



**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(MMUST)**

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2020/2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

**MAIN EXAMINATIONS
(SCHOOL-BASED)
WEBUYE CAMPUS**

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

**FOR THE DEGREE
OF
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION (SCIENCE)**

COURSE CODE: SZL 313

COURSE TITLE: ANIMAL GENETICS AND EVOLUTION

DATE: THURSDAY, 21ST APRIL 2022

TIME: 8:00 – 10:00 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer ALL questions in section A and ANY TWO selected from section B

TIME: 2 Hours

MMUST observes ZERO tolerance to examination cheating

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SECTION A (SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS, 40 MARKS)

1. Explain briefly the theory of panspermia. (5 marks)
2. Explain the difference between inbreeding depression and genetic drift. (5 marks)
3. Outline Mendel's first and second laws of inheritance. (5 marks)
4. List the major theories explaining the origin of life on earth. (5 marks)
5. Explain the role of paleontology in evolutionary studies. (5 marks)
6. Distinguish between any two types of variation in animals. (5 marks)
7. Explain the weakness of Lamarck's theory of use and disuse. (5 marks)
8. Outline five reasons why Hardy–Weinberg equilibrium hardly exists under natural conditions. (5 marks)

SECTION B (ESSAY QUESTIONS, 30 MARKS)

9. Discuss five evidences to support the theory of natural selection. (15 marks)
10. Describe the various types of speciation. (15 marks)
11. Citing relevant examples, describe the practical application of genetics in evolutionary studies. (15 marks)