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SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES  
DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY**

**FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION 2015/2016 SESSION**

**COURSE CODE: MCB 312**

**COURSE TITLE: PRINCIPLE OF STERILIZATION AND DISINFECTION (3 UNITS)**

**CLASS: 300 LEVEL**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**Instruction: Answer only two (2) questions in each section**

**Section A**

- 1(a). Write short notes on the following antimicrobial agents:
  - (i) Alcohol
  - (ii) Formaldehyde
  - (iii) Phenolics
- 1(b). Explain how you will determine the efficiency of an autoclave.
2. Describe the mechanism of action of the following disinfectants:
  - (i) Chlorine and chlorine compounds
  - (ii) Glutaraldehyde
  - (iii) Iodine
  - (iv) Quaternary ammonium compounds
  - (v) Hydrogen peroxide
- 3(a). Describe the two forms of radiation that could be used for sterilization or disinfection
- 3(b). What are the common food items that irradiation can be applied to as a form of sterilization or disinfection?

**Section B**

Answer question **FOUR** and any other one in this section

- 4(a). Differentiate between antibiotic resistance and antimicrobial resistance
- 4(b). Why is it necessary to perform antimicrobial susceptibility test on pathogenic isolates ?
- 4(c). Antimicrobial resistance increases the cost of health care. Discuss
- 5(a). Minimum inhibitory concentration (MIC) test can be performed on sterile body fluid without isolating and identifying the pathogenic microorganisms. Explain

- 5(b). Define Chemotherapy. Outline and explain the various side effects associated with chemotherapy.
- 6(a). How will you classify chemotherapy?
- 6(b). Explain the use of chemotherapy for ailments other than for cancer treatment.