

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER 2008/2009

TITLE OF PAPER: VERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY

COURSE CODE: B302

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

- INSTRUCTIONS:**
1. ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS.
 2. EACH QUESTION CARRIES TWENTY FIVE (25) MARKS.
 3. ILLUSTRATE YOUR ANSWERS WITH LARGE AND CLEARLY LABELED DIAGRAMS WHERE APPROPRIATE.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

NONE

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ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) OUT OF THE SIX (6) QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1

Describe the diversity and life histories of Swaziland's reptiles. [25 marks]

QUESTION 2

Discuss the changes that took place in the circulatory system during the colonisation of terrestrial habitats. Ensure that you include aquatic, semi-aquatic and fully terrestrial vertebrates. Provide examples and illustrate your answer with diagrams. [25 marks]

QUESTION 3

Describe and compare the appendicular skeletons of Osteichthyes, Reptilia, Aves and Mammalia [25 marks]

QUESTION 4

Describe and contrast the different reproductive strategies of birds. [25 marks]

QUESTION 5

Write an essay entitled "The development of sight and hearing in vertebrates". [25 marks]

QUESTION 6

How are vertebrate digestive systems adapted to their diet? Explain with the aid of diagrams. [25 marks]