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**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER**

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

**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 ALL QUESTION  
2. EACH QUESTION CARRIES TWENTY FIVE (25)  
MARKS**

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**QUESTION ONE**

Discuss the major contribution of agriculture to overall economic development

**25 MARKS**

**QUESTION TWO**

- (a) Discuss and suggest solutions to the major external trade impediments facing developing countries. **12 MARKS**
- (b) What arguments would you give to support the statement that mechanization may not always cause unemployment? **13 MARKS**

**QUESTION THREE**

- (a) What arguments are given in support of rural credit and input subsidization policies. **10 MARKS**
- (b) Discuss the major role of the public sector in agricultural marketing and explain why governments in developing countries get involved in stabilizing agricultural commodity prices. **15 MARKS**

**QUESTION FOUR**

Explain the major economical and institutional causes of environmental degradation and suggest possible solutions. **25 MARKS**