

**ALL THIS YEAR MOCK  
RUMMERS FROM CHITIPA TO SANJE**

**AGRICULTURE**

**PRACTICAL**



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## **1. You are provided with five different planting**

### **Materials**

- P (Cassava stem),
- Q (Bean seed),
- R (Irish potatoes)
- S (onion)

a) Identify the samples P,Q,R, and S

- P is a cassava stem
- Q is a bean seed
- R is called Irish potato (or European potato)
- S is onion

b) Which of the four planting materials are propagated by a sexual means and which ones are propagated by sexual means? I. Asexually propagated are: ➤ Cassava stem (P) ➤ European potato (R) II. Sexually propagated are:

- Bean seed (Q)
- Onion (S)

c) Give any four advantages of propagation by vegetative means

- Yields are obtained easier and faster than seed propagated plants because vegetative propagation eliminates the problems of dormancy and reduces the juvenile period of plants.
- Seedless crops such as bananas can be produced easily through vegetative propagation.
- Cross-based plants can be maintained in heterozygous condition indefinitely.
- Pollination agents, which can fail to perform successfully, are not required.
- The hazard of fertilization are avoided
- The offspring are true to type because there is no mixture of hereditary characteristics.
- By budding and grafting it is easy to achieve all sorts of combination, e.g. different varieties of citrus, such as oranges and tangerines can be made to grow on a single stock.

- d) State any one characteristic of a good planting material.
- Should be pure to type
- e) What are any four advantages of propagation by seed?
- It is a sure method of crop improvement since cross-pollination results in variability.
  - Self-pollination results in offspring, which help in production of pure lines for certain characters.
  - It is a cheap method of propagation.
  - Seed embryo remains more viable than buds when stored.
  - Seeds are more easily transported to different areas
  - Self-pollination gives rise to offspring, which are like the parents.

f) Draw and label any two parts of the sample P

g) Calculate the plant population per hectare of specimen Q which is planted on a 1 ha land, with ridges spaced 90cm apart, planting two seed per station and planting at 15 cm apart.

## **2. You are provided with**

**specimen O (onion).**

- a. Name the specimen O
  - Sample O is onion
- b. Draw and clearly label any three parts of specimen O
- c. Name the planting material used for propagating O.
  - It is a bulb
- d. What are two advantages of propagating using the method mentioned in (C) above?
  - Pollination agents, which may fail to perform successfully, are not needed.
  - The offspring are true to type for there is no mixture of hereditary characteristics
- e. Mention four types of grafting.
  - Whip or tongue grafting
  - Cleft grafting
  - Bark grafting
  - Approach grafting
  - Notch grafting
  - Side grafting
- f. Give any five reasons for carrying grafting in plants.

- Helps to propagate clones that cannot be propagated by other means.
- Facilitates the changing of the top of the tree from being undesirable to desirable.
- Grafting helps one to obtain special plant forms, e.g. tree roses.
- Grafting maybe employed to repair damaged trees.
- Makes the growing of more than one type of flowers or fruits on one tree or plant possible.

### **3. You are provided with specimen**

- x (an onion)
  - Y (a banana fruit).
- a. Name the specimen X.  
➤ X is an onion
  - b. Draw and label any three external parts that you see on the specimen.
    - i. Take the specimen X you are provided with and cut it with a knife longitudinally. Draw and label any two internal parts that you see.
    - ii. What type of propagation is common in specimen X?  
➤ Vegetative propagation iii. Mention any two advantages of the type of propagation you have given in (ii) above  
➤ Pollination agents, which may fail to perform successfully, are not needed. The offspring are true to type for there is no mixture of hereditary characteristics.
    - i. Name the specimen Y.  
➤ Y is a banana fruit.
    - ii. Draw and label any two external parts of specimen Y.
    - iii. Take the specimen Y provided and cut it with a knife or razer blade longitudinally. Draw and label any two internal parts that you can see.
    - i. What type of propagation is common in specimen Y?  
➤ vegetative propagation ii. Mention two other plants or crops that can propagate like specimen Y.  
➤ pineapple  
➤ sweet potatoes
  - c. What name is given to asexual reproduction in flowering plants?  
➤ It is called vegetative reproduction

### **4. You are provided with specimen**

- S (bean seed)

