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MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER 2020/2021

COURSE CODE: BIO422

TITLE OF PAPER: MODERN TRENDS IN BIOLOGY II

TIME ALLOWED: **THREE (3) HOURS**

INSTRUCTIONS: NUMBERS IN BRACKETS DENOTE THE NUMBER OF MARKS

THIS PAPER COMPRISES OF **TWO SECTIONS**.

SECTION A COMPRISES 2 QUESTIONS (50 MARKS). SECTION B COMPRISES 4 QUESTIONS (50 MARKS). ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN SECTIONS A AND B.

ANSWER THE SECTIONS A AND B IN SEPARATE BOOKLETS.

CLEARLY INDICATE THE SECTION AND QUESTION NUMBER ON YOUR ANSWER PAPER.

NO ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (E.G. NOTES, CALCULATORS ETC) MAY BE TAKEN INTO THE EXAMINATION.

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BIO422 Exam (Main) Section A

Total marks available: 50

There are two (2) questions in this section. Answer **ALL** the questions in this section

Section A Question 1

Discuss transgenesis and explain how this technological development may be applied to the maize (*Zea mays*) crop for food security. (25 Marks)

Section A Question 2

Consider the products of wheat and describe possible traits as well as a protocol that you might pursue in a breeding programme of the wheat (*Triticum aestivum*) crop. (25 Marks)

NOW USE A SEPARATE BOOKLET TO ANSWER SECTIONS B AND C

BIO422 Exam (Main) Section B

Total marks available: 50

Section B Question 1

What is Science? (5 Marks)

Section B Question 2

Outline and explain the steps for the hypothetico-deduction (scientific) method of investigation. Make sure to explain key terms i.e hypothesis, predictions, and their characteristics. (25 Marks)

Section B Question 3

Explain the difference between Induction and Deduction methods, indicating which steps of the scientific method of investigation constitute each process (10 Marks)

Section B Question 4

How does model selection differ from the traditional scientific method of null hypothesis testing (10 Marks)

END OF EXAMINATION