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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER**

**PROGRAMME: DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURAL  
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**DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURE YEAR III**

**COURSE CODE: AEM 303**

**TITLE OF PAPER: INTRODUCTION TO AGRICULTURAL  
DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY**

**TIME ALLOWED: TWO (2) HOURS**

- INSTRUCTION: 1. ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND CHOOSE ANY  
OTHER TWO FROM THE REMAINING THREE  
QUESTIONS.**
- 2. QUESTION ONE CARRIES FORTY (40) MARKS  
AND THE REMAINING QUESTIONS THIRTY  
MARKS EACH.**

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**Question 1**

(i) Describe the major deficiencies in agricultural marketing systems and discuss the role of the public sector in agricultural marketing in developing countries.

**16 MARKS**

(ii) Explain possible solutions to hunger and malnutrition problems in developing countries.

**12 MARKS**

(iii) Discuss the solutions to natural resource problems that may provide incentives for behavioral changes.

**12 MARKS**

**Question 2**

(i) Explain the importance of agricultural inputs and credit and why mechanization may not always be controversial.

**20 MARKS**

(ii) Briefly discuss the policies that may influence population growth and the factors that cause rural-to-urban migration

**10 MARKS**

**Question 3**

(i) Discuss the major contributions of agriculture to economic development.

**15 MARKS**

(ii) Provide a brief discussion of the basic sources of economic /agricultural growth

**15 MARKS**

**Question 4**

Discuss the problems that generally prevent developing countries from realizing their trade potential and provide some possible solutions.

**30 MARKS**