



**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF
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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR
(Main examination)**

**SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR THE
DEGREE OF:**

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

COURSE CODE: APT 202

COURSE TITLE: PROPERTIES OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIALS

DATE: 26TH APRIL 2022

TIME: 3.00-5.00PM

Instructions: This paper consists of 5 questions
Answer question 1 and any other 3 questions
Ensure your answers are clearly and logically written
All line diagrams drawn should be clear and clearly labelled

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SECTION A

Question One (25 marks)

- (a) Describe how a hydrometer can be calibrated to measure liquid density and hence state the equation used for liquid density calculation during the calibration process **(3 marks)**
- (b) Differentiate between differential and cumulative analysis methods of analysis of size of granular materials **(2 marks)**
- (c) Giving liquid food examples, describe
- i. Shear thickening
 - ii. Pseudoplasticity
- (2 marks)**
- (d) Distinguish between the steady and unsteady methods used in the determination of thermal conductivity of food products **(2 marks)**
- (e) State the significance of sphericity, hence with equations give two different approaches used in the determination of sphericity **(3 marks)**
- (f) Define the following thermal properties of foods, hence state their importance in food processing
- i. Latent heat
 - ii. Enthalpy
 - iii. Thermal diffusivity
- (3 marks)**
- (g) Describe the phenomenon of hysteresis during sorption and desorption of a food product, hence state its significance **(4 marks)**
- (h) With the aid of diagrams define the following shape criteria used in describing the shapes of fruits
- i. Obovate
 - ii. Elliptical
 - iii. Oblate
 - iv. Truncate
- (4 marks)**
- (i) Differentiate between frictional drag and terminal velocity properties of an agricultural product **(2 marks)**

SECTION B

Question Two (15 marks)

- (a) The pressure drop versus volumetric flow rate data is obtained for chocolate melt using a capillary viscometer with a pipe diameter of 1 cm and a length of 60 cm
- i. Show that chocolate melt is not a Newtonian fluid.

- ii. Determine the rheological model constants of the power law, Herschel-Bulkley, and Casson models for the given data. **(5 marks)**

| <i>Pressure Drop (Pa)</i> | <i>Flow Rate (cm³/s)</i> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 3840 | 0.01 |
| 4646 | 0.06 |
| 5762 | 0.13 |
| 6742 | 0.24 |
| 7798 | 0.37 |
| 10,454 | 0.72 |
| 11,760 | 0.94 |

- (b) Outline the principle of the following colour order systems
- i. Munsell colour system
 - ii. CIE lab colour space
 - iii. Lovibond system
 - iv. CIE colour system
 - v. Hunter Lab Colour Space **(10 marks)**

Question Three (15 marks)

- (a) Briefly outline the principle behind the prediction of specific heat of food products **(4 marks)**
- (b) Determine the penetration depth of a chicken meat during processing in home type microwave oven. Chicken meat has a dielectric constant of 53.2 and dielectric loss factor of 18.1. Assume that dielectric properties are constant during heating. **(5 marks)**
- (c) Describe the water activity phenomenon and hence state the three approaches used in the determination of water activity. **(6 marks)**

Question Four (15 marks)

- (a) State and define the different density types used in food evaluation **(6 marks)**
- (b) Describe the following food colloidal systems
- i. Foam
 - ii. Gel
 - iii. Sol
 - iv. Emulsion **(4 marks)**
- (c) Using diagrams, state the elements of the following viscoelastic models

- i. Maxwell
- ii. Kelvin-Voight
- iii. Burgers

Question Five (15 marks)

(a) With the aid of a Textural Profile Analysis (TPA) diagram, define the following textural indices

- i. Springiness
- ii. Adhesiveness
- iii. Hardness
- iv. Fracturability

(4 marks)

(b) Discuss concisely citing examples, how size and shape of agricultural and food products are of importance in the food processing industry

(11 marks)