SOUTH EASTERN KENYA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2017/2018

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN METEOROLOGY

SMR 410: AGROMETEOROLOGY II

DATE: 06TH DECEMBER, 2017   TIME: 8.00 -10.00 AM

INSTRUCTIONS
Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions

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1. a) Make brief notes on the following terminologies:
    i.   Turgor pressure (Ψ_p)   2 Marks
    ii. Single factor experiment   2 Marks
    iii. Bias   2 Marks
    iv. C_4 plant   2 Marks
      b) Discuss, with the help of a diagram, the variation of photosynthesis from sunrise to noon.
                                                                             5 Marks
      c) i. Highlight how the following factors affect photosynthesis
              ii)   Wind   2 Marks
              iii)   ii) Relative humidity   2 Marks
      d) Highlight the sources of variation in a Randomized Complete Block design
    5Marks
      e) Discuss the rationale for blocking in experimental designs   4 Marks
      f) i) Identify two climatic requirements for optimum livestock production 2 Marks
          ii) Highlight two effects of heat stress on livestock   2 Marks

2. a) With the help of a sketch diagram, describe the Soil-Plant-Water-Atmosphere Continuum
       (SPWAC)   15Marks
      b) Describe a natural process comparable to SPWAC.   5 Marks

3.   a) Discuss the agricultural impacts of three meteorological disasters in Kenya.   11 Marks
      b) Suggest strategies for preparedness for each disaster   9 Marks

4. The Short rains (OND) 2017 in Kitui County were expected to be largely depressed and poorly
    distributed. It happens that these are the more reliable rains for crop production in the County and
    poor performance could mean a long period of food insecurity until redemption with the Short rains
    of 2018. If the Governor had hired you to prepare an advisory for her people with respect to: i)
    Preparations for Short rains ii) Handling of food they already have iii) Choice of crops to plant iv)
    Management of livestock v) Management of water.
    What would have been your advisory?   20 Marks

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5. Six varieties of maize were replicated in four locations with different climatic regimes. The harvested grain was reported as shown in the table below.
   a) Construct an ANOVA table   15 Marks
   b) Are the varieties different (5%)   5 Marks

| Varieties | Replication | | | | Total |
	I	II	III	IV	
V1	31.2	16.4	17.0	27.2	91.8
V2	24.3	12.4	29.5	40.3	106.5
V3	17.8	24.0	23.5	34.5	99.8
V4	16.0	29.0	38.0	40.2	123.2
V5	33.5	32.0	30.1	33.4	129
V6	37.1	25.5	40.7	42.3	145.6
Total	159.9	139.3	178.8	217.9	695.9

TABLE A 14, PART I
THE 5% (ROMAN TYPE) AND 1% (BOLDFACE TYPE) POINTS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF F

