

MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERISTY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MMUST)

## MAIN CAMPUS UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

## 2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR (REGULAR) SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER MAIN EXAMS FOR DIPLOMA IN GENERAL AGRICULTURE AND HORTICULTURE

**COURSE CODE: DAG 079/DAH 079** 

COURSE TITLE: FARM MANAGEMENT AND ACCOUNTS

DATE: 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL, 2022

TIME:8-10AM

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS
Answer all questions in section A
Answer any TWO questions in section B
Total marks=70

MMUST observes ZERO tolerance to examination cheating

## SECTION A: Answer all questions (30 Marks)

1. Define the terminology **management** as used in Farm Management and Accounts.

(2 marks)

- 2. Discuss the scope of farm management. (4 marks)
- 3. Describe characteristics of good record books (5 marks)
- 4. Distinguish between a catalogue and an acknowledgement note (4 marks)
- 5. Explain the types of risks in agriculture. (6 marks)
- 6. Highlight FOUR advantages of budgeting. (4 marks)
- 7. Outline the uses of a farm map. (5 marks)

## SECTION B: Answer any two questions (40 marks)

- 8. a) Discuss the management strategies to counteract uncertainty in farming. (10 marks)
  - b) Discuss the procedure/steps used to arrive at complete budgets. (10 marks)
- 9. a) Describe the need for farm planning and budgeting (12 marks)
  - b) Discuss the purposes of the farm inventory (8 marks)
- 10. Ms. Mapesa has a two and half hectare farm in Navakholo Sub-County. She has 1 ha under Maize, 0.4 ha under Tomatoes, 0.5 ha under beans and 0.6 ha under Dairy enterprises. The dairy enterprise consists of 10 lactating cows, 3 dry cows and 5 heifers.

She has provided you with the following information:

Enterprise	Gross Output	Price (Kes. Per unit)	Total Variable Costs (Kes. per ha or L.U)
Maize	30 bags/ha	2,700	24,960
Tomatoes	650 crates / ha	850	64,100
Beans	10 bags/ha	5, 200	19,310
Dairy	3,050 litres per 305-day lactation per cow	45	100,000
Total			208,370

From the above information:

(i) Calculate the Gross margin of each of her enterprises.

(17 marks)

(ii) Compute her farm's total Gross Margin.

(3 marks)