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#### University Examinations 2013/2014

FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURE AND FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE IN AGRICULTURE

### **BIO 0110: AGRICULTURAL BOTANY**

#### DATE: APRIL 2014

TIME: 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Answer question **one** and any other **two** questions

#### **QUESTION ONE – (30 MARKS)**

(a) Define the following terms as used in floral biology;

(i)	Protandry	(2 Marks)
(ii)	Mono e cious	(2 Marks)
(iii)	Gamesepalous	(2 Marks)
(iv)	Inflorescence	(2 Marks)

(b) Outline the importance of botany in Agriculture.	(4 Marks)
(c) State the types of tissues found in plants.	(3 Marks)
(d) Explain the characteristics of meristematic tissues.	(4 Marks)
(e) Briefly describe the importance of classification in biology of plants.	(4 Marks)
(f) Outline five characteristics of insect pollinated flowers.	(5 Marks)
(g) State two causes of seed dormancy.	(2 Marks)

#### **QUESTION TWO – (15 MARKS)**

Discuss double fertilization in flowering plants. (15 Marks)

## **QUESTION THREE – (15 MARKS)**

Explain how the plant leaves are adapted to the process of photosynthesis.	(15 Marks)
QUESTION FOUR – (15 MARKS)	
Discuss how fruits and seeds are adapted to dispersal.	(15 Marks)
QUESTION FIVE – (15 MARKS)	

Explain how the plant cell is organized to its functions. (15 Marks)