

MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2015 series

5038 AGRICULTURE

5038/12

Paper 1, maximum raw mark 100

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Mark schemes may use these abbreviations:

; = separates marking points

/ = alternative and acceptable answers for the same marking point

() = words which are not essential to gain credit

— = underlined words must be present in answer to score a mark

e.c.f. = error carried forward

o.r.a. = or reverse argument

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- 1 (a) D; [1]
- (b) (i) two mould boards rather than one (and a share); [1]
- (ii) A – used for turning soil over/primary cultivation; [2]
B – used for ridging/making bed for suitable named crop;
- (iii) clean/wash; [2]
oil blades;
grease (moving parts);
store in dry place;
store in a safe space;
sharpen;
- [Total: 6]**
- 2 (a) dig ditches/drainage channels/drain it; [2]
lay pipes;
pump and sluice (gates)/windmills;
build dykes;
build ridges/protective wall;
plant marsh plants to build up soil;
- (b) (i) *Allow one mark for each reason.*
Any option can be chosen with valid reasons linked to the characteristics of the land, e.g.
- aquaculture: access to water; existing habitats;
cereal production: high levels of fertility following flooding; flat land; cereals need large amounts of water/irrigation; room to turn machines;
forestry: trees will lower water table due to water uptake by roots; wind break;
livestock grazing: fresh grass; livestock not harmed by light flooding; [2]
- (ii) aquaculture: water might flood so fish escape/water too still/pests/predators;
cereal production: soil water table high/lack of air for roots/fertiliser leaching;
forestry: ground not stable for tree roots/site exposed;
livestock grazing: poach land as it is inclined to flood; soil water table is high/land too wet for grass growth; get foot rot/other water-related diseases; [3]
- [Total: 7]**
- 3 (a) (i) A: plumule; [2]
B: radicle;
- (ii) X: food/energy store; [1]
- (b) planting where – into seed bed/type of soil; greenhouse/eq.; [3]
when – appropriate to area with reasons;
how – preparation; scatter seedlings/rows/drill/plant/seed rate;
spacing – appropriate depth and distance between seeds/rows;

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- (c) (i) variety (of crop bred with specific features); [1]
(ii) F₁ not true / pure breeding / may not give expected features; [1]

[Total: 8]

4 (a) A; [1]

- (b) (i) action of roots or shoots / secretion of chemicals; [1]
(ii) trampling / action of urine / burrowing; [1]

- (c) (i) (root) nodules; [1]
(ii) nodules have bacteria / Rhizobium;
fix nitrogen;
nitrogen compounds released on death / decay of plant; [2]

- (d) soil that supports good growth of a crop / plant;
well-aerated / drained;
high in nutrients; [2]

[Total: 8]

5 (a) they improve the soil structure; [1]

- (b) (i) organic have trace elements, inorganic do not;
organic have less N P K than inorganic;
organic are lower in K; [2]

(ii) 0.5(%); [1]

- (iii) the (ratio / proportion / percentage) of N P K / nitrogen phosphorus potassium in the fertiliser; [1]

- (c) can make soil more acidic;
can disrupt ion exchange;
causes water loss from roots;
pollution qualified; detail;
leaching; overgrowth of weeds / clogged waterways; too many nutrients in the water;
eutrophication; [2]

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- 6 (a) (i) A; [1]
- (ii) C; [1]
- (iii) B; [1]
- (b) *lines between:*
 concentrate = high in nutrients
 roughage = high in fibre
 succulent = high in moisture
- Three correct for two marks.
 One or two correct for one mark.* [2]
- (c) (i) tubers are bulk foods / provide carbohydrates / fill animals up; [1]
- (ii) seeds are high in protein / provides nutrients for growth and production; [1]
- (d) fibre provides cellulose for fermentation in ruminant / can digest fibre /
 develops the rumen / source of energy;
 aids gut movement / avoids constipation in non-ruminant; [2]

[Total: 9]

- 7 (a) insect / nematode;
 blight / damping off / mildew / rust / rot / mould / blackleg / smut / allow appropriate disease;
 mosaic / rosette / allow appropriate disease;
- Accept animal or plant examples.* [3]
- (b) named insect vector, e.g. aphid;
 virus spreads when feeding on sap / plant juices from different plants; [2]
- Allow non-plant examples.*
- (c) (i) C; [1]
- (ii) D; [1]
- (d) crop rotation;
 early planting;
 burning old crop / remove crop residue / diseased crop;
 using new / clean or certified / resistant seed;
 barriers; [2]

