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COURSE CODE: BIO 407

COURSE TITLE: BASIC ENTOMOLOGY (2 CREDIT UNITS)

TIME ALLOWED: 2HOURS

INTRUCTION: QUESTION ONE IS COMPULSORY AND ANY OTHER THREE QUESTIONS.

1. a. Enumerate ten characteristics of insects **(5marks)**
b. State **five** beneficial and detrimental effects of insects **(5 marks)**
c. Discuss **five** factors that contributes to the success of insects **(5marks)**
e. In few words, describe the evolution of insects **(5marks)**
f. Explain the term: **Tagmatization** in insects **(5marks)**

2. a. The foregut of the digestive system of insects is divided into four regions:
 - i. What are these **four** regions **(4 marks)**
 - ii. State **one** characteristic feature/function of each of these regions **(4marks)**
- b. Mention the **three** divisions of the Visceral Central Nervous system of insects **(3marks)**
- c. State **one** function each of these divisions of the Visceral Central Nervous system of insects **(3marks)**
- d. The trachea system of insects is divided into two on the basis of spiracles. Mention these two systems **(1mark).**

3. a The class **Apterygota** is classified as one the most primitive class of insects because they possess certain characteristics. State these characteristics **(3marks)**.
- b. Outline **five** characteristics of the **Proturans** **(5marks)**
- c. Cockroaches belong to the group of insects called **Dictyoptera**. List **five** characteristics of this group **(5marks)**
- d.State any **four** economic importance of flies **(2marks)**.
4. a. Briefly describe the mouth part of insects **(5marks)**.
- b. i. Mention **two** basic types of mouth parts found in insects **(2marks)**.
- ii. State **one** function each of these mouth parts found in insects? **(2marks)**
- c. State the **two** functions of Maxilla in insects **(2marks)**
- d. The legs of insects consist of six segments. List in order ,any **four** of these segments **(4marks)**
5. a. i. Define moulting in insect **(2marks)**
- ii. Describe the process of moulting in insects **(5marks)**
- b. State **five** behavioural adaptations of termites **(5marks)**
- c. Outline **three** behavioural adaptations of bees **(3marks)**

