Uganda Marcyrs University

Faculty of Agriculture

Semester I Final Assessment: 2015/2016

B. Agriculture Year 3

Course Unit: AGB 3201: INTRODUCTION TO AGRI-BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Time: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Date: Wednesday, 09th December, 2015

Answer any four (4) questions. Questions carry equal marks.

- Q 1: A local newspaper claimed that 'with the ever changing business challenges, there is no need to distinguish agribusiness from any other form of business. In your capacity as an agribusiness manager of a food store, write an article to the newspaper editor citing examples in food industry documenting the distinguishing features of agribusinesses.
- Q2: Agribusiness is relatively new form of business management. With examples from poultry industry,
- (a) Identify and explain the key components of an agribusiness system.
- (b) Discuss the importance of the components.
- Q3: Managing an agro -enterprise provides a big challenge to most managers. In an industry of your choice,
 - (a) Discuss the tasks performed by agribusiness management.
 - (b) Describe the various approaches to managing an agribusiness team. Which one do you recommend and why?
- Q4: "When you are not talking about marketing, the whole agribusiness concept collapses".
- a) Describe the key utilities the marketing management process offer to society.
- b) Discuss the functions of marketing as it applies to agribusiness context.
- Q5 (a) Discuss the various approaches to marketing.
 - (b) Which approach would you recommend for a small flower agribusiness targeting university students?

Q6 Explain the following terms;

- a) Segmentation
- b) Targeting
- c) Positioning
- d) customer
- e) Market share
- Q7: Your working colleague has read about a marketing plan in the local newspaper though it was not clear to her. Using an example of your choice,
 - (a) Identify the stages involved in setting a marketing plan.
 - (b) Explain the relevancy planning concept in a small business process.
 - (c) Discuss the reasons why planning is rarely done.