THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN AFRICA

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MAIN EXAMINATION

AUGUST - DECEMBER 2015 TRIMESTER

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

REGULAR PROGRAMME

BIO 201: INVERTEBRATE BIOLOGY

Date: DECEMBER 2015	**Duration: 3 Hours**
INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and ANY other THREE Questions	

Q1. a) Briefly explain the ecological importance of invertebrates. **(4 marks)**

  b) Differentiate between the following
    i Pleisomorphic traits and apomorphic traits.
    ii Paraphyletic groups and polyphyletic groups. **(4 marks)**

  c) i Outline TWO advantages of coelom in inverbrates. **(2 marks)**
    ii List TWO theories that explain the origin at a coelom. **(2 marks)**
    iii Briefly describe the sequence of events that take place during
      fertilization, to embryo formation. **(6 marks)**

  d) Outline the disadvantages of land as a habitat for invertebrates.

  (4 marks)

  e) Briefly describe the endosymbiotic theory. **(4 marks)**

  f) Distinguish the medusa and polyp body forms in cnidarians. **(4 marks)**

Q2. Compare and contrast TWO phyla of pseudocoelomates. **(20 marks)**

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Q3.   Discuss the traits that enable insects colonize terrestrial environments.

(20 marks)

Q4.   Describe the evolutionary history of parazoa and eumetazoa.   **(20 marks)**

Q5.   Describe the classification at echinoderms.   **(20 marks)**

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