**AGRICULTURE FORM TWO**

**END OF TERM 3 – 2022**

**MARKING SCHEME**

**(SECTION A 30 MARKS)**

1. **List down any three branches of Agriculture. (3mks)**

 Agricultural economics, Agricultural engineering, crop production, livestock production, and soil science

1. **Name three primary macronutrients** (3mks)

Nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium

1. **Name four common daily cattle breeds in Kenya (2mks)**

 Friesian, jersey, Guernsey and Ayrshire

1. **State four method of fertilizer application (3mks)**

 Foliar spray, placement method, drip application and broadcasting

1. **Tertiary operations during land preparations**  **(2mks)**

Ridging, sub-soiling, leveling and rolling.

1. **Causes of blossom end rot in tomatoes**

Too much nitrogen in the early stages of growth, irregular watering and calcium deficiency

1. **Name three method of layering** (3mks)

 Marcotting/aerial layering, trench layering, tip layering, sapentive/multiple layering

1. **State four importance of budding and grafting (4mks)**

Plants with desirable root characteristics but with undesirable products may be used to produce desirable products for example lemon­-orange graft. They facilitate the changing of the top of the tree from being undesirable to desirable. They make it possible to grow more than one type of fruit or flower on the same plant. They help to propagate clones that cannot be propagated in any other way. They help to shorten the maturity period.

1. **Name two methods used in pruning of coffee** **(1mk)**

Single stem pruning and multiple stem pruning.

1. **Write down two conditions that show that seedlings are ready for transplanting (2mks)**

 3-4 weeks old, 10- 15 cm tall and 4-six leaves

1. **Name two methods used in coffee pruning (2mks)**

 Single stem pruning and multiple stem pruning

1. **What do you understand by the following terms as used in nursery practices (2mks)**
2. **Pricking out**

 Removal of excess seedlings from the nursery bed

1. **Hardening off**

 Preparing the seedlings to adapt to the ecological conditions in the seedbed

1. **Name four factors that determine the stage of harvesting in crops (4mks)**

Stage of maturity of the crops. Use of the crop. Tastes and preferences of consumers. Weather conditions, hence liability to spoilage. Moisture content

1. **Outline three qualities of a good grain store (3mks)**

It should be clean. It should be well ventilated. It should be raised from the ground to prevent damp conditions. It should be dry. It should be strong to hold crop produce. It should be easy to clean. It should be vermin-proof. It should be secure from theft. It should be treated against pests such as weevils.

1. **Define the term opportunity cost as used in Agriculture economics (1mks)**

 Returns from the best forgone alternative

1. **Highlight qualities of plant used in preparation of green manure (4mks)**

Have fast growth rates. Have high nitrogen content. Capable of rotting quickly. Capable of growing in poor conditions.

1. **Name two abiotic factors that influence Agriculture (2mks)**

 Temperature, rain, relative humidity, wind, etc

**SECTION B 20 MARKS**

1. **i)** Cut worm

**ii) Damage caused by cut worm:** Cuts the stem at the base after transplanting.

iii) **Control of cut worms** : **-** Use of appropriate powder insecticide.

* Crop rotation
* Field hygiene

 iv) Diseases that attack cabbages in the field

* Downy mildew
* Black rot
1. **i) Practice:** Lifting of seedling

**ii) Garden tool used in lifting:**  Garden trowel

iii) Stage of transplanting – 3 to 4 weeks old

* when they have 4 to 6 true leaves
* when they are 10 to 15cm in height

 iv) Reason for watering nursery before lifting of seedlings

 To enhance lifting of seedlings with a ball of soil around the roots, to prevent damaging of the root

1. **i) Method of layering:**  Marcotting/Aerial layering

**ii) Circumstances is the method preferred to the other methods:** When the branch cannot be bent to the ground.

 **iii) Other types of layering:** Trench layering, tip layering and compound/serpentive layering

**(SECTION C 30 MARKS)**

1. **a) Discuss the importance of organic mulching in crops (10mks)**
* Prevents water evaporation thus maintaining moisture in the soil for crop use.
* Acts as an insulator thus modifying the soil temperature.
* It helps to control soil erosion.
* It controls weeds by suppressing them.
* After decomposition organic mulch add nutrients to the soil thus improving its fertility.
* Humus produced after the decomposition of organic mulch improves soil structure and the water holding capacity of the soil.

