

END OF YEAR 2025 EXAM (OCTOBER) TIME: 2 HOURS

AGRICULTURE FORM 3 PAPER 1 M/SCHEME

SECTION A

1.

- shortage of labour in the farm
- increased cost of labour
- poor agricultural development due to lack of capital
- shortage of skilled man power
- Lack of incentive to invest due to prospect death
- Reduced agricultural product

2.

- to kill weeds
- To incorporate manure and other organics matter into the soil
- to aerate the soil
- to encourage penetration of plant roots into the soil
- to destroy pest and other diseases causing organism
- to promote water infiltration
- to make subsequent operation easier

3.

- tilling of land
- construction of farm structures
- measuring of distance
- operating machines
- Crop harvesting
- Feeding animals
- marketing agricultural products

4.

- crop rotation
- Timely planting
- use of clean seed/planting material
- proper spacing
- Clean seedbed

5.

- irregular watering
- too much nitrogen in early stage of growth
- calcium deficiency in young fruit

6.

- weed control
- Top dressing
- re-seeding
- Pest control
- controlled grazing



7.

- because it induces forking of the carrot tubers/reduces crop quality

8.

- smoothens the weeds
- reduces evaporation of soil moisture
- moderate soil temperature
- reduce speed of runoff/increase water infiltration/control soil erosion
- Enhance minimum tillage
- organic mulching add nutrient and organic matter into the soil after decomposition
- in tomato production it prevent rotting of fruits and promote production of clean fruit

9.

- predators
- decomposers

- pollinators
- pathogens
- parasites
- pest
- nitrogen fixing bacteria

10.

- increase the rate of evaporation i.e. soil moisture
- causes lodging/damage to crops
- causes soil erosion

Increase spread of diseases and pest

- increases evapotranspiration rate in crops

11.

- crop nutrient requirement
- weed control
- pest and disease control
- soil fertility

12.

- Proper supervision of land under one holding
- save on transportation cost
- extension officers can provide advice at ease
- possible to make a sound farm planning
- long term enterprise can be undertaken
- fencing and long term structure can be made
- it is economical to operate land under a large single unit

13.

- to introduce nitrogen fixing bacteria, to fix nitrogen for the plan

14.

- big losses may occur in case of mismanagement

- encourage monopoly in production
- benefit may be siphoned to the mother country
- encourage social problems/ social evils

15.

- fine texture/poor aerted
- poorly drained/high water holding capacity
- cracks when dry and sticky when wet
- have high capillarity
- have high nutrient holding capacity/not easily leached

16.

- improve soil structure
- increase microbial activity
- acts as a pH beffer
- add nutrient to the soil

17.

- is form of land use which combines tree growing, pasture and food crop as well as keeping animals in the same piece of land.

SECTION B

18.

- a) –amount of SA required is equals to $10 \times 120\text{kg} = 1200\text{kg}$
- b) –amount of Nitrogen to be applied is equal to $120 \times 21/100 \text{ kg} = 252\text{kg}$ of Nitrogen
- c) –number of bags to be bought is equal to $1200/50 \text{ kg} = 24$ bags of Sulpate Ammonia
- d) –amount of money to be spend is equal to $24 \times \text{sh.}1200 = 28,800/=$

19.

- a) - plant population = area of land /spacing of crop

Area of land $4.5 \times 10,000\text{m}^2 = 45000 \text{ m}^2$

Spacing $0.75\text{m} \times 0.3\text{m} = 0.225\text{m}^2$

Therefore, plant population = $45000\text{m}^2 / 0.225\text{m}^2$
= 200,000 maize plants

b)

- type of machine to be used
- soil fertility
- variety of maize
- moisture availability
- use of the cop



20.

a) –nursery bed

b)

- protect the seedling from direct heat of the sun
- protect the seedling from direct rain drop
- to reduce light intensity

c) - to harden the seedlings before transplanting/to prepare the seedling to the condition in the main field.

d)

- root system of the seedling may be damage during transplanting
- poor handling may affect the growth of the seeling
- seedling take time to recover from the shock they get when they are uprooted

21.

a) –soil sampling

b)

