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MAIN EXAMINATION

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FACULTY OF SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY

REGULAR PROGRAMME

BIO 207: ETHNOBOTANY AND PHYTOCHEMISTRY

Date: DECEMBER 2019

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

Q1. a) Differentiate between the following

b) Herbarium and seed bank

c) Ethnoecology and ethnobotany

d) In situ and ex situ conservation

(6marks)

e) Describe ways Maa community in maasai mara play a crucial role in conservation of plant genetic resources **(6 marks)**

f) Explain in detail conservation of tradition knowledge and methods for protection of traditional knowledge **(8 marks)**

g) What are the different methods useful for the separation and isolation of phytoconstituents from crude extract **(5 marks)**

h) What are factors affecting cultivation, collection and processing of crude drugs **(5 marks)**

Q2. Anthropogenic activities through years have endangered medicinal plants in mau region

a) Briefly explain the role of five local and international bodies in mitigating these effects

(10 marks)

b) Discuss the human activities that are contributing to this loss

(10 marks)

Q3. a) Describe in details five ways crude drugs can be classified

(10 marks)

b) Describe five techniques used in testing active components in crude extract

(10 marks)

Q4. Maasai mara reserve was set aside to protect wild species

a) Discuss various methods employed to protect medicinal plants

(10 marks)

b) Explain role of five alkaloids that are used as medicinal plants

(10 marks)

Q5. a) The pathways for primary and secondary metabolites vary describe the pathways for phenols and alkaloids

(10 marks)

b) Discuss five terpene derivatives and with reference to their medicinal value

(10 marks)

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