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MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2008 question paper

0600 AGRICULTURE

0600/03

Paper 3 (Extended Theory), maximum raw mark 80

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- 1 (a) (i) Reduce less light/condition D [1]
(ii) Reduce/less shade [1]
- (b) (i) Bright light [1]
(ii) CO₂ [1]
warmth/temperature [1]
(iii) glucose/carbohydrate/O₂/protein [1]
- (c) (i) root [1]
flower/shoot/leaf/stem/tuber [1]
(ii) part appropriate to crop [1]
(iii) Bedding fuel, compost, roofing or building material
medicinal, seed production, ornamental use, production of alcohol or Bi-ethanol,
investigative work/studies, tourism if explained [2]

[Total: 11]

- 2 (a) (i) Description of suitable method, appropriate soil collection
treatment, pH indicator/paper
barium sulphate
reading result/use of colour chart
use of distilled water
Max of 2 for procedure ONLY 1 for litmus
3 only if effective result [Max 3]
- (b) (i) Lime or appropriate method/ground limestone or chalk [1]
(ii) 2001-2002 [1]
(iii) Heavy rainfall/change of weather. NO mark for weather [1]
(iv) removal of crop-heavy grazing, leaching,
type of fertilizer used [2]
- (c) Release of nutrients/base exchange
more bacteria – better decomposition
flocculation and drainage
brief description of ANY three [3]

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- 3 (a) Name of a weed – any relevant [1]
Description of spread [1]
- (b) strong growth, deep roots, creeping spread/
large leaf to block light to other plants,
fast growing, easy reproduction. OWTE any 2 [2]
- (c) (i) wash off/leach/environmental impact [1]
(ii) spread on to other crops [1]
- (d) plant takes up space
less light water for weeds
easier for mechanical weeding, OWTE [2]
- (e) (i) absorbed into system of plant, moves or translocates [2]
(ii) Age of plant, time prior to harvest needed for pesticide to break down,
Accept an appropriate time to break down e.g. 2 weeks
OWTE [2]
- [Total: 12]**
- 4 (a) appropriate description of asexual reproduction [2]
- (b) warm, wet, mild wet windy, high temperature/
high humidity [2]
- [Total: 4]**
- 5 (a) (i) Poultry. Goats. Fish or any appropriate [1]
(ii) Quick growth, good conversion rate,
easy to keep/manage OWTE [2]
- (b) Over cropping, over grazing, clearing steep ground
slash burn
any appropriate cause 1 mark
description 1 mark 2×2 [Max 4]
- [Total: 7]**

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- 6 (a) 1990-2000 [1]
- (b) a single crop or livestock production
one for idea one for explanation [2]
- (c) build up of pests or disease,
physical or structural effects on the soil
loss of herb species in grassland
one for an example one for any suitable explanation [Max 2]
- [Total: 5]**
- 7 (a) area where rainfall occurs [1]
Idea into which it drains, OWTE
Where dams could be built [1]
- (b) (i) traps air and water [1]
- (ii) reduces soil disturbance/less evaporation/
less harm to soil structure by heavy machinery [1]
- (c) (i) allows suspended particles to settle
or water to clear [2]
- (ii) prevents algae growth [2]
allow – gravity to provide water pressure/
stop bird droppings entering tanks OWTE
- [Total: 8]**
- 8 (a) Quick growth, fast maturity, good conversion, healthy
appropriate meat cut or purpose
easy reproduction – hardy , resistant to drought, or any appropriate [Max 3]
- (b) (i) more farmers have access to good stock
choose desirable characteristic improve stock base
less risk of harm to heifer, no sexual disease spread.
OWTE any **TWO** suitable [2]
- (ii) gene composition expression of genotypes [2]
- (c) description of selecting desired parent v crossing
growth and re-crossing the next generation OWTE [4]
If confused but goods description of cross breeding and hybrid vigour given [Max 2]
- [Total: 11]**

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- 9 (a)** idea vegetable more intensive less space
lower cost – less fencing needed
goats difficult to keep in
OR accept any three points that are considered to be relevant and are justified. [3]
- (b)** Y higher inputs/outputs
one for Y one for reason [2]
- (c)** X reason or workings shown
idea x more investment less profit [2]
- (d)** Idea of effects of disease, drought or poor market prices
good years/bad years/Long term investment
2 marks for idea and 2 marks for explanation idea [4]

[Total: 11]