WAKISSHA JOINT MOCK EXAMINATIONS

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SECTION B (70 MARKS)

31. Explain the meaning of gross margin (a)

(02marks)

This is the total revenue minus the total variable costs per hactarage. $GM = \frac{TR - TV.C}{ha}$

- Give 3 (three) ways in which the knowledge of gross margin may be (b) (03marks)
 - Helps in proper planning.
 - Helps a farmer to choose better enterprise.
 - Helps a farmer to change from poor enterprise.
 - Helps in allocation of resources.
- A farmer has five hectares of land on which wheat was produced. He (c) incured the following costs during the production of 100,000kg of wheat. ploughing 50,000/=, seeds 10,000/=, weeding 70,000/=, pesticides 20,000/=, Harvesting 20,000/=, transport 10,000/=, Rent on store 20,000/=, Insurance 15,000/= and salary for workers 30,000/=. He sold each Calculate the gross margin per hectare of wheat production (5 marks)

Calculations

(01 mark)

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Total variable cost (T.V.C)
      Ploughing
                           50.000/=
      Seeds
                                                           (2marks)
                           10.000/=
      Weeding
                           70.000/=
      Pesticides
                           20,000/=
      Harvesting
                           20,000/=
      Transport
                           10,000/=
      Total
                         180,000/=
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: Gross margin =
$$TR - TV.C$$

 $100,000,000 - 180,000$
= $99,755,000$ (1 mark)

Gross margin per ha
$$= \frac{99,755,000}{5}$$
= 19,964,000/=

(1 mark)

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- (a) Explain the factors that determine the fish stocking rate. (05marks)
 - Size of the pond, bigger the pond, the more amount of fish it can accommodate.
 - Growth stage, bigger and large fish require more space than smaller or younger fish.
 - Amount of capital available, large fish ponds require a lot of capital to buy feeds.
 - The purpose of the fish kept, those for feeding other animals may be over stocked.
 - Fertility of the pond.
 - Availability of the feeds for the fish. Marks should be girm to any
 - Breed of fish.

5well explained points.

- Level of water in pond.
- Predation in the pond.
- Health status of fish.

 $(Any 5 \times 1 = 5marks)$

- (b) Mention the management practices necessary to maintain the fish pond.
 (05marks)
 - Clearing shrubs / bushes around the pond.
 - Planting grass around the ponds.
 - Adding organic manure to the pond water.
 - Feeding / ponding with good quality feeds.
 - Controlling predators.
 - · Weeding the pond.
 - Cutting big trees around.
 - Application of dewormers to control fish worms.
 - Rising banks / trenches to avoid flooding.
 - Desilting to remove mud / silt.
 - Draining out water and replacing with fresh water.

(Any SxI = Smarks)

33. Define the term Gender

Is the state of being either a man or woman and their correct responsibility in a final formula in a final f (a) $(02_{m_{q_{r_k}}}$ (02 mark

Explain how the sex ratio in the population can affect agricultural *(b)* production.

If the ratio of man is more than women, agricultural production will increase and (Anv.o.) $(02m_{qr_{k_1}}$

- (Any 02 mark Suggest factors that influence the productivity of women in agricultural (c) production. (06marks
 - Age of the woman.
 - Physiological status
 - Health of women.
 - Attitude of women.
 - Level of education.
 - Cultural beliefs.
 - Level of income.
 - Land ownership.
 - Accessibility to credits
 - Nature of work.
 - Type of implement used.
 - Working conditions.
- 34. Explain the factors that favour the abundance of living organisms in the (a) soil. (04marks)

Organic matter: more organic matter in the soil increases the numbers

because it acts as food for them.

Temperature increase in temperature reduces the number.

Soil PH different organisms survive under different P.H i.e

more fungal are common in a cedic soil.

Aeration more air in soil increases the number because they

require oxygen.

- Soil depth
- Moisture content of the soil
- Predation
- Type of crop grown.
- Soil nutrients.
- Pollution.
- Tillage practices.

(Any 6 well explained 6x1=6 marks)

Give the desirable effects of soil living organisms. (b)

(04marks)

- Make holes in soil and improve soil aeration.
- Bacteria help to fix Nitrogen into the soil.
- Helps in soil formation.
- Decompose organic matter.
- Die and decompose to form soil.
- Helps in binding soil particles together.

(Any 4x1 = 4 marks)

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Explain the post-harvest practices handling of mushrooms (a) Processing to add value and increase life span. 15. Proper drying to reduce moisture content. (04mark) Proper packaging to reduce contamination. Proper storage to increase life span. Sorting and grading to set price. Branding for easy identification. Sorting & grading to set price. Proper clearing. Marks should be given to well explained points. $(4 \times 1) = 4 \text{ marks}$ What challenges are faced by mushrooms growers in Uganda. (b) (06marks) † Lack of good quality spawn. - Limited knowledge and skills. - Perishability of mushrooms. - Poor storage facilities. - Lack of ready market. - Lack of good quality substrates. - Fungal diseases. (6x1 = 6 marks)Differentiate between inclined plane and a pulley as used in simple machines. 36. (a) (02marks) A pulley is a string or rope wounded around a rotating wheel to lift or lower load. A pulley is a wheel with a grooved rim over which a rope or string passes. Inclined plane, is the slanting /sloping edge over which load is moved. (Any I for I point) (1x1 mk)(b) Give four examples of second class levers. (02marks) - Wheel barrow - Spanner - Bottle opener - Nut cracker

- (c) A crane lifts 600 kg through a vertical height of 12 m in 18 seconds.
 - (i) What weight is the crane lifting?

(02 marks)

 $w = M \times g$ = 600×10 Reject answer in Kgs w = 6000 N

(ii) What is the cranes useful power output?

(02 marks)

Power Out Put = $\frac{\text{work done}}{\text{Time}}$ = $\frac{6000 \times 12}{18}$ Reject answer without units

If the motor has an efficiency of 80%, what is the power in put? (iii)

= Effeciency =
$$\frac{\text{Output}}{\text{Input}}$$

 $\frac{80}{100} = \frac{4000}{\text{input}}$ 1 mark for formular
Input = $\frac{4000}{0.8}$ 1 mark for answer.
= 5000 watts (2 marks)

37. Describe how the rubber ring elastrator machine is used to castrate a calf. (a)

(05marks)

- Restrain the calf to be castrated.
- Put a rubber ring on an elastrator machine.
- Stretch the rubber using elastrator.
- Arrange and push the scrotum through the rubber ring.
- Release the rubber ring at the neck of the scrotum release the calf and leave it for about 7 days.
- Within 7 days the scrotum will shrink and drop off with testacles.

A word 1 mark for the correct logical order.

(5x1 mark @ point =5 marks)

- Give reasons why castration is a recommended practice in animal (05marks)
 - Reduce in breeding
 - Reduce breeding diseases/ inheritable diseases.
 - Improves on quality of wool in sleep.
 - Makes animals suitable for work.
 - Makes animals docile and easy to handle.
 - Prevents bad odour in male animals.
 - Improve on meat (promote high quality meat)
 - Maintain correct ratio of male to females.
 - Increase growth rate of male animals.
 - Maintain correct ratio of male to female.
 - Increase growth rate of male animals.

(Any 5 points @ 1 mark)

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