

**BINDURA UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE EDUCATION**  
**FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**

AGA 414 [2]

**Department of Animal Science**  
**BSc (Honours) Animal Health and Production Extension**  
**Part 4 Examination**  
**Meat Science**

**3 HOURS (100 Marks)**  
**INSTRUCTIONS**

JUN 2023

Answer any **FOUR** questions. Each question carries **25 marks**.

1. Describe the process of conversion of muscle to meat [25 marks]
2. Discuss how the following factors affect meat quality:
  - a) pH. [4 marks]
  - b) Age. [4 marks]
  - c) Breed. [4 marks]
  - d) Pre- slaughter stress. [13 marks]
3. Discuss how one would implement a HCCP plan at beef abattoir. [25 marks]
4. Explain how the following coordinates of the Commission International De l' Eclairage (CIE)" colour system (CIE, 1976) are used to measure meat quality:
  - a) L\* [9 marks]
  - b) a\* [8 marks]
  - c) b\* [8 marks]
5. a) Describe the process involved in the meat preservation methods listed below:
  - i) Canning. [5 marks]
  - ii) Freezing. [5 marks]  
b) State and explain the five freedoms in animal welfare. [15 Marks]
6. Discuss how animal welfare can be measured in slaughter animals [25 Marks]

**End of Exam Paper**