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DEPARTMENT OF PURE & APPLIED SCIENCES JANUARY 2018 EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

CREDIT: 2 UNIT TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION ONE & ANY OTHER THREE QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1 (a).	i). Write short note	on the following:
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- Monoterpenes, (3 marks)
- Sesquiterpenes(4 marks)
- Diterpenes (3 marks)
- (b). What is Steroid?. (5 marks)
- (c). What are the properties of Alkaloids? (10 marks)

QUESTION 2. (a). Give three examples each for monocyclic monoterpenes and bicyclic monoterpenes. (6 marks)

- (b). What are the sources and uses of the following terpenes? (9 marks)
 - Farnesol, Farnesene, Nerolidoland Cadalene

QUESTION 3. (a) (i). Discuss the general structure of steroid. (3 marks)

- (ii). Discuss the skeleton of steroid (gonane) (3 marks)
- (b). (i). Differentiate between the two types of corticosteroids. (3 marks)
 - (ii). What are the functions of anabolic steroid and cholesterol. (2 marks)
- (c). (i). What is steroidogenesis? (1 mark)
 - (ii). Write short note on degradation and elimination processes of steroids. (3 marks)

QUESTION 4 (a). Write on the history of alkaloids. (7 ½ marks)

- (b). How can alkaloids be extracted? (5 marks)
- (c). List five methods for synthesis of alkaloids. (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ marks)

QUESTION 5.(a). (i). What are the biological roles of alkaloids? (2 marks)

- (ii). Give the medicinal application of the following alkaloids: (5 marks) Vinblastine, Codeine, Cocaine, Colchicine, Reserpine, Quinine, Quinidine, Morphine, Tubocurarine and Emetine.
 - (iii). Give five examples of pseudoalkaloids. (2 ½ marks)
- (b). What is an alkaloid? (3 marks)
- (c). Describe the psychoactive drug use of alkaloids. (2 ½ marks)