**527/1 AGRICULTURE**

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5. **State five reasons for processing agricultural produce.**

* It prolongs the useful life of a commodity
* It eases utilization e.g grinding maize into flour
* Reduces fluctuation in prices of goods
* Helps to destroy toxins in products
* Reduces wastage due to spoilage
* Adds value of products
* More products are got from a single products
* Reduce bulkiness and ease transportation

Accept 5 points @ 1mk 5x 1 = 5 marks

1. **Mention four advantages of using animal power in farm operations.**

* Animal power can be used in fragmented land
* It requires low initial costs/ low maintenance costs.
* Animal drawn equipment are locally available
* Can be used in hilly area.
* Less skilled labour
* Faster than human power
* Cheaper than human power for large acrages.
* It is multipurpose.

Accept 4 points @ 1 mark 4x1 = 4

1. **State four reasons why fodder is conserved**

* Conserved fodder can be sold for income
* Avoid wastage of forage
* To provide feed for dry seasons
* Distribute the available forage for the stock throughout the year.
* Reserve fluids that would be used to purchase animal feeds
* To maintain stocking rate
* Provide roughage to animal even if they are fed on concentrates.

Accept any 4 points @ 1 mark (4x1) = 4 marks

1. **(a) Name four inorganic fertilizer that contain nitrogen.**

NPK (Nitrogen phosphorous, potassium)

CAN (Calcium Ammonium Nitrate)

KNO3 (potassium nitrate)

(NH3)SO4 (Sulphate of ammonia)

NH2CONH2 (Urea)

DAP Diammonium Phosphate

NH4NO3 Ammonium Nitrate

Accept any four points for ½ @ ½ x 4 = 2 marks

1. **A farmer wishes to apply 300kg of nitrogen to his field. How many 50kg bags of ammonium Nitrate would he buy**

Ammonium nitrate contains 32% N

32kg N 100kg NH4 NO3

1 kg N

300kg N x 300 = 937.5kg of NH4NO3

But 50 kg 1 bag of NH4NO3

1 kg

937.5 kg x 937.5 bags = 18.75 bags of NH4NO3 3 marks

Total = 20 marks

**SECTION B**

**PART 1 (MECHANISATION AND FARM MANAGEMENT**

1. **(a) Methods of increasing the wheel grip of a tractor.**

* Reducing the pressure in the tyres
* Using metallic wheels but this is not recommended on public roads.
* Addition of weight that is either in front of the tractor or behind on the wheels, thee help to increase stability as the tractor moves thus increasing grip
* Increasing the number of rear tyres if possible or adding more wheels, particularly on rear axles.
* Ballasting the tyres, water can be added to the inner tubes of the tyres by either machines pumping or gravity. Award 1 ½ marks for the point for any four points

(6 marks)

1. How a tractor operator ensures that the tractor is in good working condition before the day’s work.

The operator should ensure that parts of the factors given below are checked and are in good condition the parts include:

**Fuel**; there should be plenty of fuel in the fuel tank

**Oil;** the level of oil should be at the recommended level

**Battery**; it should contain electrolyte at the required level if it is below add distilled water.

Terminals should be cleaned if corroded and apply grease

**Radiator**; there should be enough water if low add more

**Nipples**; apply grease with grease gun

**Air cleaner**; Add oil to the required level oil type

Remove dirty oil

Clean bowl and clean oil

**Nuts and bolts**; tighten them if they are loose

**Fan belt**; check its tension and correct if necessary

**Tyres;** check the pressure if low it must be pumped up

**Sediment bowl;** remove any large sediments from the bowl

Award 1 mk for 9 points = 9 marks

1. **Limitations of using a tractor**

* High cost of tractors such that only few people can afford them
* High cost of tractor maintainace in view of spare parts
* High cost of fuel
* Lack of skilled tractor operators
* Topography of land (in some parts too hilly or swampy)
* Lack of foreign exchange to buy more tractors and spare parts.
* High wire charges for the few tractors available
* Vegetation that hinder use of tractors
* Tenure system and land fragmentation resulting in small land holding
* Inefficiency and corruption in tractor hire services.