- a. Identify the specimen S
  - Bean seeds
- b. Draw the specimen as you see it
- c. On your diagram label four important parts for growth
- d. State any two functions of any one part you have labeled.
  - Micropyle : a small hole near hilum
  - It is the place where most of the water is absorbed before germination
  - A tiny hole which allows air to pass through for respiration of the embryo
- e. What is germination?
  - The process by which seeds begin to develop into new plants
- f. Mention four conditions necessary for germination to take place.
  - Viable seeds
  - Water/moisture
  - Oxygen/air
  - Suitable temperature
- g. Describe the two main types of germination that you know.
  - Hypogaeal germination: where cotyledon remain below ground throughout the stages of the germination. e.g. in maize
  - Apogeal germination: in which cotyledons are lifted above the first leaves of the newly emerged

**5. You are provided with the following labeled specimens. Use them to answer questions that follow.**

➤ M (bean flour/bean meal)   ➤  
N (elephant grass).

- a. Identify the classes of the livestock feed
  - M-concentrate
  - N-roughage

- i. Which specimen is suitable for ruminants? ➤  
N-roughage/elephant grass ii. Give a reason for your answer  
➤ Able to digest cellulose
- b.
- i. Which group of specimen can be fed to beef cattle three weeks before slaughtering?  
➤ M-bean flour ii. Give areas on for your answer  
➤ Because it is rich in proteins and used for body building muscles /fresh/meat
- c. State three reasons for feeding livestock with specimens  
➤ For maintenance of their bodies  
➤ For production  
➤ For production of products such as, eggs and milk

**6. You are provided with the following specimens.**

- **K** ( Bidens pilosa i.e Black jack)
- **L** (Cynodon, dactylon i.e Star grass or Cough grass)
- **V** (Cypress distans)
- **W** ( Oryza longstaminata i.e mpungadziwe)

a. Identify K, L, V and W

- **K** ( Bidens pilosa i.e Black jack)
- **L** (Cynodon, dactylon i.e Star grass or Cough grass)
- **V** (Cypress distans)
- **W** ( Oryza longstaminata i.e mpungadziwe)

b.

- i. What letter stand for annual weed?
- **K** ii. Mention four methods of seed dispersal.  
➤ Animal dispersal  
➤ Wind dispersal  
➤ Explosive mechanism

- Water dispersal
- c. Mention any four uses of weeds
  - Weeds are human food e.g Amaranthus hybridus
  - Weeds are feed and shelter for animals
  - Weeds are source of drugs, for many weeds contain alkaloids and chemicals that are effective medicine and are required for public healthy.
  - Weeds are used in agriculture to provide ground cover, which protect soil from erosion by rain and also add organic matter to the soil leading to improved soil structure.
- d. Describe three true aquatic weeds that you know.
  - Floating hydrophytes: if they are in contact with water and air only e.g water lettuce.
  - Emergent hydrophytes: if they are in contact with substrate water and air e.g white water lily.
  - Submergrd hydrophytes: if they root in substrate but do not emerge above the water e.g water weed.
- e. Classify the four weeds into broad or narrow leaved
  - Black jack –narrowed leaved
  - Oryza longistaminata- narrowed leaved
  - Cynodon dactylon- narrowed leaved

## 7. You are provided with animal product labeled

M (milk)

- a. Identify the product
  - It is milk
- b. Mention any three by-products which can be produced from product M.
  - Cheese
  - Butter
  - water
- c. Name any three farm animals which supply product M
  - Cow
  - Goat
  - Horse

- d. Explain any two nutritional values of specimen M in the human body.
  - Provide proteins for body building and growth
  - Provide carbohydrates for generation of energy in the body.
- e. Explain any three ways in which the quality of product M may be improved.
  - Feeding the animal a lot of concentrates
  - Stall feed the animal to restrict movement and reduce energy loss.
  - Include pasture legume in the feed so as to increase the supply of protein
- f. Describe any three ways in which a farmer may stimulate the product M
  - Using conditioned reflex by taking the animal for milking under some environment each milking time
  - Rubbing teats on animal's udder with a clean piece of cloth dipped in warm water.

