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1ST SEMESTER 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

THIRD YEAR EXAMINATIONS FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION AND EDUCATION

AGED 315: ANNUAL CROPS

STREAM: R

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: WEDNESDAY (8.30-10.30AM) DATE: 13/12/23

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF THREE (3 PAGES)

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INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain FIVE importance of earthing up as done in Irish potatoes (5 marks)
- b) Rice is affected by two severe diseases namely; bacterial blight and rice blast. Describe FIVE harmful effects to the plant (5 marks)
- c) Explain FIVE roles of temperature and day length in common bean growth (5 marks)
- d) Discuss FIVE roles of temperature on the growth of sunflower (5 marks)
- e) Explain the meaning of upland rice technology (2 marks)
 - ii) State Three characteristics of the upland rice technology system (3 marks)
- f) Consumption of some sorghum species by livestock can interfere with respiration. Explain five reasons why this phenomenon happens. (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) I) Describe the process of sugar formation in sugar beet (7 marks)
 - ii) State three factors that affect the process (3 marks)
- b) Discuss the following requirements in sugar beet production:
 - i) Environmental conditions (4 marks)
 - ii) Cultivation (3 marks)
 - iii) Harvesting (3 marks)



QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the cultivation of rice with emphasis on ;
 - i) Sowing methods (5 marks)
 - II) Soil conditions (5 marks)
- b) Describe the environmental conditions and harvesting of rice (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the uses of the sunflower crop (10 marks)
- b) Explain the following with regard to sunflower
 - ii) Favourable environmental conditions (4 marks)
 - iii) Cultivation (4 marks)
 - iv) Harvesting (2 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss in detail 5 benefits of growing peas (10 marks)
- b) Describe the botanical characteristics of the pea crop (10 marks)



