



# MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND EXTENSION

## SUPPLEMENTARY SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND EXTENSION

**KRM 308: ANNUAL CROPS PRODUCTION**

**Date:**

**Time:**

**INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES: Answer ALL questions from Section A and any other TWO from Section B:**

### **SECTION A: COMPULSORY: (30 MARKS)**

- a) i) Explain four reasons why classification of annuals is important to both scientists and farmers **(4 marks)**
- ii) Explain any two ways of classifying annuals, giving specific example **(2 marks)**
- b) Explain four uses of the following annual crops **(10 marks)**
- a) Tobacco
  - b) Sorghum
  - c) Sunflower
  - d) Yams
  - e) Wheat
- c) i) Explain four reasons why cassava does well in lowland parts of Kenya compared to Irish potatoes **(4 marks)**
- ii) Giving specific crop examples, explain four ways how temperature influence annual production **(4 marks)**
- d) Explain two roles of the following practices in annual crops, giving specific example

(4marks)

- i. Staking
  - ii. Rogueing
- e) Giving an example of crop infected, describe one symptom and two management of the following infestations in annual crops
- a) Weevils (4 marks)
  - b) Antracnose (4 marks)

**SECTION B: Answer any TWO questions (40 Marks)**

**QUESTION TWO**

- i) Discuss the role of annual crop production in Kenya towards achieving Vision 2030 (14 marks)
- ii) Describe the planting of irish potatoes (6 marks)

**QUESTION THREE**

- a) Explain the production of cowpeas under the given headings (8 marks)
  - i) Ecological
  - ii) Land preparation
  - iii) Planting
  - iv) Harvesting
- b) Explain six measures used in management of pests in pulses giving specific example of pests (12 marks)
- c) Explain any four reasons why a farmer should be advised to plant finger millet (4 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR**

- Describe planting of rice under the following headings (20 marks)
- a) Land preparation
  - b) Planting
  - c) Water Management
  - d) Fertilization
  - e) Harvesting and post harvesting practices

**QUESTION FIVE**

- a) Explain the production of maize production under the following headings (10 Marks)
  - i) Ecological conditions
  - ii) Planting
  - iii) Weeding
  - iv) Fertilization
  - v) Harvesting

b) Explain five reasons a farmer must considered when selecting maize variety for planting  
**(10 marks)**