| ν_2† | ν_1 df in Numerator | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | ν_2† |
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	16	20	24	30	40	50	75	100	200	500	∞	
1	161	200	216	225	230	234	237	239	241	242	243	244	245	246	248	249	250	251	252	253	253	254	254	254	1
	4,052	4,999	5,403	5,625	5,764	5,859	5,928	5,981	6,022	6,056	6,082	6,106	6,142	6,169	6,208	6,234	6,261	6,286	6,302	6,323	6,334	6,352	6,361	6,366	
2	18.51	19.00	19.16	19.25	19.30	19.33	19.36	19.37	19.38	19.39	19.40	19.41	19.42	19.43	19.44	19.45	19.46	19.47	19.47	19.48	19.49	19.49	19.50	19.50	2
	98.49	99.00	99.17	99.25	99.30	99.33	99.36	99.37	99.39	99.40	99.41	99.42	99.43	99.44	99.45	99.46	99.47	99.48	99.48	99.49	99.49	99.49	99.50	99.50	
3	10.13	9.55	9.28	9.12	9.01	8.94	8.88	8.84	8.81	8.78	8.76	8.74	8.71	8.69	8.66	8.64	8.62	8.60	8.58	8.57	8.56	8.54	8.54	8.53	3
	34.12	30.82	29.46	28.71	28.24	27.91	27.67	27.49	27.34	27.23	27.13	27.05	26.92	26.83	26.69	26.60	26.50	26.41	26.35	26.27	26.23	26.18	26.14	26.12	
4	7.71	6.94	6.59	6.39	6.26	6.16	6.09	6.04	6.00	5.96	5.93	5.91	5.87	5.84	5.80	5.77	5.74	5.71	5.70	5.68	5.66	5.65	5.64	5.63	4
	21.20	18.00	16.69	15.98	15.52	15.21	14.98	14.80	14.66	14.54	14.45	14.37	14.24	14.15	14.02	13.93	13.83	13.74	13.69	13.61	13.57	13.52	13.48	13.46	
5	6.61	5.79	5.41	5.19	5.05	4.95	4.88	4.82	4.78	4.74	4.70	4.68	4.64	4.60	4.56	4.53	4.50	4.46	4.44	4.42	4.40	4.38	4.37	4.36	5
	16.26	13.27	12.06	11.39	10.97	10.67	10.45	10.29	10.15	10.05	9.96	9.89	9.77	9.68	9.55	9.47	9.38	9.29	9.24	9.17	9.13	9.07	9.04	9.02	
6	5.99	5.14	4.76	4.53	4.39	4.28	4.21	4.15	4.10	4.06	4.03	4.00	3.96	3.92	3.87	3.84	3.81	3.77	3.75	3.72	3.71	3.69	3.68	3.67	6
	13.74	10.92	9.78	9.15	8.75	8.47	8.26	8.10	7.98	7.87	7.79	7.72	7.60	7.52	7.39	7.31	7.23	7.14	7.09	7.02	6.99	6.94	6.90	6.88	
7	5.59	4.74	4.35	4.12	3.97	3.87	3.79	3.73	3.68	3.63	3.60	3.57	3.52	3.49	3.44	3.41	3.38	3.34	3.32	3.29	3.28	3.25	3.24	3.23	7
	12.25	9.55	8.45	7.85	7.46	7.19	7.00	6.84	6.71	6.62	6.54	6.47	6.35	6.27	6.15	6.07	5.98	5.90	5.85	5.78	5.75	5.70	5.67	5.65	
8	5.32	4.46	4.07	3.84	3.69	3.58	3.50	3.44	3.39	3.34	3.31	3.28	3.23	3.20	3.15	3.12	3.08	3.05	3.03	3.00	2.98	2.96	2.94	2.93	8
	11.26	8.65	7.59	7.01	6.63	6.37	6.19	6.03	5.91	5.82	5.74	5.67	5.56	5.48	5.36	5.28	5.20	5.11	5.06	5.00	4.96	4.91	4.88	4.86	
9	5.12	4.26	3.86	3.63	3.48	3.37	3.29	3.23	3.18	3.13	3.10	3.07	3.02	2.98	2.93	2.90	2.86	2.82	2.80	2.77	2.76	2.73	2.72	2.71	9
	10.56	8.02	6.99	6.42	6.06	5.80	5.62	5.47	5.35	5.26	5.18	5.11	5.00	4.92	4.80	4.73	4.64	4.56	4.51	4.45	4.41	4.36	4.33	4.31	
10	4.96	4.10	3.71	3.48	3.33	3.22	3.14	3.07	3.02	2.97	2.94	2.91	2.86	2.82	2.77	2.74	2.70	2.67	2.64	2.61	2.59	2.56	2.55	2.54	10
	10.04	7.56	6.55	5.99	5.64	5.39	5.21	5.06	4.95	4.85	4.78	4.71	4.60	4.52	4.41	4.33	4.25	4.17	4.12	4.05	4.01	3.96	3.93	3.91	
11	4.84	3.98	3.59	3.36	3.20	3.09	3.01	2.95	2.90	2.86	2.82	2.79	2.74	2.70	2.65	2.61	2.57	2.53	2.50	2.47	2.45	2.42	2.41	2.40	11
	9.65	7.20	6.22	5.67	5.32	5.07	4.88	4.74	4.63	4.54	4.46	4.40	4.29	4.21	4.10	4.02	3.94	3.86	3.80	3.74	3.70	3.66	3.62	3.60	
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	9.33	6.93	5.95	5.41	5.06	4.82	4.65	4.50	4.39	4.30	4.22	4.16	4.05	3.98	3.86	3.78	3.70	3.61	3.56	3.49	3.46	3.41	3.38	3.36	
13	4.67	3.80	3.41	3.18	3.02	2.92	2.84	2.77	2.72	2.67	2.63	2.60	2.55	2.51	2.46	2.42	2.38	2.34	2.32	2.28	2.26	2.24	2.22	2.21	13
	9.07	6.70	5.74	5.20	4.86	4.62	4.44	4.30	4.19	4.10	4.02	3.96	3.85	3.78	3.67	3.59	3.51	3.42	3.37	3.30	3.27	3.21	3.18	3.16	

The function is computed in part from Fisher's table VI (7). Additional entries are by interpolation, mostly graphic.
†df in denominator.