1. **(a) Suggest what financial institutions must do to ensure that farmers use credit properly**

* Provide extension service to farmers to show/educate them how to use loans,
* Increase / improve supervision of loans by visiting the farmers regulary.
* Improve on staff training for effective coordination with farmers.
* Provide farmers with inputs at fair prices
* Organize marketing of farmers produce at fair prices.
* Provide farmers with loans in kind
* Give loans to farmers in time / at correct time
* Give adequate ireasonable grace period to pay the loan/soft loan.
* Charge fair interest rates / soft loan.
* Should help farmers to identify viable projects
* Help farmers to choose projects they can handle/manage. (8marks)

Award 4 points 2 marks @ 4 x 2 = 8 m

1. **Explain how farmers should guard against risks and uncertainties to ensure profitable production**

* Diversify farm activities (set up several enterprises) to avoid total loss
* Select more certain enterprises to increase chances of success.
* Carry out contract farming, to ensure ready market.
* Carry out insurance to guarantee compensation in the event of a loss.
* Input rationing to avoid total loss
* Flexibility in production methods to be able to switch off from one enterprise to another with minimal costs
* Adopt modern methods of production to improve quality /quantity of produce.
* Build owner equity/ saving to improve credit worthiness
* Liquidity of the farms assets to allow easy off set of a loss.
* Proper storage facilities to maintain quality and sell when prices are high.

6 points @ 2 marks 6 x 2 = 12 marks

**PART B (SECTION B)**

1. **(a) Why is fencing important on a farm (12 marks)**

* Enables mixed farming to be carried on
* Enables rotational grazing to be done
* Enables night paddocking/ differed grazing to be done
* Controls the spread of diseases from outside intruding animals
* Isolation of sick animals/ pregnant
* Safe guard animals from east peoples crops
* Grouping of animals according to sex
* Isolates watering points.
* Reduces labour requirements
* Live fences act as wind breaks
* Controls pets especially ticks and some internal parasites
* Adds value to the farm.
* Enables controlled mating to be carried out
* Seals off dangerous points to avoid accidents
* Prevents intruders

Accept and 12 points @ 1 mark 12 x 1 12 marks

1. **Describe how a hedge fence is established on a farm (8 marks)**

* Clear the width of about ½ m along the boundary where to plant the ledge
* Plough deeply removing all weeds
* Use a string to determine the straightness of a hedge
* Make deep holes along the strings
* Remove polythene from seedling
* Plant the seedling and firm it with soil
* Water the seedlings
* Top up with manure along the hedge.

Award 8points for 1 mark @ point chronologically arranged total 20 marks

**SECTION II PART 2 CROP PRODUCTION**

1. **(a) State the different forms of soil structure (4 marks )**

* Blocky structure/cuboidal
* Prismatic structure
* Platy structure
* Granular/crumb structure
* Columnar

Any 4 points @ I mark 4x1 = 4 points

**b) (i) Give the importance of soil structure (6 marks)**

* Facilitates good drainage avoiding water logging
* It controls the ability of roots to penetrate deep into soil
* Controls soil temperature through its control of aeration.
* Ensure good balance between soil water and air.
* Ensure enough retension of plant for plant use
* Ease work ability
* Eliminates buildup of CO2 in the soil to toxic levels through proper aeration
* It determines the ease with which the soil can be eroded and leached

Any six points 6 marks

**(ii) How is soil structure lost or damaged?**

* By soil erosion
* By deforestation
* Continous cultivation/ over cultivation
* Bush burning
* Over use of heavy tillage machines for a long time
* Over grazing/over stocking
* Ploughing in wet soils

Accept 4 points @ I mark 4 x1 = 4 marks

1. **In which ways can soil structure be maintained**

* Cover cropping
* Addition of organic manure
* Drainage
* Mulching
* Minimum tillage
* Agroforestry and afforestation
* Bush fallowing
* Croprotation and intercropping
* Planting grass
* Liming

1. **a) With the aid of a well labeled diagram describe the nitrogen cycle (10 marks)**

**THE NITROGEN CYCLE**

Nitrogen fixing bacteria

Atmospheric

Nitrogen

Root nodules of legumes (Rhizomes)

Eaten by

Animal protein

Plant protein

Death andExcretion

Nitrates

absorption decay Death & decay

by plants.

