UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI

RESIT EXAMINATION PAPER

PROGRAMME: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRONOMY YEAR 1

COURSE CODE: CPR102

TITLE OF PAPER: INTRODUCTION TO AGRONOMY

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

INSRUCTIONS: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

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QUESTION 1

a] Discuss two advantages of intercropping and two disadvantages   [8 marks]

b). A farmer intends to grow sorghum in a 0.4 ha field.

i] After soil tests, he is advised to apply 1.5t/ha of dolomitic limestone, how many 50 kg bags should he purchase?

[4 marks]

ii] The plant spacing is 80 cm by 15 cm with **two [2]** plants per station, calculate the number of plants in the farmer's field.

[4 marks]

iii] The farmer intends to top-dress with 150 kg/ha of LAN using the placement/dollop method, how much should he apply per planting station.

[4 marks]

iv] After harvesting the entire field, the farmer got 450 kg of sorghum. Calculate his grain yield at 12.5% moisture content expressing your answer in t/ha.

[4 marks]

[25 marks]

QUESTION 2

Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of organic manures.   **[25 marks]**

QUESTION 3

Distinguish between the following terms. Use examples to illustrate your answers.

a). Sink and source

[4 marks]

b). straight and compound fertiliser

[4 marks]

c). Top-dressing and side-dressing of fertiliser

[4 marks]

d). Grain legume crops and pulses

[4 marks]

e). Liming material and soil conditioner

[5 marks]

f). Additive and replacement series in intercropping

[4 marks]

QUESTION 4

a) Describe a cropping system

[5 marks]

b) Discuss any four cropping systems that can be practiced in Eswatini, stating the merits and demerits of each system

[20 marks]

[25 marks]