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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER

**PROGRAMME : FOOD SCIENCE, NUTRITION AND
TECHNOLOGY, CONSUMER
SCIENCE AND CONSUMER SCIENCE
EDUCATION YEAR IV**

COURSE CODE : FNS403

**TITLE OF PAPER : FOOD SAFETY AND PUBLIC
HEALTH**

TIME ALLOWED : TWO (2) HOURS

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

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QUESTION 1 (COMPULSORY)

- a) Explain the following terms:
- i. Food safety hazard
 - ii. Cross-contamination
 - iii. Foodborne outbreak
 - iv. Epidemic
 - v. Product recall

(20 Marks)

- b) Discuss the **four (4)** main categories of food contamination.

(20 Marks)

[TOTAL MARKS = 40]

QUESTION 2

- a) Discuss **five (5)** reasons why outbreaks of food borne diseases are investigated.
- b) Explain **three (3)** most significant food safety issues citing examples where appropriate.

(15 Marks)

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[TOTAL MARKS = 30]

QUESTION 3

- a) A newly established food establishment is interested in developing a food safety program. You have been hired as a food safety expert, to help develop one food safety program and you have chosen the HACCP program. How can you convince the establishment management that their company will benefit from this program?
- b) You have also been tasked to teach employees of this establishment on personal hygiene. Explain why hand washing is important for food handlers. Outline the safe hand washing steps necessary to prevent cross-contamination.

(20 Marks)

(10 Marks)

[TOTAL MARKS = 30]

QUESTION 4

a) State the major pathogen likely to contaminate the following foods:

- i. Eggs
- ii. Chicken
- iii. Ground beef
- iv. Cold meat
- v. Ready-to-eat salad
- vi. Fruits and vegetables
- vii. Oysters
- viii. Raw cheese
- ix. Ice
- x. Oxtail stew

(20 Marks)

b) A foodborne illness can occur as a result of time-temperature abuse. Explain the meaning of time-temperature abuse and give **three (3)** examples of how food can be time-temperature abused.

(10 Marks)

[TOTAL MARKS = 30]