

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION - JANUARY 2018

BIOLOGY 2: Organisms to Ecosystems

Time Allowed – 1.5 hours

3 questions should be attempted

- 1. Which are the most species-rich geographical regions of Earth? Why is this?
- 2. What sort of uses do these statistical tests have: chi-squared test; *t*-test; correlation test?
- 3. What are the main types of evidence for the theory of evolution?
- 4. Write a biological essay on any marine organism(s) of your choice.
- 5. Tell us about your favourite nature reserve.
- 6. How might one use quadrats and mark-release-recapture in field studies?
- 7. What are courtship displays in animals?
- 8. What are fungi and how important are they?
- 9. What do you know of major global diseases caused by parasites?
- 10. Write a biological essay on any freshwater organism(s) of your choice.
- 11. Outline how nutrients are recycled in natural ecosystems.
- 12. Write about any famous biologist of your choice.
- 13. Discuss the importance of zoos and the potential problems of running one.
- 14. Speculate about features of living organisms that might or might not exist on exoplanets.
- 15. Write an essay on any extinct organism(s) of your choice.
- 16. Consider the ecosystem of the soil.
- 17. Explain the following concepts of population biology: allele frequency; genetic drift; gene flow; community; carrying capacity.
- 18. Describe scientifically a field study that you have performed.