



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations 2018/2019
SCHOOL OF PURE AND APPLIED SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
FOURTH YEAR SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SCIENCE)
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY
SBT 101: SURVEY OF PLANT KINGDOM

DATE: 25/9/2019

TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Answer Question 1 (**compulsory**) and **any two** questions in Section B.
2. Use clean well labelled diagrams wherever appropriate.

SECTION A

QUESTION ONE – COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)

- a) State the subdivisions of the Embryophyta subkingdom down to monocotyledonous and dicotyledonous plants. (3 marks)
- b) Draw a bacterium, label and state the functions of the various parts. (3 marks)
- c) Describe two asexual reproduction methods in fungi. (3 marks)
- d) Briefly discuss the importance of algae to man. (3 marks)
- e) Differentiate between a fungus, algae and lichens. (3 marks)
- f) Discuss the alternation of generation in bryophytes. (3 marks)
- g) Describe the various protostele types found in sporophyte pteridophyte. (3 marks)
- h) In which aspects are bryophytes related to algae? (3 marks)
- i) Discuss the life-cycle of a gymnosperm. (3 marks)
- j) Outline the main features of angiosperms which make them the most advanced plants. (3 marks)

SECTION B

QUESTION TWO

Distinguish between the three systems of plant classification. (20 marks)

QUESTION THREE

Describe the reproductive cycle of *Rhizopus stolonifer*. (20 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Gymnosperms are of great use to man. Discuss (20 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Explain and illustrate the life-cycle of a pteridophyte. (20 marks)