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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- * Write your name and admission number in the spaces provided above.
- * This paper consists of three sections **A, B and C**
- * Answer **ALL** the questions in section A and B in the spaces provided.
- * Answer any **TWO** questions in section C in the spaces provided at the end of the section.

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| Section | Question | Maximum score | Score |
|--------------------|----------|---------------|-------|
| A | 1 - 17 | 30 | |
| B | 18 - 21 | 20 | |
| C | | 20 | |
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| Total score | | 90 | |

SECTION A : (30 MARKS)
Answer all the questions in this paper in the spaces provided.

1. State four biotic factors that are harmful to crops. (2 marks)

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2. Differentiate between arable farming and pastoral-nomadism. (2 marks)

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3. State three factors that determine the method of surface irrigation to use. (1½ marks)

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4. Give two importance of each of the following practices carried out in crop production.

a) Ridging (1 mark)

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b) Rolling (1 mark)

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5. Give four disadvantages of using organic manures. (2 marks)

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6. State three conditions under which opportunity cost is zero. (1½ marks)

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7. Outline four factors a farmer need to consider when developing a crop rotation programme. (2 marks)

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8. State three advantages of individual owner operator in land tenure system. (1½ marks)

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9. a) List two examples of pasture legumes. (1 mark)

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b) Name two types of additives used in silage making. (1 mark)

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10. State four characteristics of a good vegetable seedling. (2 marks)

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11. State three characteristics of annual weeds. (1½ marks)

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12. State four ways by which grass cover help to conserve soil.

(2 marks)

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13. a) State two feeding habits of field insect pests.

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b) Give two factors that affect efficiency of pesticides.

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(1 mark)

15. Give one ionic form in which the following elements are used in plants.

a) Nitrogen

(½ mark)

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b) Phosphorus
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(½ mark)

16. Distinguish between seed inoculation and seed dressing.

(2 marks)

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17. a) Name two fungal diseases of maize in the field.

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b) Give the disease which causes a mass of dark spores on the floral parts of maize.

(½ mark)

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SECTION B : (20 MARKS)

Answer all the questions in this section in the spaces provided.

18. a) Calculate the amount of P_2O_5 contained in 600kg compound fertilizer 20 : 10 : 5. (3 marks)

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- b) Name the deficient nutrient element in plants showing the following symptoms:

i) Stunted growth, die back of plant tips, leaves roll up and chlorosis along margins of younger leaves. (½ mark)

ii) Yellowing of leaves appear first on lower leaves, leaves turn brown and fall prematurely stunted growth. (½ mark)

iii) Leaf curling, yellowing of leaves, tips and edges of leaves are scorched ad have small mottles. (½ mark)

iv) Purpling of leaves, stunted growth, slender stalks and lateral buds remain dormant. (½ mark)

19. a) Name the vegetative propagative material for the following crops. (2½ marks)

i) Sisal

ii) Bananas

iii) Pyrethrum

iv) Tea

v) Pineapples

- b) The diagram below illustrates a field management practice in tomatoes. Study it carefully and answer the questions that follow.

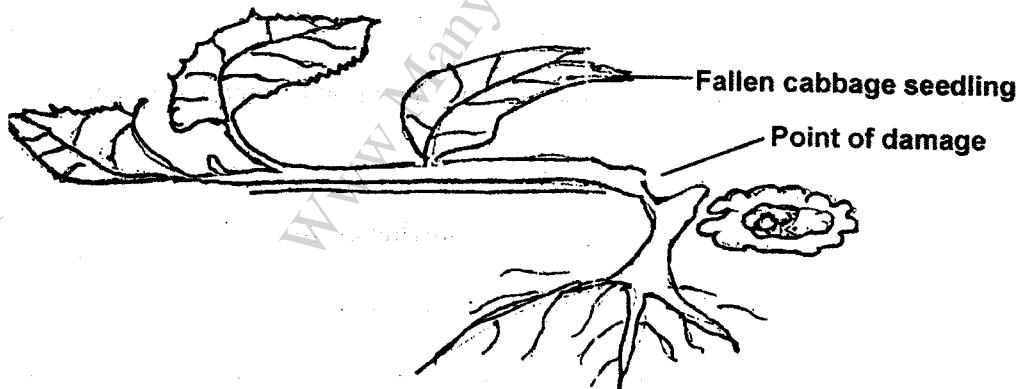


i) Identify the field practice. (1 mark)

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ii) State three reasons for carrying out the practice. (1½ marks)

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20. The diagram below shows damage caused to a young plant after transplanting.



a) Name the pest that causes the damage. (1 mark)

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b) State one method of controlling the pest named above. (1 mark)

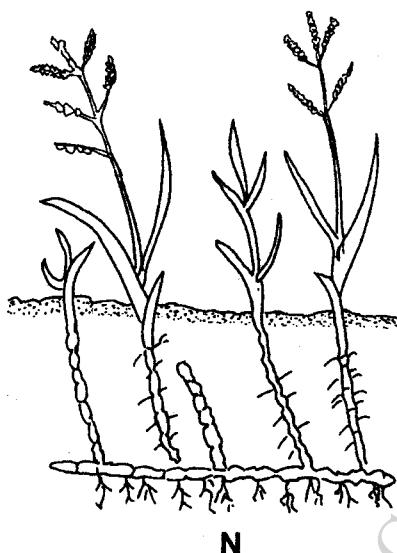
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c) Name any other two pests that attack cabbage in the field. (2 marks)

d) State the type of damage caused by the pests named in (c) above.

(1 mark)

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21. The diagrams below show common weeds in crops fields. Use them to answer the questions that follows.



a) Identify the weeds M, N and Q

(3 marks)

M

N

Q

b) With a reason, identify the weed which is the most difficult to control.

Weed

(½ mark)

Reason

(½ mark)

c) Identify the weed that is :

i) Parasitic to maize in the field.

(½ mark)

ii) Irritating to farm workers.

(½ mark)

SECTION C : (40 MARKS)

Answer any two questions in this section, in the spaces provided at the end of the section.

- 22. i)** Describe the field production of irrigated rice under the following subheadings: (5 marks)
- Nursery preparation and establishment (3 marks)
 - Field preparation (2 marks)
 - Transplanting
- ii)** Explain five post harvest practices carried out on the production of maize. (10 marks)
- 23. a)** Explain factors that influence soil erosion on arable land. (10 marks)
- b)** State six roles of agriculture in economic development. (6 marks)
- c)** Describe the role of magnesium in crop production. (4 marks)
- 24. a)** Describe the environmental conditions that may lead to low crop yields. (10 marks)
- b)** Explain how various practices in the field help to control crop diseases. (10 marks)

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