-A -traverse method

-B -zigzag method

c)

-dead furrows

-terraces stand

-old fence line

-old manure heap/compost pits/old boma

-near trees/ boundaries

-near swampy areas/water logged/eroded areas

-burned site

-Ant hills

-Recently fertilized far

-between slopes and furrow bottom

SECTION C

22. a)

-altituted of between 0-2100m above sea level

-temperature ranging from 24⁰ c to 29⁰c

-minimum rainfall of 750mm distributed throughout the year

-well drain fertile soil/loam soil

b)

-land is prepared during the dry season

-vegetation is cleared and all stumps removed

-primary cultivation is done and all perennial weeds removed

-The land is harrowed to produce medium tithe

- furrows are made to a spacing of 90-100cm/holes are dug at a spacing 90-100cm by 50 cm
- apply 7-10 tones of well rotten manure/ha
- select desirable variety of Napier grass depending on the ecological condition
- use cuttings/splits
- cutting should have 2-3 nodes
- planting should be done at the onset of rains
- stem cuttings are placed in the furrow/planting holes in a slanting manner
- compound fertilizer/N:P:K 20:20:0 is applied in the planting furrow/hole at the rate of 200kg/ha
- the cuttings are covered with enough soil where two nodes are covered underground and one above the ground.

c)

- cut and fed to animals when stems are (0.8-1.5)m high / 3-5 months old
- cut the stem (2.5-5.0)cm above the soil surface to facilitate faster regrowth
- cut the stem with a sharp panga/machete to avoid destroying the stem
- excess Napier grass should be used for silage making
- the cut Napier grass should be chopped into smaller pieces by use of a chaff cutter/sharp panga before use
- dried Napier grass is used as mulching material

23. a)

- seed sorting/cleaning- done to remove unwanted type and foreign materials
- seed dressing - selected seed are coated with chemicals to control seed borne and soil borne pest and diseases
- seed selection –select the recommended variety for the area
- seed inoculation - coating leguminous seed with a nitro culture/inoculant to encourage nodulation

b)

- early establishment lead to withstand competition with weeds
- better use of the available rainfall
- crop escape attack by pest and diseases
- better use of nutrient i.e. nitrogen flush before it is leached
- good market price /sell easily when supply is low
- reduce competition for labour with other operations/give time for other practices

c)

- destruction of soil organism – beneficial soil organism die due to too much heat and poisonous gases from fumes
- Destruction of organic matter – this are decomposed dead plants and animal which useful to soil and are destroyed by high heat
- destruction of soil structure – soil partical become loose and pliable due to loss of moisture which bring about adhesion of pertical hence easy erosion
- result to soil erosion – light and loose/pliable particals are easily washed away by water and carried away by wind.
- Loss of soil nutriet/fertility – volatile nutrient are chenchd to gaseous state by heat and escape to the atmosphere
- accumilation of some compouds/nutrient to toxic leval – some plant nutrient such as potassium increases in the soil to a leval that pnhibit absorbtion of other nutrients

24.

a) –land tenure is the nature of the right to own and use land whereas land reform is any deliberate/organized action with the purpose of improving land ownership and land use,

b)

- shifting cultivation – individual own several pieces of land in process of clearing and shifting to new ground after soil exhaustion
- customary low of land ownership – land is fragmented to several pieces to facilitate inheritance by the heirs
- population increase – people are forced to by several pieces of land in different places due to population pressure
- Accumulation of land by money lenders – privet money lender accumulate land/repay themselves with pieces of land if an individual farmer is unable to pay.
- traditional use of land – land may be offerd to settle depts. Or as apresent to newly weds and others. This make an individual to have several fragments of land.

c)

- time wasting traveling around scattered fragment of land
- difficult to provide proper and effective weed, pest and disease control due to constant movement
- difficult to develop and follow a sound farm plan
- Difficult to supervise the scattered fragment

- result to low productivity leading to low standard of life
- difficult to make use of agricultural extension advices since the fragments are not easily reached
- restricted grazing in one holding is not possible due to overstocking, leading to land degeneration and denudation
- soil conservation measures are difficult to carry out



