding method (5 Marks)
- (d) Explain the "difference" method for determining the carbohydrate content of food and **three (3)** disadvantages of this method. (6 Marks)

[TOTAL MARKS = 30]