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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER**

**PROGRAMME : BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN FOOD  
SCIENCE, NUTRITION AND  
TECHNOLOGY YEAR IV**

**COURSE CODE : FSNT 403**

**TITLE OF PAPER : FOOD INGREDIENT TECHNOLOGY  
IN PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT**

**TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS**

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

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**QUESTION 1 [COMPULSORY]**

- a. Define the following terms:-  
i. Food additive.  
ii. Toxicity  
iii. Mutagen  
iv. Carcinogen
- b. Discuss **four** principles that govern the use of food additives and **two** consumer perceptions regarding food additive.
- c. Discuss the **three** toxicity test that are performed on all compounds used as food additives
- d. Describe the mode of action of the following preservatives and give **two** examples of food utilizing these substances as preservatives.
- i. Sugar and salt  
ii. Organic acid such as acetic acid

[8 marks]

[12 marks]

[12 marks]

[8 marks]

[Total = 40 marks]

**QUESTION 2**

- a. Discuss the salts, mode of action and the application of the following food preservatives:-  
i. Sulphur dioxide  
ii. Sorbic acid  
iii. Benzoic acid
- b. Discuss the function of the following food additives, giving a food example in each case  
i. Calcium EDTA or disodium EDTA  
ii. Propylene glycerol esters of fatty acids  
iii. Natamycin or Pimaricin  
iv. Tertiary butylated hydroquinone (TBHQ)  
v. Polysorbate 65

[15 marks]

[15 marks]

[Total = 30 marks]

**QUESTION 3**

- a. Discuss the composition of starch and name two types of modified starches and their applications in food [8 marks]
- b. Discuss the properties, interaction with  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  cation and applications of alginic acid and its salts. [12 marks]
- c. Discuss the function of the following food additives, giving a food example in each case
- i. Olestra and sucrose fatty acid polyesters
  - ii. Polydextrose
  - iii. Aspartame and acesulfame K
  - iv. Annatto extract and paprika oleoresin
  - v. Thiamine hydrochloride and ascorbic acid

[10 marks]

[Total = 30 marks]

**QUESTION 4**

- a. Discuss properties of the different types of carrageenan and their interaction with cation and milk proteins. [10 marks]
- b. Discuss four reasons for using flavours in food. [4 marks]
- c. Discuss the function of the following food additives, giving a food example in each case
- i. Glucose isomerase and ficin
  - ii. L-glutamic acid and 5' Guanylic Acid
  - iii. Glycerol and D-Sorbitol
  - iv. Disodium hydrogen phosphate and calcium polyphosphate
  - v. Potassium bromate and ammonium persulfate

[10 marks]

- d. Briefly describe the function of the following food additives
- i. Acid regulators
  - ii. Firming agents
  - iii. Antifoam agents

[6 marks]

[Total = 30 marks]