THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL ADVANCED CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION

155/1 FOOD AND HUMAN NUTRITION 1

(For Both School and Private Candidates)

Time: 3 Hours Year: 2014

Instructions

- 1. This paper consists of sections **A** and **B**.
- 2. Answer all questions in section A and only three (3) question from section B.
- 3. Non-programmable calculators may be used.
- 4. Communication devices and any unauthorised materials are **not** allowed in the examination room.
- 5. Write your **Examination Number** on every page of your answer booklet(s).



SECTION A (40 Marks)

Answer all questions in this section

- 1. Define food composition and list three major nutrients found in staple foods.
- 2. Differentiate between saturated and unsaturated fats and give one food source for each.
- 3. Explain three factors that contribute to household food insecurity.
- 4. (a) Define food fortification.
 - (b) Mention one cereal and one salt product commonly fortified in Tanzania.
- 5. Explain the role of yeast in chemical leavening and how it differs from physical raising agents.
- 6. State two natural compounds used to protect grains from insect damage and describe their mode of action.
- 7. Explain the effect of drying on vitamin content in fruits and vegetables.
- 8. Distinguish between food safety and food quality.
- 9. Describe two stages of wet milling in cereal processing.
- 10. State two problems associated with underground storage of grains.

SECTION B (60 Marks)

Answer only three questions from this section

- 11. A farmer mixes 10 liters of milk containing 3% fat with 20 liters of milk containing 2% fat. Calculate the fat content of the mixture. Discuss the importance of blending milk with different fat contents in commercial dairy processing.
- 12. Discuss the bioavailability of iron and zinc in plant-based foods. Explain how antinutritional factors such as phytates and tannins reduce mineral absorption, and suggest methods to improve bioavailability.

- 13. Describe traditional methods of storing grains and fish in Tanzania. Discuss common post-harvest losses and propose modern techniques to minimize these losses.
- 14. Explain the process of chemical, physical, and biological leavening in baking. Give examples and indicate the advantages and disadvantages of each method.
- 15. Discuss food fortification and preservation. Explain the role of chemical preservatives and compare them with one natural method of pest control in stored grains.