



EMBU UNIVERSITY COLLEGE
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TRIMESTER EXAMINATIONS 2013/2014

FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

ACS 603: CROP PEST MANAGEMENT

DATE: AUGUST 12, 2014

TIME: 5.00 – 8.00PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer ANY FOUR Questions.

QUESTION ONE

- a) Define the following terms:
- i) Economic pest (2 marks)
 - ii) Economic damage (1 mark)
 - iii) Economic injury level (2 marks)
 - iv) Economic threshold (2 marks)
- b) Discuss the six (6) reproductive strategies applied by insects to ensure their success. (18 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) Assuming you are working as a pathologist with the Ministry of Agriculture in Embu County. A farmer has called your office complaining of a certain disease of tomatoes in his farm that is causing wilting and eventual death of plants. Explain the steps you would take to arrive into a reliable diagnosis of the disease (18 marks)
- b) Discuss the fate of soil-applied herbicides after their application (7 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Outline any six (6) ways of diagnosis of viral infections where symptomatology is difficult. (6 marks)
- b) Discuss weed classification according to lifespan. (9 marks)
- c) Discuss the role played by environmental factors in causing disease epidemic. (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Discuss the economic importance (positive and negative) of insects. (11 marks)
- b) Describe the critical period of weed/crop competition and the factors affecting it. (7 marks)
- c) Outline the three (3) major types of disease symptoms. (3 marks)
- d) Outline four (4) strategies applied to delay/prevent the development of pathogen resistance against systemic fungicides. (4 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Discuss the cultural methods of insect pest management, outlining various strategies involved. (9 marks)
- b) Demonstrate, clearly and briefly, the difference between the two types of host resistance. (6 marks)
- c) Outline any ten (10) negative effects of weeds (10 marks)

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