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SEPTEMBER 2020_1 EXAMINATION

COURSE TITLE: TECHNIQUES OF SCIENTIFIC WRITING AND PRESENTATION (2CU)
COURSE CODE: AGR 515
TOTAL SCORE: 70 MARKS
TIME ALLOWED: 1hour 30minutes

INSTRUCTIONS: *Answer four questions in all*

Question 1 is compulsory (25marks) and any three questions (15marks each)

Q1

- a. What is the meaning of scientific writing? (2marks)
- b. Define peer review and highlight five (5) of its importance. (8marks)
- c. Highlight any five (5) of the various tips for improving scientific writing. (10marks)
- d. State the various strategies for improving seminar presentation. (5marks)

Q2

- a. Briefly outline steps involved in the process of writing a term paper. (5marks)
- b. Highlight ten (10) criteria for seminar presentation. (10marks)

Q3

- a. Briefly explain the guide for a successful scientific writing and state the basic structures involved. (9marks)
- b. Explain six tips to achieving a good seminar presentation. (6marks)

Q4

Write short note on any three of the following elements of a review article

- a. Title (5marks)
- b. Material and Method (5marks)
- c. References (5marks)
- d. Conclusion (5marks) (15marks)

Q5.

- a. Briefly illustrate a typical checklist for clear writing. (9marks)
- b. Outline six (6) basic steps involved in preparing a power point slides. (6marks)

Q6

- a. What is a Seminar? (5marks)
- b. Writing Briefly on the following concepts as related to APA – style writing
 - a. Concluding thoughts (5marks)
 - b. Editing and proof reading (5marks) (10marks)