Organic Matter

Ammonification or Putrification

Nitrifying bacteria

Ammonium Compounds

Nitrites

Nitrosomonas

Leaching

Immobilization

**Description**

* Nitrogen is fixed in root nodules of legume plants by rhizobium species bacteria to form nitrates.
* Nitrogen from the atmosphere is fixed in the soil by free living nitrogen fixing bacteria (non symbiotic fixation) to form nitrates by Azotobacter and clostridium bacteria.
* Nitrates can also be added to the soil by adding artificial fertilizers like CAN
* During lightening, Nitrogen gas from the atmosphere is converted to nitric acid that is washed into the soil as nitrates.
* Plants absorb nitrates from soil to form plant proteins.
* Animals eat plants to get animal proteins.
* When both plants and animals die and decay they form organic matter which is turned into ammonium compound through ammonification or purification.
* Ammonium compounds are turned into nitrates by notrifying bacteria called nitrosomonas.
* Nitrites are converted to nitrates by nitrifying bacteria called nitrobacter
* Nitrates are turned to nitrogen gas by denitrifying bacteria and through volatisation
* Nitrates can also be lost through leaching and soil erosion.

Diagram award 5 marks

Description 5 marks total 10 marks

1. **What are the uses of Nitrogen in crop growth**

* Necessary for chlorophyll formation
* Increase the size of grains in cereals
* Used in formation of proteins
* Controls the use or absorption of P/K
* Encourages vegetative growth/cell division
* Improves the quality of leaf crops especially vegetables
* Has a positive influence on crop yields
* Improves sucellency in fruits

4 points ½ marks x 4 = 2 marks

1. **Explain the methods used when applying fertilizers in crop production**

* Broad casting: fertilizers are scattered on the soil surface later covered with some soil using a rake
* Band placement; fertilizers are applied between rows of crops in shallow strips/bands and covered with soil.
* Ring placement fertilisers are applied in circular from not far away the crop
* Top dressing, fertilisers are scattered on the soil surface where there is a growing crop.
* Side dressing; fertilisers are placed in a band a few centimeters on the side of the crop and covered with soil.
* Foliar application; fertilisers are mixed with water and sprayed onto the leaves and later absorbed through the stomata
* Fertigation; fertisers are mixed with irrigation water and then applied in the garden.
* Plough sole; fertisers are put in the furrow when ploughung and covered by the furrow slice.
* Drilling; fertilisers are put in planting hole with seeds

Accept 54 points for 2 marks @ 4 x 2 = 10

1 mark for mention

1 mark for description

Total 20 marks

1. **a) Explain the types of damages caused by storage pests**

* Eat up the produce e.g Rats, reduce weight and quantity.
* Bore holes into the seed/ reduce weight/quantity
* Reduce the viability of the seeds
* Causes bad smell/odour on produce/ reduce weight.
* Destroy/ weaken fibres of containers
* Cause discoloration/ trainting of the produced
* Lumping up of produce with webs making processing difficult.
* Loss in nutritional value of the produce
* Change in taste of the produce
* Cause wet heating of produce
* Mix up with produce thus lowering quality
* Encourage growth of mould that produce toxic subsistence in the produce.

Award 7 points 1 mark @ 7 x1 = 10 marks

1. **Explain the precautions that should be taken to ensure proper storage of grains crop on the farm.**

* Grains should be dried to the recommended moisture content.
* The grains should be dressed with the recommended pesticide before storage
* Stores should be well constructed to ensure that;
* They can keep dry ie rain proof
* They are well ventilated
* They are vermine proof
* Stores should be kept clean before grain is put in
* Crops/produce from different seasons should not be mixed during storage incase the old crops are infested with pests

7 points @ 1 mark 7 x 1 = 7 marks



* Early planting: it gives the crop an early start before disease or pest attack
* Use of clean planting materials to ensure health start of the plant
* Manuring is use of manure e.g green manure.
* Field hygiene destruction of all plant residues and seeds in infected crops
* Use of close season/dead season
* Crop rotation
* Weed control
* Growing resistant varieties
* Quarantine and legislation
* Use of pest repellants
* Use of trap plants

1. (a) Milk let down this is the process whereby milk is released for the alveolar cavity, where it is secreted to the udder cistern and heat canal. The release of milk is brought about by the action of oxytocin hormone which causes the alveoli cells to contract thus forcing out milk to the gland cistern. 3 marks
2. How a cow holds up its milk

* When pain or poor handling during milking occur the animal gets excited.
* a message is sent to the brain
* The pituitary gland orders adrenal gland to secrete adrenaline.
* Adrenaline is pumped to the udder.
* Contraction of the blood vessels hence less blood containing oxytocin reaching the udder.
* Milk is held and fails to reach the gland and teat cistern

