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0600 AGRICULTURE

0600/03

Paper 3 (Extended Theory), maximum raw mark 80

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- 1 (a) (i) legume; [1]
- (ii) nitrogen fixing provides nitrates; detail mark;
leaves drop and decay; any two [2]
- (b) use more fertiliser/grow higher yielding varieties/improve pest-disease control/
crop rotation/land management. any two [2]
- (c) deplete nutrients in soil/exposes land to erosion/lowers biological diversity/
pollution stated/requires energy sources that release greenhouse gasses/
loss of hedgerows or field margins/lowers recycling; any four [4]
- [Total: 9]**
- 2 (a) sandy/sandy loam; [1]
- (b) would reduce water loss/improve mineral content/provide better structure/
nutrients to soil OWTE; any two [2]
- (c) advantages: specific for weed type;
can translocate to kill underground rhizomes etc.;
can be selective – only affect broad leaves;
disadvantages: can leach into water courses;
remain in soil;
expensive; any four, but must include one contra. [4]
- [Total: 7]**
- 3 (a) use distilled water/add barium sulphate/add soil indicator (accept universal)/
reference to amount of soil etc./shake or leave (only credit here)/
compare to colour chart;/use distilled water/insert probe/read off pH meter/
reference to colour linked to pH;
each correct step = 1 mark. Max 2 unless procedure would give an accurate result [3]
- (b) (i) 4–6; 1 mark
7.5–8.5 above 7.5 1 mark
[Max 2]
- (ii) H⁺ affects solubility of nutrients/base ion exchange/no bacterial action; [2]
- [Total: 7]**

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- 4 (a) (i) size of product/appropriate colour for crop/a plant withering/
soil change around root/leaves fall, colour change; [1]
- (ii) dry/good air flow/frost free; [1]
- (b) (i) waterproof/from rain;
air vent/wire windows;
prevention for rats/vermin/birds entering described; [3]
- (ii) availability;
extra costs such as transport/painting or preservatives; durability/pest resistant;
cost qualified, i.e. decision between cheap but needs replacing
with expensive and long lasting;
strength of materials/suitability for purpose; any four [4]
- [Total: 9]**
- 5 (a) (i) lack of water/less water being taken in than lost; [1]
- (ii) exosmosis/plasmolysis;
causing lack of turgor;
water lost in transpiration; [2]
(idea of more water out faster than in; max 1 mark)
- (b) cooling;
transport of minerals;
idea of reduce damage to the plant [2]
- (c) hairs/thick cuticle/deep roots/leaves as rosette close to ground/
leaf loss or die back; [1]
- (d) (i) goats most effective at controlling bushes/number of bushes decline/
constantly low from 2000; [2]
- (ii) seeds grow back after fire so young plants survive as fire is a one off;
goats destroy both adult and growing bushes, grazing continuous; [2]
- [Total: 10]**

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- 6 (a) (i) non ruminant as single stomach/
gullet/large caecum; R does not chew cud
- (ii) stomach/small intestine;
- (iii) caecum; [3]
- (b) to obtain mirco-organisms; [1]
- (c) 1 high protein/example of such a food stuff;
additional Ca/minerals; R increased amount of food;
- 2 high carbohydrate/example of such a food stuff;
- Reasons for food groups worth 1 mark for each [3]
- (d) (i) mixture 2 has grass and hay rather than Acacia pods/
mixture 2 has binding agent;
mixture 1 has acacia pods but mixture 2 does not/
mixture 2 has grass and hay but mixture 1 does not
accept any alternative linked to data in chart [2]
- (ii) source of minerals/provides binding; [1]
- [Total: 10]**
- 7 (a) 1 fusing of male and female gametes;
- 2 artificially inseminating a female with collected sperm; [2]
- (b) same letter and correct use of upper and lower case;
correct genotype and phenotype for parents, hornless HH x horned hh;
correct genotype and phenotype for first generation hornless Hh;
correct genotype and phenotype for second generation hornless,
HH, Hh Hh and horned, hh;
if genotype correct in all diagrams; 2 marks
if phenotype correct in all diagrams; 2 marks [Max 4]
- (c) (i) D because of good muscling and early maturity;
others list only non meat characteristics; [2]
- (ii) details of the bull's parents or progeny; [1]
- [Total: 9]**

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- 8 (a) (i) diminishing returns;
more fertiliser added does not result in higher yield; [2]
- (ii) nitrates used for making amino acids - protein that is used for growth;
nitrates used to make chlorophyll which enables photosynthesis for energy capture; [2]
- (b) starch to soluble sucrose;
translocated in phloem;
mass flow/energy requiring process;
stored by active transport;
idea of named product moving down
1 mark
any three [3]
- (c) grow on a trellis; enables more light for photosynthesis/
avoids ground pests eating leaves; or grow in mounds;
creates greater soil depth for tubers/idea of space/
growth with legumes/sandy soil linked to better growth in tuber; [2]
genetic asexual reproduction one mark two if explained.
- [Total: 9]**
- 9 (a) legumes provide nitrates/source of more minerals/
varied or palatable diet for grazers/roughage/
deep roots aid soil stability/shade/stop erosion; any two [2]
- (b) (i) the correct stocking rate for an area/ 1 mark
area of land to support one LSU without long term damage to the area; 1 mark
(second mark only for *without damage to the area*) [Max 2]
- (ii) overstocked – 5 LSU per ha when it should be .08 LSU per ha; [1]
- (c) (i) two services given with appropriate prevention statement;
e.g. blood testing service for TB prevention;
vaccination, isolation of sick stock;
issue of movement licence; any relevant service [2]
- (ii) 1 antibiotics to cure bacterial infection;
e.g. mastitis; prevent wound infections; R vague illness
- 2 disinfectants to prevent infection;
e.g. use to clean dairy and teats before milking/foot bath
clean wounds;
- 3 treat fungus infection of skin or named fungus disease
e.g. Ringworm any three [3]
- [Total: 10]**