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Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Sciences (B.MLS)  
MLU1249- Histological Techniques and Cytology  
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Final Examination  
*Return your question paper with the answer sheet*

Date: 29.07.2016

Duration – 3 hours

Time: 9.30 a.m. –12.30 p.m.

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Please read the following instructions carefully before you answer the paper.  
(100 marks)

**Part A: Multiple Choice Questions (30 marks)**

There are thirty (30) multiple choice questions in this part, each question with four responses. Select the correct response and encircle in the answer paper.

**Part B: Structured Essay Questions (30 marks)**

You are given four (04) structured essay questions. Answer all the questions.

**Part C: Essay Question (40 marks)**

There are two (02) essay questions. Answer all the questions in given papers.

**Good Luck!**

**Part B – Structured Essay Questions.**

**(30 marks)**

**Answer all the questions.**

1.

1.1 List three main stages of processing in an Automated Tissue Processor? **(03 marks)**

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1.2 Mention the aim of the each step mentioned in 1.1. **(03 marks)**

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1.3. A-What is the most commonly used clearing agent? **(01 1/2 marks)**

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B- Mention one advantage and one disadvantage of the agent that you mentioned in A.

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2.

2.1. Mention the aim of adding an oxidizing agent during ripening process of haematoxylin? **(01 mark)**

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2.2. List the two types of ripening methods for haematoxylin mentioning one example for each method. **(04 marks)**

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2.3 Name the oxidizing agent used in Harris's haematoxylin? **(1/2 marks)**

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2.4 Mention a reagent that can be used for following stages in staining with Harris's haematoxylin? **(02 marks)**

A-Differentiation:.....

B-Blueing: .....

3.

3.1 Briefly describe the term exfoliative cytology? **(01 mark)**

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3.2 Give two examples for exfoliative cytology samples. **(01 mark)**

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3.3 Name two types of smears prepared from Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA) for cytological assessment. **(02 marks)**

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3.4 Name two staining methods that can be used for each type of smears mentioned above in 3.2. **(02 marks)**

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3.5 Give three limitations of FNAC. **(1 ½ marks)**

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4.

4.1. Which area of the cervix should be sampled when doing a pap smear test? (1/2 marks)

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4.2 Name the staining method used for cervical smears and list the dye solutions used in this method? (03 marks)

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4.3 Fill the following table with targeted tissue component and the result in relation to above mentioned (in 4.2) stain components. (04 marks)

Stain component	Tissue component/organelle stained	Result/Colour of The Tissue component/organelle Following staining

**Part – C: Essay Question.**

**(40 marks)**

**Answer all the questions.**

1.

- i) Write a short note on staining principle of haematoxylin and eosin stain. (10 marks)
- ii) Compare manual and automated tissue processing. (10 marks)

2. Describe how you prepare direct smears from the fine needle aspirates using pull-apart technique. (20 marks)