

NGETTA CAMPUS FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE

CERTIFICATE IN AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION

CAG 2103: SOIL CONSERVATION AND LAND RECLAIMATION FINAL ASSESSMENT

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024 SEMESTER ONE

CAP II

DATE: 8th/DEC/2023

TIME ALLOWED:3 HOURS (9:00am-12:00pm)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Attempt any four questions of choice
- *All questions carry equal marks*
- Start every question on a new page
- *Do not write anything on the question paper*

Question 1:

Soil conservation is key to environmental sustainability;

- **a)** Briefly discuss the following;
 - (i) No till farming (3marks)
 - (ii) Cover cropping (3marks)
 - (iii) Mulching (3marks)
 - (iv) Terrace farming (3marks)
 - (v) Contour farming (3marks)
- **b)** Give reasons why it is recommended to practice soil conservation to farmers. (10 marks)

Question 2:

a) Discuss the effects of soil erosion in Uganda (13 marks).

- **b)** write short notes on the following;
 - (i) sheet erosion (3marks)
 - (ii) rill erosion (3marks)
 - (iii) gully erosion (3marks)
 - (iv) wind erosion (3marks)

Question 3:

Irrigation is the artificial application of water to the soil through various systems of tubes, pumps and sprays;

- a) How is irrigation practice relevant to the farmers in your community today (15 mark).
- **b**) Discuss the advantages of a drip irrigation system in Uganda (**10 marks**).

Question 4:

Drainage is the natural or artificial removal of a surface water and sub-surface water from an area with excess of water.

- (a) Explain any five (5) importance of a drainage in a farm (10 marks).
- (b) Discuss the merits and demerits of sub-surface drainage to a farmer. (15 marks)

Question 5

- a) As a student of UMU who have been in ngetta for approximately 4 month, Do you think there has been pollution taking place in Ngetta-Lira district. If YES Discuss the various causes under natural and human power, if NO defend your statemnt (15 Marks).
- b) What are the major causes of ozone layer depletion in Uganda? (10 marks)

Question 6

(a) Discuss the different cultural methods practiced in Uganda to conserve soil and water management (10 marks)

	(b)	Mention any five (5) mechanical methods of soil and water erosion control practiced in Uganda. (10 marks)
	Ques	tion 7
	(a)	Discuss the major sources of water pollution in your locality. (10 marks)
	(b)	What are the major effects of pollution to our environment (10 marks)?
	Question 8	
	(a)	Discuss the benefits of soil conservation in relation to sustainable agriculture. (10 marks)
	(b)	What are the major causes of soil erosion in Uganda? (10 marks)
Good Luck		