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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

**SECOND YEAR SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR
BACHELOR OF ARTS**

AGD 203: GENDER AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 24/9/2019

TIME: 11.00-1.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE

- a) Outline any six characteristics of agriculture in developing countries. (6 marks)
- b) Discuss how industry significantly affects the agricultural sector. (6 marks)
- c) Explain any four theoretical justifications for government intervention in the agricultural sector. (8 marks)
- d) Examine the factors that influence how farmers respond to price policies. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) Discuss the view that improvements in agriculture have the greatest potential to reduce poverty in African countries. (10 marks)
- b) Outline any 10 ways that can be adopted by farmers to either reduce exposure to risks or develop and strengthen their coping mechanisms. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Explain the major constraints facing African agricultural exports in the international markets. (12 marks)
- b) Propose ways of addressing the challenges above. (8 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Using appropriate examples, discuss the role of devolution in Kenya on agricultural productivity.
(10 marks)
- b) Assess the constraints facing the implementation of land reforms for increasing agricultural productivity in Kenya. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Examine the contribution of land tenure systems towards improving agricultural productivity. (10 marks)
- b) Using examples, explain the performance of African agriculture since the initiation of structural adjustment programmes (SAPS). (10 marks)