**8. You are provided with specimen labeled**

L (nsenjere or star grass)

- a. Identify the labeled specimen
  - It is elephant grass, napier grass or star grass
- b. To which group of livestock feeds does this specimen belong.
  - It is Roughage
- c. State any two characteristics of feeds which belong to the group mentioned above.
  - It is high in fibre content
  - It supplies fewer nutrients per unit mass
- d. Explain any two advantages of growing specimen L together with Leucaena.
  - It increases total biomass in the feed which satisfy hunger in the animal.
  - It provide the much needed fibre which help in peristalsis
- e. Give two examples of pasture which can be used in a tobacco rotation to control cell worms.
  - Katambora grass
  - Emalo love grass

**9. A farmer has 10 hectares and has a choice of growing either more maize or ground nuts. The following information is available for use in decision making.**

	<b>Maize</b>	<b>Groundnuts</b>	<b>Beans</b>
<b>Yield (kg/ha)</b>	6,000	2000	2,500
<b>Price(Kwacha/kg)</b>	30	50	40
<b>Cost of seed/ha</b>	K500	K1200	K1,000
<b>Cost of fertiliser/ha</b>	K2,400		K2,000
<b>Depreciation of <i>nkhokwe/year</i></b>	K500	K500	K500

a. Calculate variable cost per hectare for maize, ground nuts and beans.

➤ Variable cost for maize

$$K500 + 2400 = K2900$$

➤ Variable cost for G/nuts

$$= K1200$$

➤ Variable cost for beans

$$K1000 + K2000 = K3000$$

b. Which crop between maize and ground nuts would a farmer be encouraged to increase hectares? Show your calculations.

➤ Maize

$$= K30 \times 6\,000 - (K2\,900 + K500)$$

$$= K180\,000 - K3\,400$$

$$= K176\,600$$

c. If the farmer wanted to substitute beans for ground nuts, what advice would you provide? Show your working.

➤ Profit from beans in comparison to that of ground nuts

$$= K40 \times 6\,000 - (K3\,000 + K500)$$

$$= K240\,000 - K3\,500$$

$$= K236\,500$$

The farmer has to be advised not to do the substitution since growing ground nuts is more profitable than growing beans

- d. Explain one reason for considering depreciation when calculating profit.
  - It assist farmers in calculating profit where it is used as fixed cost
- e. What two important variables cost may have been forgotten in the data?
  - Cost for pesticide
  - Cost for casual labour`

#### **10. You are provided with specimen G, (which is a groundnut seed)**

- a. Draw and label any two external parts of the specimen G
- b. Remove the testa (seed coat) and divide the specimen G into two parts.  
Draw clearly the divided G and label any three internal parts.
- c. Explain any one function of the two external parts labelled in (a)
- d. Mention one function of the three internal parts labelled (b).

#### **11. You provided with five samples**

- G (grass pastures)
- L (legume pasture)
- F (Crushed or fish meal)

- S (common salt or NaCl/sodium chloride)
  - M (mgaiwa or maize meal) which can be used as feed for animals.
- a. Identify the samples of pastures G, L, F, S and M.
- G (grass pastures)
  - L (legume pasture)
  - F ( Crushed or fish meal)
  - S (common salt or NaCl/sodium chloride)
  - M (mgaiwa or maize meal)
- b. Which of the five sample would be most suitable for grazing?
- The most suitable is the legume pasture
- c. Give a reason for your answer in (b) above
- The legume is very nutritious, for it contains a lot of nutrients such as protein and animals will only graze on plants.
- d. In what one way would maturity of sample G affect the quality of the feed?
- The maturity of G (grass pasture) would result in having a lot of fibre therefore lowering its digestible.
- e. Explain one best way of conserving sample L.
- Conserve in the form of silage.
- f. Mention three importance of drying crops.
- Prevents germination of seeds

- Retains maximum quality in the grain or forage by preventing deterioration
  - Reduces moisture content in order to prevent microbial infestation and insect attack.
- g. Give four reasons why crop storage aeration is necessary.
- Lower grain temperature
  - Equalize temperature through the bulk of the produce.
  - Remove unpleasant orders odors and fumigants.
  - Reduce moisture content slightly in the storage. h.
- i. Mention any four reasons for giving S to layers
- S (NaCl) is beneficial in counteracting cannibalism and feather picking
  - S (NaCl) improves the growth of the layers
  - S (NaCl) improves egg production
  - S (NaCl) improves appetite to layers for them to eat more food and be healthy.
- ii. State two reasons for giving a small amount of sample F to layers
- Fish meal or crushed fish provides calcium, phosphorus, protein, and calciferol for strong egg shells.

