

## JOMO KENYATTA UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2023/2024** 

## EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MOLECULAR MEDICINE

TIM 3102: IMMUNITY AND DISEASE

DATE: AUGUST, 2024 TIME: 3 HOURS

## INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS

- 1. Describe the secondary lymphoid organs and their role in immunity. (25 marks)
- 2. i. With the aid of a diagram, discuss how the products of the specific immune response can enhance the efficiency of innate immune mechanism. (13 marks)
  - ii. Describe:
    - a. Molecular mechanism of Natural Killer Cells Function.
      (6 marks)
    - b. Its importance in Cancer immunotherapy. (6 marks)
- 3. i. Design the assembly of MHC class 1 peptide cleavage by the proteasome and peptide transport by TAP (13 marks)
  - ii. Describe the mechanisms by which IgA protects mucosal surfaces. (12 marks)
- 4. Discuss immunological evasion and resistance to parasitic infections. (25 marks)
- 5. i. Describe the mannose binding lectin pathway of the complement system. (13 marks)
  - ii. Discuss the key major functions of the complement system. (12 marks)
- 6. Discuss immunity to bacterial infections and how bacteria evade the immune system. (25 marks)