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**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND
FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER**

PROGRAMME : **DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURE YEAR I,
DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURAL
EDUCATION YEAR I, DIPLOMA IN HOME
ECONOMICS YEAR I AND DIPLOMA IN
HOME ECONOMICS EDUCATION YEAR I**

COURSE CODE : **APH 101**

TITLE OF PAPER : **ZOOLOGY**

TIME ALLOWED : **TWO HOURS**

INSTRUCTIONS : **ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS**

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QUESTION ONE

- a. Define Evolution (2 Marks)
- b. Explain how natural selection has contributed to the evolution of animals over the years. (8 Marks)
- c. How do the following phenomena act as evidence to the process of evolution of animals?
 - i. Distribution studies (5 Marks)
 - ii. Continental drift (5 Marks)
 - iii. Comparative Anatomy of the pentadactyl limb (5 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a. Describe the chemical structure of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) and indicate the structural difference (s) between this nucleic acid and ribonucleic acid (RNA). (10 Marks)
- b. Indicate the relationship among the DNA, the chromosomes and the genes. (5 Marks)
- b. Explain the roles played by DNA in the process of protein synthesis and in cell division. (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a. Describe the process of meiosis in a pig 38 diploid number of chromosomes and indicate the role played by this process in the body of farm animals. (20 Marks)
- b. Explain the difference (s) between meiosis and mitosis methods of cell division. (5 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a. Give an account of the common structural features of connective tissue, cartilage tissue and bone tissue. (5 Marks)
- b. Describe the composition and function (s) of the blood of farm animals. (10 Marks)
- c. Describe the structure of a typical compact (parenchymatous) organ. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a. Indicate the main differences between an endocrine gland and an exocrine gland. (5 Marks)
- b. Briefly describe the functional relationship between the hypothalamus and the pituitary gland (hypophysis). (10 Marks)
- c. Give an account of the mode of secretion and functions of the hormone oxytocin in a cow. (10 Marks)

QUESTION SIX

- a. Briefly describe the process of spermatozoa capacitation and indicate the objective of this process. (10 Marks)
- b. Give an account of the process of fertilization and indicate how the diploid number of chromosomes is achieved during this process. (15 Marks)