THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION

(FOR 2016/2017 ACADEMIC YEAR)

FOR THE DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF SCIENCE HORTICULTURAL PRODUCE

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

• Answer questions **ONE** and any other **THREE** questions.

• TIME: 3 HOURS

QUESTION ONE

- a) Describe the preservation and storage methods of fruits and vegetables. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the quality management systems applied during processing and storage of horticultural produce. (10 marks)

c) Explain the benefits of preserving and storage of horticultural produce. (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) Explain five ways in which distribution equipment and transport modes may influence quality maintenance of the horticultural produce. (10 marks)
- b) Outline the preliminary operations done before processing of fruits and vegetables, giving factors affecting such processes. (5 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Draw a HCCP plan for processing of any fruit or vegetable of your choice, starting from harvesting to table. (10 marks)
- c) With suitable examples, state three classes of hazards associated with fresh produce. (3 marks)
- d) What is GAPs in full and why is training important. (2 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Describe using a diagram the processing flow diagram for a dehydrated mango product. (8marks)
- b) Explain ways in which the airport is the weakest link in the flower post-harvest chain. (7 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

a) Draw up a packaging and transport brief for an export flower product. (9 marks)

(6 marks)

- b) Explain the following terms in relation to:
 - i. Radurization
 - ii. Vacuum storage
 - iii. Modified Atmosphere