- Fish meal or crushed fish provide appetite for layers to eat more food and lay many eggs
- iii. State any three reasons for feeding layers green vegetables apart from providing sample S.
- Green vegetable provide calcium to avoid rickets
  - Green vegetable contain calcium to avoid rubbery beaks of layers
  - They contain calcium for avoiding soft egg shells and drop in egg production
- i. Explain one problem that layers feeding only on M would develop.
- They would have weak bones and egg formation since M mainly provides energy (carbohydrates) and no calcium. Mgaiwa contains mainly carbohydrates, fats, vitamins and proteins. i.e a energy concentrates.
- ii. How can the problem in (i) above be corrected?
- Provide the chickens with protein concentrates to give amino acids for growth, e.g legume grains and their by product, meat, fish meal, minerals and vitamins

**12. Study the specimen and carefully and answer the following questions**

- R (maize seed) and
  - T (groundnut seed)
- a. identify each of the specimens provided
- R (maize seed)
  - T (groundnut seed)
- b. Name three varieties of specimen T
- Chalimbana
  - Mani pinta
  - RG 1
- c. Which of the specimen provided would be more suitable for improving the productivity of sand soils?
- It is specimen T (ground nuts)
- d. Give two reasons for your answer in c (i) above.
- T, which is ground nuts. It is able to fix nitrogen in the sandy soils for it has nodules, which with the help of bacteria, are able to fix nitrogen.
- e. With five examples each, mention two groups of improved maize varieties found in Malawi
- Composite maize : CCA, CCC, CCD, UCA AND TUXPENO

- Hybrid Maize : MH12, NSCM 41, MH18,MH17 and SC 307.

**13. You are provided with samples X and Y ( two tomatoes)**

a. Name any four varieties of tomatoes

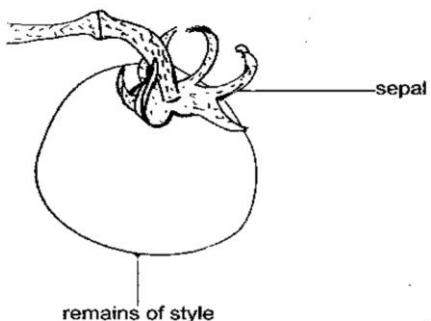
- Roma VF
- Marglobe
- Homestead
- Money maker

b. Mention any two diseases of tomatoes and their causes

- Bacteria wilt caused by abacteria
- Leaf blight caused by a fungi

c. Draw and label any two external parts of sample X (tomato) provided

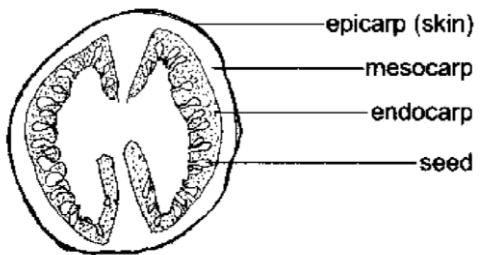
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d. Cut the tomato with razor blade transversely. Draw and label any four parts of the cut sample X (tomato)

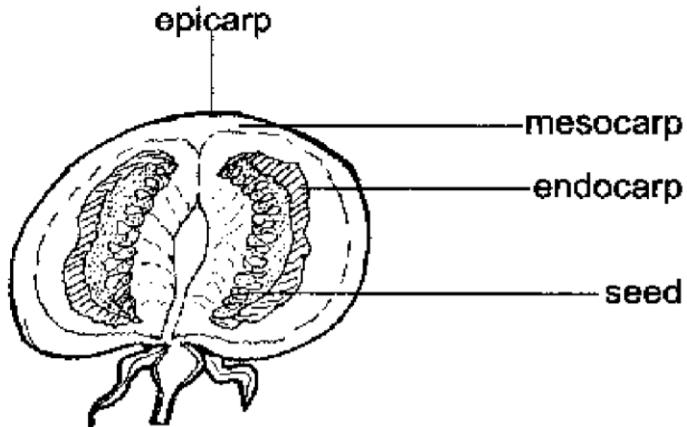
(d)



e. Cut sample Y (another tomato) provided with a razor blade longitudinally.