6 points 1 mark @ 1 x6 6 marks

1. **How clean milk is produced on the farm.**

**By cleaning the milk shed**

* Healthy cows- milk cows which are free from diseases e.g. T.B, mastitis
* Washing udder- should be done before milking in order to prevent hair or dust from contaminating the milk
* Use of a strip cup to detect the presence of Mastitis.
* Cows with Mastitis should be milked last so as to avoid infecting the healthy ones and the milk poured away.
* Clip off the hair around the udder to prevent them from falling into the milk.
* Smear milking salve on teats to avoid cracking of teats while milking
* The milker should be clean and healthy to avoid transmission of diseases
* The miker should wash and dry his hands before milking to prevent contamination of milk.
* The milk should wear a cap to prevent hair dropping into the milk.
* The milker should cut his finger nails to avoid injuring the teats of the cow and contaminating milk
* The milking parlour and the surrounding should be clean to avoid contamination of the milk.
* Use of clean utensils
* Dry utensils after washing in the sun to kill germs.
* Use utensils with smooth inner walls for ease of cleaning
* Filter the milk with a stainer to remove foreign materials e.g hair, grass, utensils
* Cover milk well to prevent dust and flies falling into milk
* Store milk quickly in a cool nd clean place to avoid multiplication of micro organisms in the milk
* Remove plants with strong smell
* Avoid feeding sillage to cows before and during milking to prevent milk contamination
* Grooming.

11 points 1 mark @ 1 x11 = 11 marks

1. **a) Problems associated with rearing of pigs in Uganda today**

* Lack of good breeds for production which has led to low quality and quantity production of pig products.
* Lack of readily available market for pig products in the country
* Inadequate extension service on animal production that could advise farmers and help in treatment of sick pigs
* Inavailability of water in some areas for sanitation in piggeries and for watering the animals.
* Low returns from the sales of the pigs and their products
* Inavailability of feeds for pigs
* Diseases which lead to high mortality rates in the pigs.
* General lack of transport for farmer to help in marketing process.
* General lack of drugs for hog pigs to help them in treating of diseases and worms.
* Negative attitudes or beliefs on pigs as animal especially the moslem community and tribes like the Bahima.
* Pigs as animal compete with man for the same type of food
* Poor housing system in the country.

1. **Qualities of good stock man on the farm are**

* Hard working person with a high standard of personal hygiene.
* He should be kind to animals beating animals pulling their ears or torturing them in other way is a sign of bad stockmanship.
* Should have good integrity, trust worthy
* He should know the daily and monthly routine operations very well such as when to spray or dip cattle against ticks when to drench /deworm
* He should be able to recognize signs of ill health heat and signs of abortion or approaching parturition and be able to take appropriate measure in each case
* He should be able to keep up to date records on the farm e.g. records of production, breeding, accounts etc.

1. **(a) Define castration and give reasons for castration**

Castration is the removal of testes from male animals.

**Reasons for castration.**

* To enable farmers to keep the best bulls for breeding and avoid in breeding in the hard
* To make animals docile and easier to handle
* Castrated bulls grow much faster than steers and reach market weight early
* To avoid a bad smell in meat of male animals especially he goats
* To improve on the quality of wool in sheep
* Increase feed efficiency in male animals
* To make animal more suited to work

1 mark for 10 points 1 x 10 marks

1. **Describe briefly the cause of bloat and methods of its control**

Bloat is the accumulation of gases in the rumen due to rapid fermentation of young or fresh grasses and legumes

**Control**

In minor cases, the animal may recover on its own its however necessary to adopt preventive and curative measures.

**Preventive measures**

* Do not allow animals to eat excess of succulent gasses. It is advisable to give fairly wilted grass after cutting.
* Before allowing animals to freely graze on fresh pasture, give daily ration of hay.
* On commercial livestock farms, pastures are sprayed with vegetable oil or liquid paraffin to avoid bloat

**Curative treatment**

* If the bloat is mild, drench 2 – 30 ml of turpentine in half litre of milk or 0.75 litre of raw linseed oil.
* Puncture the rumen by inserting trocar and cannular through the abdorminal wall, this allows gas to escape and relieve the great pressures
* Exercise the animal by walking it around the compound this will agitate the rumen contents and help the gas to escape.

10 marks