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THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE
OF BACHELOR OF FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

FIRST SEMESTER 2022/2023
(SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER, 2022)

FIAQ 342: FISH POPULATION GENETICS

STREAM: Y3 S1

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY: FRIDAY, 3:00 P.M – 5:00 P.M

DATE: 23/12/2022

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.**
- 2. Answer Question ALL Questions in section A (Compulsory) and any other THREE Questions in section B.**

SECTION A: (40 Marks)

- 1) Explain the meaning of the following terms. (5 marks)
 - a) alleles
 - b) fish populations
- 2) Differentiate between genetic loci and genetic distance. (5 marks)
- 3) Briefly comment on how polymorphism brings changes in a fish population. (5 marks)
- 4) What is the Hard Weinberg equilibrium is it relates to population genetics. (5 marks)
- 5) Briefly explain genetic drift of a fish population. Why is starch electrophoresis preferred over polyacrylate. (5 marks)
- 7) How does inbreeding brings about changes in a fish population. (5 marks)
- 8) Differentiate between homozygosity and heterozygosity in a fish population. (5 marks)

SECTION B

- 9) Discuss how human activities affect the genepool of a fish population. (10 marks)
- 10) Explain how the actual fish population size can be estimated using the theory of population genetics. (10 marks)
- 11) Discuss the factors that naturally bring about genetic variation in a fish population (mutation, migration, selection and genetic drift. (10 marks)
- 12) Using examples explain any three molecular genetic markers are used in differentiating among fish populations or sub- populations. (10 marks)
- 13) Using illustrations explain how DNA is manufactured in an animal cell. (10 marks)