



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

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SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE(AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND EXTENSION)

AGB 416: AGRICULTURAL POLICY AND LAW

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer **Question ONE (Compulsory)** and Any other **Two** Questions.

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms
 - i. Agricultural policy (2 marks)
 - ii. Agricultural law (2 marks)
- b) Explain four complex characteristics of agriculture that make it difficult for policy-makers to design effective policies. (4 marks)
- c) Explain four functions of agricultural law (4 marks)
- d) Differentiate between an Act of Parliament and a Bill in the Legislative Process in Kenya (4 marks)
- e) Explain four principles of land policy in Kenya (4 marks)
- f) Using a diagram, explain four components of the agriculture policy framework (5 marks)
- g) Explain five characteristics of a good agricultural policy (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe five agricultural policies that can curb food safety hazards in Kenya (10 marks)
- b) Describe three categories of land tenure in Kenya, indicating appropriate laws supporting each (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe any five potential private investment pathways as stipulated by the OECD framework for investment in agriculture (10 Marks)
- b) Explain two policy instruments that the Government of Kenya can adopt to cushion poor and vulnerable consumers from the current high food prices (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe five phases of the agricultural policy formulation process, using appropriate examples (10 marks)
- b) Describe five statutory sources of agricultural law in Kenya (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) The Government of Kenya has re-introduced the fertilizer subsidy program. Using necessary illustrations, discuss the welfare effect of fertilizer subsidy (10 marks)
- b) Describe the main stages in the Legislative Process in Kenya (10 marks)