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* *Answer* ***ALL*** *the questions in section* ***A*** *and* ***B***
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**SECTION A (30 MARKS)**

***Answer ALL questions in this section in the spaces provided****.*

1. State **two** requirements of intensive farming system. **(1mark)**

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1. State t**wo** reasons that entail why Agriculture as a science. **(1mark)**

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1. Give **two** farming practices that facilitate organic farming**. (1mark)**

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1. Outline **three** effects of soil organisms which benefit crop growth**. (11/2mark)**

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1. State **four** farming practices that can improve soil structure. **(2marks)**

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1. Give **three** chemical processes of soil formation.  **(11/2marks)**

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1. State **four** demerits of minimum tillage in crop production**. (2marks)**

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1. Name **two** implements that can be used to break plough pans. **(1mark)**

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1. State **four** conditions under which irrigation is carried out. **(2marks)**

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1. Outline the first **four** stages of chemical water treatment. **(2marks)**

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1. State **four** characteristics of a good crop for preparation of green manure. **(2mark)**

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1. Give **four** disadvantages of planting seed using broadcasting method. **(2marks)**

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 13 (a) Give **one** cause of blossom end rot in tomatoes **(1/2mark)**

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 (b) State **two** methods of controlling blossom end rot in tomatoes. **(1mark)**

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14. Differentiate between land fragmentation and land consolidation**. (1mark)**

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15. State **two** objectives of land redistribution. **(1mark)**

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16. Outline **four** factors that influence by solifluction on steep slopes. **(2marks)**

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17. Identify **three** bases on which herbicides are classified. **(11/2marks)**

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18. Name **two** improved sorghum varieties grown in Kenya **(1mark)**

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19. List **four** types of financial books farmers should keep. **(2marks)**

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20. Outline **four** methods of tree harvesting in an agricultural farm. **(2marks)**

**SECTION B (20MARKS)**

***Answer ALL the questions in the spaces provided***

 21. Study the illustration below of farm records:- Use it to answer the questions that follow.

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| **Name of cow** | **DAYS IN MONTH** |
|  | 1 |  | 2 |  | 3 |  | 4 |  | 5 |  | 6 |  |
| AM | PM | AM | PM | AM | PM | AM | PM | AM | PM | AM | PM |
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 (a) Name the type of the farm record illustrated above**. (1mark)**

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(b) Give **two** reasons for keeping health records in a livestock production **(2marks)** ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

(c) Give **two** pieces of information a dairy farm manager should collect from the record for planning purposes**. (2marks)**

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22. The diagram below illustrates the spacing which is used when planting beans. Study the diagram and answer the questions that follow:

15cm

30cm

 (a) State the spacing illustrated above **(1mark)**  ………………………………………………………………………………………

 (b) Suppose the student is asked to use the illustrated spacing to plant in a plot 4m by 3m leaving 30cm distance from the edge; calculate;

 (i) The number of rows on the wider side of the plot **(2marks)**

 (ii) Calculate the plant population. **(2marks)**

23. The diagram below shows a system of grazing, use it to answer the questions that follow.



(a) Identify the method of grazing illustrated above. **(1mark)**

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(b) State **two** advantages of the method identified in (a) above. **(2marks)**

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 (c) Outline **two** reasons why a dairy farmer would prefer vegetative material to establish pasture**. (2marks)**

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24. (a) What is elasticity of demand for a commodity? **(1mark)**

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 (b) Given that at a price of shs.1000 per bag, 20 bags of maize are demanded but when the price changes to shs.800 per bag, 22 bags are demanded. Calculate the elasticity of demand.

Show your working. **(2marks)**

(c) Briefly explain **two** problems experienced by a floriculturist during marketing of his produce.

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**SECTION C (40MARKS)**

***Answer any TWO questions in this section in the spaces provided.***

25. (a) Discuss the economic importance of water in crop production. **(5marks)**

 (b) Explain **five** guidelines that a farmer should put into consideration while drawing a crop rotational program. **(5marks)**

 (c) Describe **six** factors that influence the selectivity and effectiveness of herbicides.

 **(6marks)**

 (d) State **four** deficiency symptoms of nitrogen in a crop. **(4marks)**

26 (a) The table below represents the yield of maize in 90kg bags in response to application of different quantities of planting fertilizer

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| Input 50kg bag fertilizer | Output 90kg bag maize | Average product (AP) | Marginal product (MP) |
| 012345678 | 61024313640434340 | --------- | --------- |

 (i) Fill in the blank spaces. **(7marks)**

 (ii) Suggest the best level of production in relation to the inputs and output. **(1mark)**

 (b) State **six** advantages of propagating crops through grafting and budding**. (6marks)**

 (c) Explain **six** cultural methods used to control crop diseases. **(6marks)**

27. (a) Describe the establishment of cabbages under the following sub – headings:

 i) Importance of raising cabbage seedlings in the nursery **(4marks)**

 ii) Varieties **(3marks)**

 (b) Explain **six** structural measures used to conserve soil and water in steep areas. **(6marks)**

 (c) Discuss the production of cotton under the following sub-headings:

* 1. Time of harvesting. **(1mark)**
	2. Precautions during planting. (**3marks)**

 (d) State how water control is done in rice production **(3marks)**

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