



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF ARTS

AGD 203: AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 11/4/2023

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Highlight any six reasons why the agricultural sector in Kenya has not attracted many youths into productive farming. (6 marks)
- b) Explain how agriculture significantly affects the Industrialization sector. (6 marks)
- c) Describe any three forms of land tenure systems. (6 marks)
- d) Assess the key objectives of price policies making reference to relevant examples. (6 marks)
- e) Evaluate the frontier level interventions showing how they contribute to regulating agricultural productivity. (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the main theoretical justification for government intervention in the agricultural sector. (10 marks)
- b) Evaluate the non-price policy instruments clearly showing their role on Kenya's agricultural sector. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the reasons why innovations in agriculture with relatively high economic gains may be rejected by farmers. (10 marks)
- b) Examine the extent to which improvement in agriculture has the greatest potential to reduce poverty in African countries. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Explain the major constraints facing African agricultural exports in the international markets. (10 marks)
- b) Evaluate the view that land reform is a necessary step in increasing productivity in African countries. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Analyze the risks and uncertainties in livestock production. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the various measures that can be initiated to reduce the impact of the risks and uncertainties above. (10 marks)