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LEVEL 4

SEMESTER 1

SEMESTER EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER

**HDES412/HHI412: INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS AND
DEVELOPMENT**

MONTH:

DURATION: THREE HOURS

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

1. Answer **THREE** Questions
2. Choose at least **ONE** question from each section
3. Each question carries 25 marks.
4. Good command of English will be credited

Section A

1. To what extent are African indigenous marriage practices gender biased?
2. How important are witchcraft beliefs in the social organisation of contemporary African societies?
3. Determine the scientific basis of African taboos that pertain to the preservation of fauna.

Section B

4. Evaluate the importance of indigenous knowledge in mitigating climate change challenges.
5. Account for the rising popularity of African indigenous medical practices in 21st century Zimbabwe.
6. To what extent do African Initiated Churches accommodate African indigenous knowledge systems?