

UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND

MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER 2006

TITLE OF PAPER : INVERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY

COURSE CODE : B204

TIME ALLOWED : THREE HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS :

1. THIS PAPER HAS SIX (6) QUESTIONS
2. ANSWER ANY FOUR (4) QUESTIONS
3. WHEREVER POSSIBLE ILLUSTRATE YOUR ANSWERS WITH LARGE CLEARLY LABELLED DIAGRAMS

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: NONE

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Question 1

Differentiate between the following:

- i. Monophyletic and Paraphyletic
- ii. Protonephridia and Metanephridia
- iii. Ancestral and Derived feature
- iv. Schizogony and Binary fission
- v. Osmoregulation and osmoconforming

[Total marks = 25]

Question 2

a. Various patterns emerge as one progresses up the evolutionary tree. Using the words provided, fill in the table below:

Gastrulation, Neoteny, Appendages, Haemocoel, Body cavities, Lophophore, Mesodermal exoskeleton, Dorsal tubular nerve chord, Segmentation, Cephalisation.

Phylum/subphylum	Evolutionary character
Cnidaria	
Platyhelminthes	
Nematoda	
Mollusca	
Annelida	
Arthropoda	
Echinodermata	
Chordata	
Lophophorates	
Urochordata	

(10)

b. Discuss the importance of gastrulation and how invertebrates gastrulate.

(15)

[Total marks = 25]

Question 3

Using the *Taenia* sp life-cycle, discuss each of the following with regard to a parasitic lifestyle:

- i. High fecundity
- ii. Free-living and distributive larval stages
- iii. Adaptation to host's ecology
- iv. Concomittant immunity

[Total = 25 marks]

Question 4

a. Both the classes Hydrozoa and Scyphozoa have alternation of generations. Explain what this means and using an example from each class, illustrate the life cycle of a representative to demonstrate this. (15 marks)

b. Briefly discuss distinctive characteristics which characterise arthropods. (10 marks)

[Total = 25 marks]

Question 5

Using named examples describe the following and briefly discuss their evolutionary significance:

- i. Trochophore larvae (10)
- ii. Paedomorphosis (10)
- iii. Concomittant immunity (5)

[Total = 25 marks]

Question 6

Discuss the economic importance of the following groups:

- i. Cnidaria (10)
- ii. Diptera (10)
- iii. Mollusca (5)

[Total = 25 marks]