

# JARAMOGI OGINGA ODINGA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

# SCHOOL OF BIOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SCIENCE)

4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR 1<sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER 2013/2014 ACADEMIC YEAR REGULAR

**COURSE CODE: SZL 401** 

COURSE TITLE: HISTORY & PHILOSOPHY

EXAM VENUE:LAB 4 STREAM: (BSc. Science)

DATE: 12/8/14 EXAM SESSION: 11.30 -1.30PM

TIME: 2 HOURS

#### **Instructions:**

- 1. Answer question 1 (compulsory) in Section A and any other 2 questions in Section B.
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.

## **SECTION A (30 marks)**

1.	Define the following terms:	(3 marks).

- i. Relative Truth
- ii. Hypothesis
- iii. Theistic Evolution
- 2. Outline three main stages in the life cycle of a paradigm as a process of science.

(3 marks).

- 3. Explain the most common form of deductive reasoning. (3 marks).
- 4. State at least three characteristics of a good hypothesis. (3 marks).
- 5. Outline at least three limitations of science as a means for searching for truth. (3 marks).
- 6. Explain the step of Interpretation after data collection in the Scientific method. (3 marks).
- 7. State three methods that can be used to determine the age of the earth. (3 marks).
- 8. Describe the criteria for defining a species according to Huxley (3 marks).
- 9. Identify and briefly outline any three evidences of organic evolution (3 marks).
- 10. With the aid of a diagram give your model concept of origin of life, illustrating the past and present life forms from. (3 marks).

## **SECTION B** (40 Marks).

- 11. Discuss the three forms of speciation. (20 marks).
- 12. Critically analyse the evidences for origin of life and the earth. (20 marks).
- 13. Discuss the contributions of Gregor Mendel to modern synthesis. (20 marks).
- 14. Analyse ethical issues raised in scientific method of investigations. (20 marks).