**b) Advantages of using seeds as planting materials.**

* Seeds are easily treated against soil borne pests and diseases.
* They are not bulky therefore storage is easy.
* They are easy to handle during planting making operation easy.
* When planting seeds, it is easy to use machines like seed planters and drillers.
* It is easy to apply manures and fertilizers together with seeds during planting.
* Fertilizers and manures application can be easily mechanized.
* It is possible to develop new crop varieties due to cross pollination.
1. ***a) Nursery Management Practices:***
* These are the practices carried out in the nursery while the planting materials are growing.

***They include:***

* Mulching. –light mulch should be applied on the nursery bed .It be should be removed on the 4th day
* Weed control.
* Shading.
* Pricking out.
* Pests and disease control.
* Hardening off
* Watering.

 **b.) Describe any five types of vegetables giving an example in each case.**

* ***Leaf vegetables*** for example kales and cabbages.
* ***Root vegetables*** for example carrots, beets, radishes and turnips.
* ***Fruit vegetables*** for example French beans and okra.
* ***Stem vegetables*** for example asparagus, leeks and spring onions.
* ***Bulb vegetables*** for example bulbed onions and garlic.
1. **a) i*Tomato Varieties***
* ***Fresh market varieties***:
* Money maker,
* Marglobe, hundred fold,
* Beef eater,
* Hot set,
* Super marmande
* Ponderosa.
* ***Processing varieties***:
* Kenya beauty,
* San -marzano,
* Roma, ,
* Primabel,
* Rutgers hybrid
* **Cal- J.**

***ii) Field Maintenance***

* Early control of weeds is necessary.
* Top dressing is done after crop establishes.
* Pruning and staking are done to train the plants to grow vertically.

***Pests Controls***

* ***American Bollworm***
* ***Nature of damage****:* boring holes on the fruits.
* ***Control:***spraying insecticides.
* ***Tobacco White Fly***
* ***Nature of damage****:* suck plant sap from the underside of the leaf, hence may transmit viral diseases.
* ***Control:***Destroy infected plant and spray insecticides.

***Disease Control***

* ***Late Blight***
* ***Cause:***Fungus
* ***Symptoms:***dry patches on the leaves and fruits.
* ***Control:***use of fungicides, crop rotation and destruction of affected materials.
* ***Blossom-end Rot***

***Caused by;***

* Too much nitrogen in early stages.
* Irregular or infrequent watering.
* Calcium deficiency.

 ***Control:***Apply calcium ammonium nitrate and correction of the above problems

 **b) Explain any five factors that that determine spacing in crops during planting (10mks)**

* **The type of machinery to be used.**

The space between the rows should allow free passage of the machinery which can be used in the field. For example, the spacing between rows of coffee is supposed to allow movement of tractor drawn implements.

* **Soil fertility**

A fertile soil can support high plant population. Therefore closer spacing is possible.

* **The size of plant**

Tall crop varieties require wider spacing while short varieties require closer spacing, for example, Kitale hybrid maize is widely spaced than Katumani maize.

* **Moisture availability.**

Areas with higher rainfall are capable of supporting a large number of plants hence closer spacing than areas of low rainfall.

* **Use of crop.**

Crop grown for the supply of forage or silage material is planted at a closer spacing than for grain production.

* **Pest and diseases control.**

When crops are properly spaced, pests might find it difficult to move from one place to the other, for example, aphids in groundnuts.

* **Growth habit.**

*Spreading and tillering crop varieties require wider spacing than erect type*