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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER

**PROGRAMME: B.Sc. ANIMAL SCIENCE YEAR 1 AND B.Sc. ANIMAL SCIENCE
(DAIRY OPTION) YEAR 1**

COURSE CODE: ASC103

TITLE OF PAPER: INTRODUCTION TO ECOLOGY

TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS

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QUESTION 1

- (a) Define the term ecosystem and give one example. (5 Marks)
- (b) Giving two (2) examples for each (where applicable), outline the seven ecosystem components. (20 Marks)

QUESTION 2

Giving one (1) example for each type, describe:

- (i) Facultative mutualism (12 Marks)
- (ii) Obligate mutualism (13 Marks)

QUESTION 3

- (a) What is resource partitioning? (7 Marks)
- (b) Using cichlid fishes of the African Great Lakes, describe an excellent example of resource partitioning. (18 Marks)

QUESTION 4

- (a) State the two (2) fundamental ecological principles. (5 Marks)
- (b) Describe the interaction called herbivory. (20 Marks)

QUESTION 5

- (a) Define and illustrate plant succession. (10 Marks)
- (b) Give an outline of the chief sources of gain and losses of mineral nutrients. (15 Marks)