Draw and label any four parts of the tomato that you have cut.

(e)



14. You are provided with the specimens M and N, use them to answer questions that follows.

- M = Maize

- N = Cassava
- a. Identify the specimen M and N
    - M = Maize
    - N = Cassava
  - b. State any two processing activities through which specimens M and N undergo in readiness for storage.
    - Maize seed are sun-dried for storage
    - Cassava is peeled and sun dried for storage
  - c. Explain any two conditions which are required in the storage of specimen M.
    - It must be dry to prevent formation of molds
    - It must be clean to avoid multiplication of pest
  - d. Explain any two ways in which specimen N is important in terms of food security
    - It can be processed into cassava flour for home use as food.
    - It can be used while flesh by boiling it for food.
  - e. i. State the nutritive value of specimen N.
    - carbohydrates
  - f. Give any two products obtained from processing specimen N.
    - Cassava flour

➤ Starch

**15. You are provided with five different planting materials**

- P (sugarcane stern),
- Q (maize seed)
- R (sweet potato vine)
- S (mango fruit)
- T (pumpkin seed)

a. Identify the samples P, Q, R, S and T.

- P (sugarcane stern),
- Q (maize seed)
- R (sweet potato vine)
- S (mango fruit)
- T (pumpkin seed)

b. Mention any one characteristics of good planting material.

➤ It must be viable

c. Which of the five planting materials are propagated by seed?

- Maize seed
- Mango fruit
- Pumpkin seed

d. Give any two advantages of propagated by seed.

- Seeds are relatively cheap
- Seeds produce offspring that are different from their parents, leading into having some offspring containing better characteristics than the parents

e. Give any two disadvantages of propagated by seed.

- It requires a well prepared seed bed on which to sow the seed
- It requires a long juvenile period before it starts producing

f. Draw and label any three parts of the sample P

g. Calculate the plant population of specimen Q which is plant on 90cm apart ridges, planting three seeds per station and planting at 0.9m apart. The area to be planted is 1 ha.

#### **16. You are provided with two specimens labelled**

- X (mpiru)
- Y (tomato fruit).

a. Identify the specimens labeled X and Y.

b. i. Cut specimen Y longitudinally. Draw and label any three parts.

c. Mention one function of each of the parts labeled in question b (i).

d. (c) i. Explain the main problem of marketing the specimen labeled X and Y  
design a four year crop rotation for this farmer.

- e. Explain the importance of including peas in the rotation in question c (i)
- f. (d) i. Explain the main problem of marketing labeled X and Y
- g. Explain any solution to the problem in question d (i)

**17. You are provided with samples (elephant grass) and Z (lime)**

- a. identify the three samples
- b. Among the three samples which one has the greatest energy value?
- c. Name the sample that can be an additive feed to chickens that lay eggs.
- d. List two other additive feeds that can be supplied to chickens apart from the one mentioned (c) above.
- e. Mrs Kanchere plans to graze her twelve cattle on a 1.5 hectare of star grass. However during the wet season there is usually more grass than the number of animals that can feed on them.
- f. If you were a farmer what would you do in this situation?
- g. State any five reasons for your answer in (i) above.
- h. Explain any two ways in which seasonal production of star grass affects its quality and quantity.
- i. (f) What four factors should be considered.

**AGRICULTURE ESSAY**

- 1. Describe any **five** types of soil structures (10 Marks)

2. Explain any **five** ways in which soil texture can be maintained and improved (10 Marks)
3. Describe any **five** physical properties of the soil (10 Marks)
4. Describe any **five** factors that affect soil pH (10 Marks)
5. Describe any **five** advantages of sexual propagation (10 Marks)
6. Using a well labelled diagram describe the following processes
  - A. Layering
  - B. Budding
  - C. Grafting (10 Marks)
7. Describe **five** advantages of asexual propagation (10 Marks)
8. Explain any **five** roles of essential plant nutrients in proper plant growth and development (10 Marks)
9. Describe any **five** ways in which essential plant nutrients are depleted in the soil (10 Marks)
10. Explain any **five** impact of weeds (10 Marks)

**THE END**

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