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- 8 (a) C; [1]
- (b) X in oviduct, beyond cervix; [1]
- (c) (i) Same letter used AND capital for lop ear allele and lowercase for prick ear allele.
Reject two letters for one allele. [1]
- (ii) AA x aa; Aa; [2]
- (d) (i) breed only prick eared with prick eared / aa x aa /
selectively breed prick-eared pigs; [1]
- (ii) lop could be Aa or AA / you cannot tell by looking if a lop-eared pig is homozygous or heterozygous; so it takes generations to obtain only AA / to achieve purity using back cross; [1]
- [Total: 7]**
- 9 (a) roof: state material, relate to insulation / ventilation;
wall: state material, relate to insulation / ventilation;
windows: glass / automatic opening / light levels;
floor: concrete prevents damp rising / can be insulated / wood on supports gives improved insulation / under-floor heating;
Allow temperature or ease of cleaning for one mark each. [2]
- (b) (i) spread of disease;
sores on feet;
stress / boredom;
overheating;
suffocation;
animal-to-animal injury / fighting / scratching / pecking;
feather loss by rubbing on bars; [2]
- (ii) lack of movement plus ad lib food gives weight gain;
cost more because more food eaten / wasted through boredom; [1]
- (c) (i) C; [1]
- (ii) costs less for hens fed on mash because their food intake is lower / cost per 100 eggs is lower;
egg production is higher / egg mass is higher; [2]
- (iii) no – there is no large difference in figures; [1]
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10 (a) *fence type*: post and rail; wire fence; gate; droppers for wire fence;
construction: stronger post for corner/gate; tensioning; detail of fence; depth of post in ground; concrete base; supporting posts at an angle; preservation detail; method of tensioning;
dimensions: suitable height described; spacing of rails; barbed wire location explained;
(Allow reference to gate construction for two marks.) [10]

(b) *Allow suitable comments.*
e.g., durability;
maintenance;
availability of material;
effectiveness related to large animals, e.g. strength of material;
enclosing feature / barbed wire;
cost qualified;
labour / skill / time / requirement qualified;
temporary or permanent fence considered; [5]

[Total: 15]

11 (a) competition for water;
competition for space;
competition for light;
competition for minerals / nutrients;
harbour pests;
harbour diseases;
contaminate crop;
interfere with harvesting process; [6]

(b) *mechanical*:
hoeing / by hand / machine;
detail – method described;
result – roots exposed / weed cut or removed;
burning or composting;

chemical:
herbicide spray / contact herbicide;
selective or non-selective;
systemic;
detail – method of application, e.g. sprayer;
timing;
not in high wind / rain;

Maximum of four marks on either mechanical or chemical. [6]

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(c) *To award marks a comparison must be made.*

comparison re: labour; tools/equipment; impact on weeds;

e.g. mechanical – high labour costs;
some tools are cheap;
less impact on some weeds;

e.g. chemical – cost of chemicals high;
needs skilled labour/training;
sprayers expensive;
very effective;

[3]

[Total: 15]

12 (a) *diagram to show:*
mouth/teeth;
gullet/oesophagus;
sphincter – cardiac or pyloric;
stomach;
liver;
gall bladder;
pancreas;
duodenum;
ileum/small intestine;
caecum/appendix;
colon/large intestine;
rectum;
anus;

[9]

(b) *microorganisms:*
break down cellulose/fibre; named microorganism;
active in rumen;
fatty acids produced for immediate absorption; detail;
microorganisms are digested to release nutrients;

enzymes:
active in saliva;
abomasum/small intestine;
break down large molecules to smaller ones;
food made soluble for absorption;
named example;

Maximum of four marks on any one of microorganisms and enzymes.

[6]

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- 13 (a) (i)** water movement up plant;
in xylem;
negative pressure from leaves;
due to evaporation from leaves;
positive pressure from roots;
due to osmosis;
capillary action; [5]
- (ii)** water out by diffusion; high to low concentration of vapour;
via thin cuticle/stoma; controlled by guard cells;
detail – open when turgid; light/temperature dependent;
diffusion/evaporation accelerated by wind/heat;
loss from intercellular spaces;
replaced from other cells;
outer cells become more concentrated; osmotic gradient/pressure; [7]
- (b)** transport;
of minerals/nutrients;
cooling;
supplies water (to leaves) for photosynthesis;
aids turgidity/prevents wilting; [3]

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- 14 (a) sampling:**
method;
tool used, e.g. auger;
depth (not at immediate surface);
mixing detail;
repeats; detail of repeats, e.g. depth and location;
use of GPS;

test:
remove contaminants;
mix with water;
add barium sulphate / flocculating agent;
shake and leave;
add an appropriate indicator / using pH meter;
calibrate pH probe;
place probe in water;
compare with colour chart / read off scale;
colour / probe-reading detail;

Maximum of five marks for either part.

[9]

- (b)** lime is alkaline;
makes soil pH higher / more alkaline / pH 7–8;
most crops grow well in pH 6.5–7.5;
at alkaline pH more minerals available;
encourages bacterial activity / earthworms;
this in turn aids humus formation and aeration;
breaks up clay / flocculation to aid drainage in heavy soil;

[6]

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