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**THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF  
SCIENCE IN BIOLOGY**

**ZOOL 312: MARINE BIOLOGY**

**STREAMS: BSC (BIOLOGY) Y3S2**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: TUESDAY 09/04/2019**

**2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Answer ALL questions in section A and any TWO from section B
- Illustrate your answers with diagrams where appropriate

**SECTION A (30 MARKS)**

- Q1. Distinguish between the following concepts citing an example for each. (6 marks)
- (a) Marine biology and marine ecology.
  - (b) Saline and marine.
  - (c) Neap tide and spring tide
- Q2. Write explanatory notes on the following organisms. (6 marks)
- (a) Marine planktonic organisms
  - (b) Marine mammals
  - (c) Sea weeds
- Q3. State the characteristic features of the following marine habitats. (6 marks)
- (a) Sand shores
  - (b) Mangrove wetlands
  - (c) Coral reefs

- Q4. Give the importance of studying marine biology as a discipline. (4 marks)
- Q5. With aid of a labelled diagram, describe the main physical feature of marine environment. (4 marks)
- Q6. (a) Explain the meaning and importance of fouling in marine organisms. (2 marks)
- (b) Describe briefly the adaptations of organisms to rock shore habitants. (2 marks)

**SECTION B (40 MARKS)**

- Q7. Discuss the adverse effects of human activities on marine ecosystem and suggest possible mitigating strategies. (20 marks)
- Q8. Discuss citing examples the Mari culture of a named marine plant and marine animal. (20 marks)
- Q9. Give an account of biotic and abiotic factors that influence the distribution of marine organisms. (20 marks)
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