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DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS
FIRST SEMESTER, 2023/2024
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AGEC 0252: CURRENT ISSUES IN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

STREAM: Y2 S1

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY: THURSDAY, 3:00 – 5:00 P.M.

DATE: 18/04/2024

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.***
- 2. Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions.***

QUESTION ONE

- a) Critically discuss the challenges facing agriculture in Kenya today.
(10marks)
- b) What is the relationship between new institutional economics and conventional economic theory?
(8marks)
- c) The government plays pivotal role in helping the growth of economy. Examine the role of Kenya's government in political economic issues.
(12marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) The agricultural sector extension service plays important role in linking farmers with other actors in the economy. Discuss the challenges facing agriculture extension in Kenya.
(10marks)
- b) Agriculture is the art and business of cultivating soil, producing crops and raising livestock. Discuss the role of agriculture in economic development.
(10marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Discuss the characteristics of economic institutions. (10marks)
- b) Critically examine the role of economic institutions in economic growth. (10marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) In economics, transaction cost is a cost in making any economic trade when participating in a market. Discuss the three categories of transaction costs. (10marks)
- b) Property rights are theoretical socially-enforced constructs in economics for determining how a resource or economic good is used or owned. Discuss the three critical characteristics of efficient property rights. (10marks)