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AGRICULTURE

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MARKS: 100

3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Write YOUR STUDENT NUMBER and GROUP BOLDLY on the cover of the answer folder.
- Answer ALL questions.
- Write legibly.

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QUESTION 1

- a) i) Re-write the passage below and *correct bolded words* that are improperly written.

The strategic adaptation actions **is** defined based on different approaches. It is organised by policy statements. They seek to **enhances** adaptive capacity and build **resilient** of **lesotho** to the negative impacts of climate change. **These** kind of strategy further recognises the urgent need for the provision of finance, capacity building and technology. (5)

- ii) Indicate the word class of each of the corrected words in (i). (5)

- b) Construct a paragraph based on the following topic: The causes of soil erosion. The paragraph must be constructed in this order:

- simple sentence,
- compound sentence,
- complex sentence,
- compound-complex sentence.
- simple sentence.

(15)

c) Correct the fifteen (15) subject-verb agreement errors in the passage below.

**N.B. Do not re-write the passage, write the identified errors and corrections only.*

Crop rotation are the practice of growing a series of different types of crops in the same area. It reduce reliance on one set of nutrients, pest and weed pressure. Growing the same crop in the same place for many years in a row gradually deplete the soil of certain nutrients. Conversely, a well-designed crop rotation can reduces the need for synthetic fertilizers and herbicides. On the contrary, permaculture originally came from "permanent agriculture", but have been adjusted to mean "permanent culture". The term are coined by Mollison *et al.* (1978), who explains that the concept is in opposition to Western industrialized methods. Much of its success have been attributed to the role of Indigenous knowledge and traditions, in which the practice itself are rooted.

Conservative strategies that improves rangeland condition and wildlife habitat have attracted increasing interest. Rangeland along with wildlife and game ranching are an increasingly important operation. This include bison production. In South Africa, numerous wildlife ranches has been established since the 1960s because they offers higher incomes than livestock farming (Bothma *et al.*, 2004). One reason for the increase in game ranching, apart from economic considerations, are the fact that native animals are better adapted to local conditions.

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d) The following extract is from a student's assignment, re-write it using appropriate academic style.

World-wide, emissions have really blown-up. The global livestock industry produces 14.5% of all greenhouse gas emissions! In this essay, I will explain how cattle represent 65% of this amount. The authors of a 2018 report indicate that avoiding meat and dairy products is a nice way to reduce environmental impact on the planet. This isn't just about the effects of farming but about the processing, packaging and distribution of meat.

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QUESTION 2

The following advertisement appeared in the weekly *Lesotho Times*, dated 15th to 22nd May 2023:

Position: Senior Crops Production Officer

The candidate is responsible for implementation of seed production programmes, conduction of post-harvest inspections of crops as well as supervision and training of staff. Other duties entail convening meetings with individual supervisors to review progress reports and also approval of required resources. Additionally, the candidate will also provide farmers with new developments in agriculture and assist them to solve their problems.

Educational requirements: Bachelor of Science in Agriculture.

Experience required: Three years working experience in the crop production field.

Necessary skills: - Managerial and leadership skills

- Communication skills
- Report writing skills
- Analytic skills

REQUIREMENT: Write and submit the following documents which are suitable for the above position:

- a) An application letter (30)
- b) A curriculum vitae (CV) (20)

*The length of each document should be between **one** and **one and half** pages.

Applications should be addressed to: *Crop Services Department, P. O. Box 960, Maseru 100.*

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