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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

COURSE CODE: ECO408

TITLE OF PAPER: AGRICULTURAL POLICIES AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

Instructions

This paper consists of Section (A) and (B).

1. Section A is compulsory.
2. Answer any two questions from Section B.

Special Requirements

None

Additional Material (s)

None

*Candidates may complete the front cover of their answer book when instructed by the Chief Invigilator and sign their examination attendance cards but must **NOT** write anything else until the start of the examination period is announced.*

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Question 1 (Compulsory: 40 marks)

- a) Distinguish between agricultural and rural development. [10 marks]
- b) Explain briefly the role of women in agriculture. [15 marks]
- c) What are the main features of World Trade Organization (WTO) agreement on agriculture? [15 marks]

Answer any two questions: [30 marks each]

Question 2

- a) Explain briefly the meaning and significance of policy failure in agriculture. [5 marks]
- b) Provide two (2) examples of policy failure in agriculture. [10 marks]
- c) Explain briefly how the international trading environment is a major challenge leading to agriculture policy formulation. [15 marks]

Question 3

- a) Explain two (2) specific objectives of rural development programs. [10 marks]
- b) Governments implement agricultural policies with the intention to achieve desired outcomes. Describe four (4) outcomes expected by the government in the domestic agricultural markets. [20 marks]

Question 4

- a) What is meant by women empowerment in agriculture? [10 marks]
- b) Explain four (4) factors compromising food security in developing countries. [20 marks]