



**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF  
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**UNIVERSITY MAIN EXAMINATIONS  
2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS  
FOR THE DIPLOMA  
OF  
HUMAN NUTRITION AND DIETETICS**

**COURSE CODE: DND 068**

**COURSE TITLE: FOOD PARASITOLOGY AND MICROBIOLOGY**

**DATE: 5/12/2023**

**TIME: 9:00 A.M - 11:00 A.M**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer ALL questions in SECTIONS A and B  
Read additional Instructions under SECTION C

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**SECTION A: MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS; ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS (10 MARKS)**

1. What is the primary source of micro-organisms found in food?
  - A. Soil and water
  - B. Plants and plant products
  - C. Intestinal tract of man and animals
  - D. All of the above
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is **NOT** a primary source of food-poisoning bacteria.
  - A. Soil and water
  - B. Plants and plant products
  - C. Intestinal tract of man and animals
  - D. Food utensils
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ are the intrinsic and extrinsic factors that affect microbial growth in food.
  - A. pH, moisture, temperature, oxygen, carbon dioxide, light, pressure, and radiation
  - B. pH, moisture, temperature, oxygen, carbon dioxide, light, pressure, and humidity
  - C. pH, moisture, temperature, oxygen, carbon dioxide, light, pressure, and time
  - D. pH, moisture, temperature, oxygen, carbon dioxide, light, pressure, and sound
  
4. Which of the following is **NOT** a type of micro-organism found in foods?
  - A. Bacteria
  - B. Fungi
  - C. Viruses
  - D. Insects

5. What is the most common cause of food spoilage in meat and meat products?
- A. Pseudomonas spp.
  - B. Aspergillus spp.
  - C. Bacillus spp.
  - D. Candida spp.
6. Which of the following are symptoms of common food-borne illnesses?
- A. Nausea and vomiting
  - B. Diarrhea and abdominal pain
  - C. Headache and fever
  - D. All of the above
7. What is the method used to determine the number of micro-organisms in food?
- A. Examination of bacteria
  - B. Methods of sampling microorganism
  - C. Methods of isolation
  - D. Identification and enumeration of indicator microorganisms
8. Which of the following is **NOT** a type of food product that can be stored?
- A. Meat and meat products
  - B. Poultry and sea-foods
  - C. Fruits and vegetables
  - D. All of the above can be stored

9. Which one of the following is a methods used to isolate microorganisms from food?
- A. Culture media method
  - B. Microscopic method
  - C. Biochemical method
  - D. All of the above
10. Which of the following is **NOT** a classification of food spoilage?
- A. Physical spoilage
  - B. Chemical Spoilage
  - C. All of the Above
  - D. None of the Above

**SECTION B: SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS; ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS (30 MKS)**

11. Give **SIX** highly perishable foods. (6 mks)
12. Outline **SIX** factors that are responsible for food spoilage. (6 mks)
13. Briefly explain **SIX** food preservation methods. (6 mks)
14. Illustrate the lifecycle of port tapeworm. (6 mks)
15. List **SIX** microorganisms that can be found in food. (6 mks)

**SECTION C: ESSAY QUESTIONS; ANSWER ONLY TWO QUESTIONS; Q16**

**COMPULSORY (30 MKS)**

16. Describe **FIVE** common food borne illnesses; include the illness, a cause, one symptom, and two preventive strategies for each case (15 mks)
17. Discuss **FIVE** ways to prevent food poisoning. (15 mks)
18. Describe **FIVE** food storage equipment: include equipment, food stored, two advantages and one advantage for each case (15mks)