

CHUKA UNIVERSITY

FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION BIOC 101: INTRODUCTION TO BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Stream: Y1S1: BSc BIMEDICAL SCIENCES

Instructions:

- i. Answer question one and any other two questions
- ii. Do not write on the question paper

Question One (30 marks)

- a. Distinguish between Biomedical Informatics and Biomedical Engineering (2 marks)
- b. A veterinarian shall provide veterinary medical care under the terms of a veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR). Justify this statement (2.5)
- c. How can big pharmaceutical companies overcome the problem of increased generic competition? (3 marks)
- d. Differentiate between mass and weight (4 marks)
- e. Using examples, distinguish between extensive and intensive property of matter (3 marks)
- f. State main application of medical imaging techniques in disease diagnosis (3 marks)
- g. Outline the SI base units and the respective quantity measured (3.5 marks)
- h. Draw a well labeled diagram of a prokaryotic cell (5 marks)
- i. What is the volume in liters of a sample of acetone having a mass of 925 g? (The density of acetone is 0.788 g/mL) (4 marks)

Question Two (20 marks)

- a. Distinguish between prokaryotic and eukaryotic cell. (10 marks)
- b. Discuss ethics in clinical practice (10 marks)

Question Three (20 marks)

- a. Discuss how biochemistry relates to biomedicine (10 marks)
- b. Discuss the problem of limited approval of new chemical entities and how pharmaceutical companies can overcome it (10 marks)

Question Four (20 marks)

- a. A sample of aluminum metal has a mass of 8.4 g. The volume of the sample is 3.1 cm³. Calculate the density of aluminum in SI units. (10 marks)
- b. Different techniques (modalities) allow one to look inside the human body in different ways (looking at different signals). Justify this statement. (10 marks)